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This is from Sandi Baltes she wanted to send in as she is not able to attend the meeting tomorrow.

Thank you

Truly

Carrie

CARRIE SURICH

ERA North Orange County RE

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You go girl

Carie Surich

Snapshot of the item below:

February 9, 2022

Honorable Mayor Jose Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem James Gomez, Esteemed Council Members Rose Espinoza and Steve Simonian:

Please accept this as my letter of recommendation for the appointment of Ms. Carrie Surich to fill the currently vacant position on the La Habra City Council.

I am honored to recommend Carrie Surich for such an important civic position. Having worked alongside her for many, many years on numerous events, positions, committees, community affairs and volunteer services, I can attest to Carrie's work ethic, as well as her love of our community as reflected in her dedication to the elderly, to our Veterans, to our children, to the needy....to all of La Habra.

Anyone who knows and or has worked with Carrie knows that her honesty, her integrity and the strength of her convictions are just a few of Carrie's character qualities that will ensure that she will always support what is best for the people of La Habra. Being a 76 resident of the La Habra area myself, I feel confident that MY town will be in good hands with Carrie, as she gives her all to ensure La Habra remains a successful, forward looking and "CARING COMMUNITY".

Most Sincerely,
Sandi Baltes

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From: Gabriela Garcia <gabriela.b.garcia@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 12:21 PM
To: CC (City Clerk's Office)
Subject: Special Meeting comment

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I would like to submit my comment for consideration for today's Special Meeting for appointment to the open city council seat.

I offer my full support to Carrie Surich for this appointment. It has been my pleasure to serve alongside Carrie on the Community Services Commission for the last three years. Carrie has been a role model for me in her work in the community. She has a strong sense for what is right and fair, while still being open to hearing all sides of a matter. She spends her time volunteering and giving her time to various charitable organizations, always with a smile. She shows the utmost respect and kindness to everyone around her. Her commitment and dedication to the city of La Habra and its most vulnerable residents is genuine and strong. I know she will bring a balanced view to the council and have the best interest of our city in all her decisions.

Thank you,
Gabby Garcia

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From: Monica Faith <monicaannfaith@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 1:47 PM
To: CC (City Clerk's Office)
Subject: City Council appointment letter of support

Hello City Council of La Habra,

My name is Monica Faith and I am a former resident and Community Services Commissioner for your lovely city. La Habra will always have a special place in my heart, so I still keep up to date on the happenings over there all the way over here in Brea...but I know I am not the only one. Your neighbors are watching you.

This coming decision is an important one, and I know you have a great candidate pool to choose from so it will also be a very difficult one. I ask that you value representation as your number one consideration. I remind you that we make up half the population while making up less than a quarter of your City Council. I remind you that you have an aging City Council that is in need of bright new ideas for La Habra to thrive as the caring community it aspires to be. I remind you that you already have two representatives of the law enforcement community already on your council and that a third would be over representation. I don't say these things to be harsh or demeaning to you or the potential new members; I say this with all the heart of a person who cares very much for her hometown. Please consider representation.

Therefore, I am sending you this letter of support for Michelle Bernier. She is a thinker. She asked excellent questions and follow up during the Planning Commission meetings on Westridge. She is diligent and has been a faithful servant to the community in a number of roles from art to business. She can bring new ideas and a different perspective to your council. Most importantly she is genuinely a good and decent person who I know would not bring any scandal or corruption to the dias.

Thanks for reading this far and fair well with your decision,
Monica Faith

February 9, 2022

My name is Jess Badillo, I have been a resident of La Habra for more than 30 years. I am a former La Habra Community Commissioner from 2007-2016. Currently I am a Board Member and Vice Chair with Rosie's Garage, a local after school tutorial program serving at risk children in La Habra and a committee member with the La Habra Tamale Festival.

I have known Michelle Bernier for several years. Through the years she and I have had many in depth conversations regarding matters of concern that directly impact our community.

What has impressed me most about her views is that in this socially and economically diverse community that we live in, I find her views and values to be foundationally inclusive and not exclusive, they are both inspiring and refreshing. She is open to collaborating and working closely with all individuals and organizations to improve the quality of life for residents of La Habra and other communities as well.

