

[Benicia Resist!] Billy Innes: Tomorrow belongs to ...?

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Benicia School Board meetings epitomize the civil war battlefields in the volatile political/cultural war that cripples our nation.

I'd encourage readers to find the April 20 Benicia School Board meeting on YouTube.

At the 44:20 mark, readers will witness Compass Real Estate's Agent Janet Roberson deliver a lengthy, bigoted diatribe denouncing the gender-inclusionary language utilized by Benicia Unified School District.

The language Roberson quotes exists for the sake of creating a safe, inclusive and accepting environment for all students attending Benicia Schools, regardless of gender identification or sexual preference.

To hear Janet Roberson tell it, however, she'd have you believing that Benicia's schools spend the entire school day engaged in sexualizing and "grooming" Benicia's children for an alternative sexual lifestyle.

As a retired public schoolteacher, I can say with certainty that "grooming," along with gender identification/inclusivity, is hardly at the forefront of 21st-century public school curriculum. Instead, such gender-inclusive language (the very language that enrages Roberson) exists as a way to protect and safeguard marginalized students from self-loathing bigots such as realtor Janet Roberson.

But unfortunately, it gets worse.

Much worse.

Compass Real Estate's Janet Roberson also hosts a website and Facebook page called "Benicia Freedom." Explore these web pages and you will find a plethora of racist, homophobic, transphobic, anti-COVID safety, and anti-COVID vaccine writings, along with content that favors Eugenics.

For those blessedly unfamiliar with the concept, eugenics is the forced sterilization/execution of those who are genetically "undesirable" in order to obtain an ideal population. Eugenics was practiced by the M.D.s who worked at concentration camps such as Auschwitz and Dachau. Yes, proponents of eugenics have their voices heard on "Benicia Freedom."

This in itself would be bad enough if Janet Roberson was one lone bigoted parent with web design abilities who's allowed to rant like a lunatic at school board meetings. However, Jan Roberson is also a local realtor whose unapologetic bigotry might well affect a marginalized person's ability to purchase a home, contingent upon whether or not that buyer passes Janet Roberson's racial/sexual purity test.

And if this were not bad enough, it gets still even worse. The Benicia Police Officers Association (BPD's union) identifies itself as an entity that is "friends" with and is supportive of Benicia Freedom's Facebook page.

Since Benicia no longer has its former police chief as its City Manager, I hope Benicia's elected leaders will feel at liberty to investigate this disturbing alliance between Benicia's law enforcement officers and this denigrating page.

And most worst of all, up until mid-March Amy Hirsh (who recently found a legal way to steal a school board seat from rightfully chosen Trustee Ariana Martinez) was a public friend/follower of "Benicia Freedom". Hirsh distanced herself from "Benicia Freedom" as its pages gained increased notoriety/negative attention and Hirsh's student-funded \$60,000 April 11 "special election" drew near.

Still, many of those who publicly endorsed/supported Amy Hirsh's stolen school board seat continue to be unapologetic followers and supporters of the vile content found on "Benicia Freedom." Along with friends of "Benicia Freedom," Amy Hirsh was also endorsed by current and former elected leaders such as CeCe Grubbs, Lionel Largaespada and Diane Ferrucci.

If Vallejo is California's most diverse city, Benicia often shows itself to be its evil twin antithesis.

I am grateful that Benicia's school board still maintains an intelligent and compassionate 3-2 majority (I place Trustee Grubbs in the same company as the very bigot she endorses).

One prays that the hateful, scapegoating, and fear-mongering voices and politics of Janet Roberson, CeCe Grubbs, Amy Hirsh — as well as members of Benicia's police force — are the anomaly in Benicia. One hopes that these spiritual sons and daughters of Hitler are but a small-minded and small-numbered minority within the city of Benicia. We'll see ...

Welcome to the new civil war.

— William "Billy" Innes/Benicia--
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to Gregg, Benicia

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to Pat, Gregg, Benicia

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Nathalie Christian <nathalie@mngl.ca>

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to benicia-resist

Today Compass confirmed that they and Ms. Roberson have parted ways.

We will never know what happened, exactly. They would be stupid to comment on the nature of the exit, even though I plan to ask. I hope they will provide a brief statement on how the company values diversity, equity, and inclusion, though.

There is a difference between cancel culture and consequences. I want to be very clear — this person is not being canceled. She is facing consequences. Could be she's facing consequences completely unrelated to this. Could be she left on her own. I can't say for sure.

One thing I do know? Racism and bigotry are both alive and well in Benicia. This person isn't even the tip of the iceberg. She's just a shallow reflection on the water. The work to find and counter racism and bigotry remains. But I think most of the work that will matter won't happen on social media.

Conversations matter. Have more conversations with your friends, family, and neighbors about why being a racist bigot may land you in some consequences.

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