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Chico must embrace community builders like Breedlove, who are taking direct action to restore Earth's vitality. If you will not vote or are not in District 3, please consider supporting Steve Breedlove anyway by focusing your time, skills and labor on the intentional and sincere cultivation of the only reliable and long-term form of true wealth that exists amid shared disasters: that of social capital.

Mercedes Macías
Chico

Cop watch

I have been attending the virtual meetings of the Policing Review Ad Hoc Committee (PRAHC). Having signed onto the My Brother's Keeper Reimagining Policing Pledge for mayors, Chico Mayor Ann Schwab also committed to the actions of reviewing the Chico Police Department's use of force policies; to engage the community by including a diverse range of input, experiences and stories in the review; report the findings of the review to the community; and seek feedback and reform our community's police use of force policies.

The PRAHC began slowly with briefings from the Chico Police Department, the police union and Police Officers Standards & Training (POST). The police review committee must continue this important discussion of the department's use of force policy past the end of the allotted time. Reform of the policy will need more time. Additionally, a citizen oversight board needs to be established so that the community can feel confident that these policies are being adhered to according to law.

There is much more to be discussed and attended to beyond the use of force policy regarding the relationship between the community and Chico Police.

Diane Suzuki
Chico

Dirty politics

Like many other health and community advocates, I have suffered personal and professional attacks for speaking up on behalf of our homeless and addicted populations, in attempts to silence my influence on the community. There is a concentrated effort in Chico to maintain a level of fear and rhetoric, pushing for the removal of homeless individuals, advocates and local progressive representatives in favor of a conservative leadership. Anyone who threatens this mission becomes a target, and many have lost their jobs and reputations over their advocacy.

I am saddened to see that CN&R's recent No. 1 professor, Dr. Lindsay Briggs [Best Instructor/Professor, Best of Chico, Oct. 10, 2019], has become a target of the Chico State Republicans in an effort to have her terminated from the university. I was a student of hers, and she taught me how social behavior, often unintentional, is what contributes to continued discrimination, abuse, harm, assaults and death of community members as a result of bias and harmful stereotyping.

Dr. Briggs is a human advocate and fights hard for the rights of those who are underrepresented. She has been mocked, lied about, harassed and had death threats, and the dangerous people of Chico are on a mission to punish her because she spotlights their dangerous behavior. Advocacy isn't always pretty, but it's necessary for change and cannot be silenced.

Jessica Giannola
Chico

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