Her compassion for others is a quality that I believe today's leaders must possess in order to better anticipate and meet the needs of those that they serve. I also believe that those in leadership roles must be able to engage with organizations and provide them the tools, insight and needed resources to improve the lives of individuals and families that the City Council serves.

The thoughts and views that Michelle has shared with me go well beyond having sympathy and empathy for others. She is compassionate and has expressed her willingness and eagerness to indiscriminately serve others. Her participation in the numerous community organizations leads me to believe she values and understands that only through collaboration with others will our community organizations be able to continue to serve our residents.

I am sure that Michelle will provide you with her resume containing the numerous organizations she has been involved in and her role. I am confident that Michelle will bring a high level of experience and energy to the position of City Council member she is seeking. I am also confident that she will be an invaluable addition and leader. Further I am pleased that she asked me for a letter of recommendation and it is my pleasure to do so.

Respectfully,

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From: Alma Varela <alsada2@roadrunner.com>
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To: Laurie Swindell
Subject: Fwd: Support Letter for Michelle Bernier

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Good morning.

If it's not too late, I would like to submit this Letter of Support for Michelle Bernier for a position on the City Council. I've known Michelle for over 15 years, and I met her through her community work.

I know Michelle to be intelligent, devoted and more importantly, action minded. The woman just doesn't say the right things and waits to support action; she creates the action to implement. Michelle has the experience, knowledge and expertise that would make her a great council member. Michelle's years of service on the Planning Commission proves her understanding of city government and what is needed. As a commissioner, she is already involved in the improvement of our community. Michelle does not just rely on La Habra for her knowledge, as she also stays abreast of surrounding communities knowing those actions can affect our community. To Michelle, knowledge of everything is important in her role as a city representative.

Michelle's commitment to the community is evidenced through her volunteer service. During the current epidemic, Michelle and her husband promoted and transported people to help them get the necessary vaccinations. She personally made and donated masks for people to use as protection. Michelle regularly educates the community through her posts updates so the community would be aware. She was a strong participant in the redistricting process for the Board of Equalization, Congress, State Senate and Assembly. She works to help the homeless in north Orange County which can affect La Habra. Michelle takes volunteerism a step further by personally creating fundraisers by making items, raising money for various La Habra organizations in need. Quite simply, the woman is non-stop always thinking what is best for La Habra.

I whole-heartedly support Michelle Bernier's bid for a council seat.

If you need anything further, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you!

Alma Varela
La Habra resident for over 36 years

Feb, 9, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in reference to Michelle Bernier for city counsel. My name is Jennifer Bush and I run the Senior Lunch program and one of the Home Delivered meal programs for Meals on Wheels OC at the La Habra Community Center. I have been there for more than 13 years. I have had the pleasure to collaborate with Michelle on many Community programs over the years, for example:

The first Tamale Festival meetings in 2013. The group that met and created and laid out the plan and chose the dates and worked out the set up...She was there helping and giving of her time freely.

One of the first Faith based meetings in 2013 that split off into other projects like Love La Habra, Fristers and more. She again was there from the beginning helping to facilitate and make the decisions to get it all up and running.

Michelle has had input in many programs that the city has created and still are very successfully running today. She has never to my knowledge asked for honorable mention.

The pandemic has brought on many challenges along the way. When we went into lock down, the very first day she called and offered her help in packing meals and help deliver them for months. She also reached out to other friends and some personal friends that were city staff to help deliver meals to some of the most vulnerable clients in our community. I could not have done it without her.

She also made many masks for people and never asked to be reimbursed for her time or materials, and materials were very hard to come by in the beginning. She even took apart other items that she had made to cut up and make masks from them.

Michelle has been in the community most of her life and I think she would be an asset to the City of La Habra's City council.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best,

Jennifer Bush
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Subject: Letter of recommendation for appointment to city council Ms Carrie Surich

Honorable Mayor Jose Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem James Gomez, Council Members Rose Espinoza and Steve Simonian.

I have known Carrie for 10 years as a Chamber of commerce member in La Habra and La Mirada , A local Realtor, a friend , and business person.

Carrie has served on many Commissions , Chamber Board, and served her community in many ways .

Her honesty, integrity and friendship ,loyalty everything that matters in life.

As Chamber of Commerce Past President of Lamirahabra (Inside Joke) , I endorse Carrie.

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