

From: webmaster@portolavalley.net
To: [Town Center](#)
Subject: New Entry on Town Council Comments Survey
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:50:48 PM

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

Form Name: Comment on an Agenda Item for Town Council Meeting
Date & Time: 08/22/2023 6:50 PM
Response #: 21
Submitter ID: 7072
IP address: [REDACTED]
Time to complete: 17 min. , 13 sec.

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Bill Unger

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Open Comments/Rusty Day Lawsuit

10. Comment

There is a lot of discussion in emails and on the PV Forum regarding the lawsuit filed by Rusty Day. I have been informed, I believe correctly, that negotiations with Mr. Day are held in a non-public venue, and that only the members of the town council and our attorney and an outside attorney PV has hired are knowledgeable about the content and status of these negotiations. I've also been told that at least once previously PV settled another suit with Mr. Day. A wonderful aspect of PV is the depth of knowledge many residents have in difficult negotiations, a resource for the town. The other would be transparency, and if there is not, a cogent explanation of why not, as "trust us" invariably has the opposite effect. As most of what I have heard is hearsay, except for the real fact of the council not discussing this issue with their constituencies, me included, I'd like to have a response. As one of many issues requiring time and energy from the council, I believe the residents of the community should be well informed about town business, and threats to the town. {lease address this in detail, as we residents have a right to know about people who would seem to have ill will towards us.

11. Optional: You can upload a copy of your comments.

Thank you,
Portola Valley, CA

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Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 9:41:54 AM

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Form Name: Comment on an Agenda Item for Town Council Meeting
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Response #: 22
Submitter ID: 7073
IP address: [REDACTED]
Time to complete: 13 min. , 6 sec.

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1. First and Last Name

Daniel Cornew

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Rusty Day Lawsuit

10. Comment

Dear Town Council;

Please fight this meritless suit vigorously. As a veteran of this kind of suit, the only way to end them is to fight them hard. To the council member that is a colleague of his at PVNU, please use your influence to have him rejoin the neighborhood as a neighbor in a discussion, not as an enemy doing harm.

Thank you. Dan Cornew

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Response #: 23
Submitter ID: 7074
IP address: [REDACTED]
Time to complete: 4 min. , 11 sec.

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David Cardinal

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2. Oral Communications

10. Comment

To our Town Council members -- Our town is facing a budget crisis. Our budget includes a massive deficit, that means that we are making an unprecedented dip into our operating reserves. All of us are likely to feel the longer term impact, likely in the form of a new parcel tax proposed in 2024 to make up the short fall. Cost increases for our policing services are certainly an unavoidable part of this, but worse are the unproductive ten's of thousands of dollars we are spending in legal fees to defend ourselves from Rusty Day's one-man campaign to bankrupt our town. Worse, he wants to do this in the dark, so he has demanded that the details of his lawsuit, demands, and (expensive) negotiations with our Town Council (representing we, the taxpayers) be done in secret. So far you, our representatives, have agreed with his demands, letting him know everything that is happening, and we, residents and taxpayers footing the bill, to know nothing.

Please, Please, as our elected representatives, bring this travesty out into the open, and don't be afraid to fight extortion at its root. There are many of us who want Portola Valley thrive, and not be held hostage by those who believe they can override democracy with deep pockets and mis-truths.

All of you have an unfortunately difficult job because of people like Rusty, and a few individuals who are happy to parrot his claims. Thank you for taking on the responsibility of governing our town. Please let everyone in town have a chance to know what is happening and have an opportunity to help. Regards –
Dave Cardinal, Golden Oak Drive

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Form Name: Comment on an Agenda Item for Town Council Meeting
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Response #: 24
Submitter ID: 7075
IP address: [REDACTED]
Time to complete: 7 min. , 2 sec.

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Mark Wilson

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Item 2 Oral Communications

10. Comment

I just read the Tolling Agreement and cannot understand why the negotiations with Rusty Day are not being reported on. There is no confidentiality clause there. Nor is this agreement on its terms benefitting the Town. All agreements between the Town and him or with his organization should be immediately made public.

