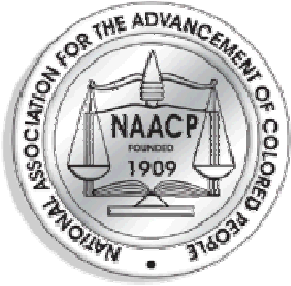


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The Executive Committee of the Merced County NAACP Branch 1047 finds the emails by Councilman Frago hurtful, harmful, derogatory and racist. The distribution of such racist material by a public official and with public entity resources is unacceptable. Merced County is made up of a very diverse population. All of these individuals are entitled to proper respect regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation or other differences. We find it appalling that Councilman Frago was so unapologetic and blind to the hurt that such emails foster. We also find it appalling that the other individuals that had the opportunity to condemn such behavior chose to lose their memory or to simply say "I Deleted them". This public airing of such behavior calls for a public condemnation by those individuals and others. It really is not a question of memory. It is a question of stating clearly what the culture of this city is or is not. The Merced County NAACP Branch 1047 condemns such behavior. The Merced County NAACP Branch 1047 also support the efforts of the Atwater citizens, whether that is a recall of councilman Frago or other courses of action. This incident says a lot about the culture of this city. If this incident is misleading about the true culture of this fine city, we must do what it takes to correct that misleading label.

Sincerely,

Merced County NAACP Branch 1047

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