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Subject: Fake Signature - RE: Resolution Affirming Our Stance Against Hate
Attachments: End Drag Events for Kids in Humboldt County - Fake Signature with Hateful and Threatening Content - Identification and IP address- multiple signatures.pdf

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Hello, esteemed supervisors of Humboldt County,

I write today to seek clarification on some points before publicizing an article regarding Steve Madrone's reaction to a bogus signature left by a person "trolling" a petition we host titled: "[End Drag Events for Kids in Humboldt County.](#)" In addition to the above, I would also like to give you some context and clarity from our end as an olive branch in this unusual situation in which you find yourselves.

Before I start, attached is a PDF file showing the perpetrator I speak about below, leaving two comments directly from our database. Deadline for replies - 9 pm tonight - Publication at 10 pm

As you are aware, we have created a petition section at:

<https://lostcoastpopulist.com/petition/>

We did this because one of our subscribers posted a petition to [change.org](#) titled "[End Drag Events in Humboldt County.](#)" This petition, although containing no foul language, was removed due to violating [change.org](#) community standards. Specifically, the petition was critical of adult members of the Humboldt LGBTQ community for their behaviors and actions regarding drag events promoted, hosted, and advertised for and where conducted in the presence of legal minors.

After this petition was taken down and the language provided to us by the author, we decided to give this patriot and others in the future a platform that would honor their 1A right to voice criticism of any group or entity as defined by our founding documents.

Like [change.org](#) and many other online petition spaces, we collect first name, last name, email, complete address, IP addresses, date time, the title of comment, comment content, and some other proprietary data fields. Lost Coast Populist, like all other petition providers, relies on community flagging of content that slips past our moderation automation.

As you know, an individual or group left a revolting comment while signing this petition, which automatically emails you as a group.

In no way do we endorse or support this particular comment/signature and are here to tell you that it was a fake, that this is provable beyond a shadow of a doubt. We have obtained the geolocation of two comments made by the same individual using the same name and email address from the same IP Address. This IP Address is owned by [Open Door Community Center](#), as discovered through <https://www.ip2location.com/demo/47.208.148.41> - take the geolocation information and paste it into Google

Maps and zoom in; you can confirm this for yourself.

We support the Humboldt Board of Supervisors in their quest to get to the bottom of this and shine a light on the perpetrator of this unfortunate situation. We are unaware of any crimes committed, but we are willing to support HCSO in its investigatory process in any way we can.

That said, your resolution no longer has a real threat to point toward. Given the fact we petition to "End Drag Events for Kids in Humboldt County," referring to legal minors and the fact they shouldn't be able to attend a drag performance in any capacity, and that in no way are we condemning the LGBTQ community at large for adults only drag events, it seems this is a cut and dry situation that no longer fits the descriptions within your draft resolution.

If we are off target, please advise.

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3. Do you support drag events for legal minors as a body or individually?
4. If you support this, please explain why. If not, please explain why.
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10. Do you support an all-ages burlesque show where male minors hand
11. cash tips to scantily clad female dancers?
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17. Rated R movies and above are limited to 17-year-olds or older unless
18. accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Is this a proper protocol for drag / burlesque events?
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25. Do you think it is appropriate for children, legal minors, to hand
26. cash tips to clad adults dancing in lude and provocative themes scantily?
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32. Given the seriousness of the threats (before you all realized it
33. was entirely bogus), why did the Board of Supervisors fail to contact us directly before choosing to draft the anti-hate resolution and circulating the "Affirming Our Stance Against Hate" letter to County Staff?
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39. Now that it is known Known that the signature was both bogus and
40. left with unauthentic intent, will one or more of the board make a motion to remove this from the agenda, given the fact it will do absolutely nothing but provide an instrument to lend political credibility to an internet troll that has nothing but bad intentions?
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46. Given the fact that the IP Address leads directly to Open Door Community
47. Center as linked above, what, if anything, will the Board of Supervisors do to address this apparent attempt to both stir up hate, cause lasting division and essentially work directly against the very principals and intent of the "Resolution Affirming Our
48. Stance Against Hate"?
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54. Lost Coast Outpost used this as an opportunity to write a smear
55. article about myself and the website rather than focusing on the fact it was a troll, as admitted by the perpetrator. Do you support this biased, one-sided, and salacious muckraker-style reporting?
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Multiple Bogus Signatures with Hateful Threats

Date / Time Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 7:47:38 PM
IP Address 47.208.148.41
First Name William
Last Name Kingsley
Email wking1954@hotmail.com
City Eureka
State
Zip
Title White pride world wide!
Message It's time to take our culture back! Don't stop until every faggot, nigger, and dike is dead!!! And we'll start here in Humboldt!

Date / Time Friday, April 28, 2023 at 1:55:04 PM
IP Address 47.208.148.41
First Name William
Last Name Kingsley
Email wking1954@hotmail.com
City Eureka
State California
Zip 95503
Title Disappointed
Message I am the person who left the racially motivated comment a few days ago. My expectation was that it would be deleted quickly before anyone else in the public saw it, and this site would "hopefully" put out a statement reaffirming their commitment against violence. Queer people are terrified of them, and these concerned parents are worried about violent retaliation or doxxing from the "Rainbow Coalition," so it seemed necessary to force LoCoPo's hand in this way. Get both sides to start a conversation about avoiding violence. However, it's been several days, and they've left the comment up and haven't addressed it, which almost seems negligent. My sincerest apologies to anyone who saw it and became concerned, offended, or fearful. My apologies to the queer community. And my apologies to Lostcoastpopulist staff themselves. Be kind. And do better. I will try to be better, myself.