

***“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies,
but the silence of our friends.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.***

October 26, 2018

Dear San Diego Democratic Elected Officials, Leaders and Allies in the Labor Community:

We are largely Democrats, most of us consider ourselves progressive, we are overwhelmingly people of color, all of us care about southeastern San Diego and the right of this community to choose its own leaders. We don't all like each other and we don't agree on everything, but on this we absolutely, unequivocally, 100% agree... LEAVE MONICA MONTGOMERY ALONE!

The hateful, false and negative hit piece mailed to District 4 homes recently by the Labor Council with major funding from UDW is absolutely unacceptable. We strongly condemn it!

As we head into the final days of this campaign, the silly season, we urge, no we demand, you do not disparage, denigrate or otherwise distort the beauty of who Monica Montgomery is to win this council election with a candidate our community clearly does not want. We want to make it very, very plain, so there is no misunderstanding:

- 1) Monica Montgomery is ours! She is a true child, and loved one, of southeast. Cole is not.
- 2) Monica understands and carries the hopes and dreams of our community. Cole does not.
- 3) Monica makes us proud. Monica is smart, thoughtful, caring and genuinely concerned. Well, Cole is...

So, let us wrap this up quickly. We are watching and we are keeping score. Please be strongly advised and forewarned any further attacks from the democratic establishment or labor against Monica, or the perpetuation of the multitude of lies in support of Cole, will absolutely, without question be remembered in 2020 and beyond! This is the line in the sand. This is the last straw. This is make or break!

We are calling on you to denounce the recent hate mail and to call for a public apology from those responsible. Ideally, you would further pull your endorsement of Cole and respect the community. Alternatively, you would dual endorse in these closing days. At a minimum, you will do nothing else in support of Cole... not GOTV, not robocalls, neither positive nor negative hit pieces. STAND DOWN!

We hope you will show your respect and commitment to community will, to people of color, to your present and hopeful future constituents. This is a moment of truth. What happens next will count and long be remembered.

In Solidarity,

Julius Alejandro	Kelsey Daniels	Philip Liburd	Natasha Ridley
Alyce Pipkin-Allen	Jasmine Darnell	Ken Malbrough	Jason Shanley
Neal Arthur	Simone Edwards	Kanisha Morgan	Andrew Simmerman
Gil Brown	Sean Elo	Tamara Muhammad	Taryell Simmons
Taisha Brown	Henry Foster	Ellen Nash	Edith Smith
Krystal Carrillo	Leah Goodwin	Griselda Ramirez	Cecil Steppe
Elida Chavez	Ian Gordon	Ferchil Ramos	Steven Steppe
Ronald Clark	Rashida Hameed	Mayra Reyes	Cynthia Suero-Gabler
Tinesia Conwright	Tanisha Harrell	Mary Penetrante	Gracie Uriarte
Rev. Booker T. Crenshaw	Rev. Dr. J. Lee Hill	Jacqueline Penhos	Salina Villegas
Dwayne Crenshaw	Roxanne Kymaani	Barry Pollard	Lei-Chala Wilson