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8/27 Community Forum & Updates from Town Hall

Last Thursday evening, the Tiburon Town Council and Belvedere City Council joined together to participate in a special Community Forum. The forum was held as a result of an incident that occurred early in the morning on August 21 at Yema, a business located in downtown Tiburon, that involved police officers from both the Town and City.

Councilmembers were seeking an opportunity to listen, and listen they did. Over a period of almost four hours, 60 speakers expressed a wide diversity of opinions on a variety of issues. Many speakers provided meaningful suggestions, and identified specific actions the Councils could consider to ensure our communities are safe and welcoming to all. At one point, 465 members of the public were virtually attending the forum, and in addition to the speakers, we received 79 items of written correspondence. On behalf of the City and Town Councils, I want to thank all the individuals who spoke. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Noah Griffin, who most graciously moderated the public comment portion of the meeting. For those who were unable to participate last week, a recording of the entire meeting can be found here:

https://townoftiburon.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=425

I would also like to take this opportunity to provide a few updates on related matters. Since the August 21 incident, the Town has had several conversations with Sergeant Michael Blasi, the supervising officer who was present that morning at Yema. In these conversations, Sergeant Blasi expressed his love for Tiburon and described the deep connection he developed during his time serving the community. However, he believes it would be difficult to continue being effective as a police officer in Tiburon. Based on this belief, Sergeant Blasi offered, and the Town has accepted, his voluntary resignation from the Tiburon Police, effective today.

Finally, at Thursday's meeting, I reported the Town was committed to conducting a fair, thorough and independent investigation. Sergeant Blasi's resignation does not change that, and in fact, he has committed to fully cooperating in that effort. Over the next 2 weeks, we will be completing the preliminary steps required in these matters, and we expect Vida Thomas, with the Law Offices of Amy Oppenheimer, to begin this important work in mid-September.

