

Opinion: Harbor Commissioner's Lawyer says Triplicate is Bias

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Having read the article produced by the Triplicate's Editor titled "Harbor Commissioner Sues Herself", July 10, 2025, I must admit, I am a bit puzzled. I'd heard Commissioner Nehmer had filed with the court but was waiting for the details to learn what her complaint was all about. I respect Annie Nehmer as a person, but clearly her legal acumen needs a bit more development. I would think in the legal profession there would be a way to sue someone without including yourself!

As to the complaint of "bias" by the Triplicate regarding her situation with the Harbor Commission perhaps her newly acquired lawyer can shed some light. No word of bias, or any word for that matter has come from Nehmer, herself.

After reading Editor Gitlin's account several times, I find nothing screaming "bias" throughout the entire article. It is a simple rendering of facts surrounding Nehmer's disagreements with her fellow commissioners based on Gitlin's attendance and observations at recent Crescent City Harbor Commission meetings.

If there is anything factually incorrect in the article, Commissioner Annie Nehmer has had ample opportunity to correct the article's deficiencies on page two of the Triplicate in any one of a number of succeeding issues of the Triplicate. Unfortunately, Commissioner Nehmer hasn't so much as hinted she could provide evidence of such "false information" or bias in the Triplicate's reporting.

If past mistakes in the Triplicate are any indication of Editor Gitlin practices, a notice of correction is readily found in succeeding issues of the Triplicate. Rather than having Commissioner Nehmer's lawyer complain about nonexistent bias, perhaps the Commissioner herself would entertain the notion of an interview or an op ed of 750 words on page two of the Triplicate to explain exactly where such bias is located. I believe the offer is still open.

Whispering in the ear of "Jessica Cejnar Andrews" with claims of bias will not change the facts reported in the Triplicate. Miss Cejnar is wasting her time thinking she has any credibility with the Triplicate and its content. Should she have actually attended a Crescent City Harbor Commission meeting in the recent past, she could have a glimmer of a chance of being credible, but she hasn't. Living in Hawaii makes "executive news director", Jessica Cejnar Andrews just another opinion, abet a distance one at that.

Until Commissioner Nehmer can shed light on her convoluted behavior while a sitting commissioner on the Harbor Commission, we all will wonder just what she thinks she is going to accomplish by adding to the Harbor's financial woes other than the harbor's early demise. Clearly, she is acquainted with the precarious nature of the harbor's financial health. Mounting legal bills will do nothing but make the situation worse.

Having seen the Commissioner's court filing and the presiding judge's response, I can't help but believe there is more to the story than Brown Act violations. Since Commissioner Nehmer has failed to fill in the gaps, her legal filings appear more reactionary to Harbormaster Rademaker than sound and principled leadership.

In an earlier opinion article, written "Will the Children Please Leave the Room!", July 10th in the Triplicate, it was very clearly stated, given the needs of the harbor, the antics between commissioners should cease immediately. There is no time for the commission to carry on in a disruptive fashion if the harbor is to turn its future around.

Crescent City has already endured decades of dysfunction at the harbor and should not be forced to experience more of the same. The current commission desperately needs to come together and begin to act like the mature adults elected to serve on the Commission. No one should be thinking they always get what they want, because the world doesn't work for the satisfaction of a single person.

There is no bias directed at Commissioner Nehmer by the Triplicate in any way shape or form. Now end the legal gymnastics, Commissioner Nehmer, and do the job you were elected to accomplish, turn the harbor's situation around. Act and behave like the commission is actually in charge, not as what we have seen thus far.

This is not an objective article but an opinion piece. I find when an adult initiate legal preceding's against themselves to make a questionable point, there is more to the story. Until the story is complete, the adult cannot complain if a few stones are thrown. If there is no more to the story, then the children should leave the room.

Commissioner Nehmer either get over yourself or explain away. No bias intended.

