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See below for my edited version of the letter to the DA. here is the link to the DA's 5/28 press release: <https://www.facebook.com/MarinCountyDistrictAttorney/photos/a.274589589228938/4233746339979890/>

Dear District Attorney Frugoli,

We are contacting you on behalf of the San Anselmo Racial Equity Ad Hoc Committee. My name is Tiffany McElroy, and I am the Chair of the Committee. My co-committee member Larry Organ and I are writing to inquire about the case of racial threats against San Anselmo's Mayor Brian Colbert by resident Jerald Welty. The residents of our community and our Committee are concerned in part because this Hate Crime is directed at the highest profile elected official in our town.

In your May 28th press release, you stated that your office had received "some, but not all, of the police reports regarding the investigation," and that your office would review the reports in their entirety, when received, and ultimately make a decision about whether or not to charge Mr. Welty. The press release also stated "this case is not closed" and that your office "will continue to provide updates on the status of this case." That press release was issued more than two months ago, and since that date our community has not received any further update from your office. Furthermore, to date, your office has not charged Mr. Welty.

We believe that the best way to deter such incidents is by making examples of those who engage in Hate Crimes. The failure to swiftly and publicly address and charge such crimes merely encourages and empowers this type of behavior. Case in point, the racist and anti-Semitic act found at Memorial Park on July 26th.

We would like to know what the next steps are from your office with regards to whether or not you will charge Mr. Welty. As noted on your own web site, this incident appears to be a Hate Crime, the definition of which includes written or verbal comments showing prejudice, and in this case threats of violence.

We recognize that your office must ensure that all elements of a crime must be met and that all alleged criminals are entitled to due process. But our community does not understand why an update has not been provided from your office since the date of your May 28th press release. We know that the San Anselmo Police Department cooperated with the utmost professionalism, providing you with every piece of evidence in a timely manner. At this point, your office should have all of the information needed to reach a decision regarding whether or not to charge this case. Our community deserves to know what that decision is.

We are a community that stands in solidarity against acts of hate. Our Racial Equity Committee requests that you give us and the residents of San Anselmo an update on this important matter as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Tiffany McElroy Larry Organ

Chair, Racial Equity Committee Member, Racial Equity Committee