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Response #: 25
Submitter ID: 7076
IP address: [REDACTED]
Time to complete: 2 min. , 25 sec.

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Alexandra Vonfeldt

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Item 2 Oral Communications

10. Comment

August 23, 2023

Dear Town Council members,

Please reconsider your approach to dealing with the lawsuit(s) of Rusty Day. The town capitulated to his unfounded claim last year, and it seems to have encouraged his pattern of filing lawsuits against the town. Continuing to negotiate with him is costing the residents in staff time and money.

The expenses we've incurred to deal with these lawsuits have already impacted us. Despite all the talk about fire management, the one budget item that was cut was the maintenance of our roads and open spaces that would have helped reduce our risk to catastrophic fire.

Since the negotiations are happening in closed session, I'm sure there are details that have brought you to this point. But, opening up the proceedings to the public could help residents understand why the town continues to spend its resources on fighting one resident's assorted lawsuits, or maybe it would change the outcome given that the community would be able to see what Rusty Day is demanding.

It is sad that a long term resident would choose this course of action since it impacts all of us negatively. Less money for fire maintenance, less staff time to review and comment on projects and less town council time to focus on getting our housing element accepted.

Please bring the process out into the open.

Sincerely,
Alex Von Feldt

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Time to complete: 3 min. , 22 sec.

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Joyce shefren

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Joyce Shefren

10. Comment

I am extremely concerned about the massive budget deficit our town is incurring. There have been many reasons for this; but the most egregious cause has been because a single citizen has undertaken yet another lawsuit against the town. Rusty Day is the name on the lawsuit but he certainly has the backing of some residents; most likely PVNU. But because Rusty Day has demanded that any discussions on this issue be done in secret this whole affair is being conducted in "darkness".

Please bring this out into the open, and don't be afraid to fight extortion at its root. There are many of us who want Portola Valley thrive, and not be held hostage by those who believe they can override democracy with deep pockets and mis-truths.

Joyce Shefren

30 Valencia Court

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Response #: 27
Submitter ID: 7078
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Time to complete: 55 min. , 26 sec.

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Katherine H. Terhune

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2. Oral Communications

10. Comment

Dear esteemed Town Council of Portola Valley,

We, Portola Valley, are a healthy community, have the capacity to resolve issues out in the open, with a rich history, heritage and vision to carry us into the future with strength. I strongly encourage you to heed the voices of the community encouraging you to pull back the curtain and share with the community the details of what is transpiring in the currently covert legal negotiations with Rusty Day. You represent us, the town citizenry, and are elected to represent us, a concept in jeopardy under this current arrangement. We are not able to contribute healthy dialogue to your governing intelligently based on information gathered from the community at large, information not necessarily unified, possibly covering a broad spectrum. My point: We need healthy dialogue. Looking forward to the meeting tonight.

Sincerely,
Katherine Terhune

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Maryann Moise

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Threat of Litigation against Town CEQA

10. Comment

Please learn from the old Council's mistakes and don't cave to the Day, Eastman et al threatened lawsuit. There is a strong bench of support in the community to do what is necessary to stop the waste of tax payer dollars and collective angst of giving in to the litigant's unreasonable demands, We are with you in the fight! Thank you for your service.

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Submitter ID: 7080
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Time to complete: 8 min. , 41 sec.

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John Richards

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2 Oral Communications

10. Comment

Dear Council members,

Having been in your shoes under painfully similar circumstances, I can only urge you to learn from our past mistakes. Although we tried to thread the needle during Mr. Day's previous assault, it is now clear that appeasement with this particular individual is futile. The whole town needs to be party to the process. Lead with the transparency that was so proudly proclaimed during the last election. Portola Valley needs your leadership.

-John Richards

Former Council Member and Mayor, 2009-2022

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