

# “Civility & Procedure” A Mask For Delay and Denial at City Council

Last meeting, Mayor Watkins twice used police force to clear the chambers and then exclude the public from the subsequent meeting. For the last two meetings, Mayor Watkins has eliminated group presentation times at Oral Communications. At recent meetings, she fought expanding Public Comment. This left many without the chance to participate. They took the time to come here. They waited in line. They protest. She threatened arrest, dispersed the meeting (twice!), and locks out the public. Instead of all this tumult—an extension of public comment time would have been shorter, more civil, and more sensible. If there’s still (or has ever been) a Progressive majority here, will they announce their commitment openly please?

It’s not just a matter of Mayor Watkins rude robotic interruptions cutting people off in mid-sentence. The public can’t get items on the Council agenda. Even elected Councilmembers have this problem. If you’re not in her good graces. Glover, in spite of having a Council majority eager to discuss his items, found proposed items repeatedly absent from the agenda. When he exposed her practices, Watkins denounced him as a “bully” and “sexist”. And reportedly began a secret “investigation” of him.

What is this? We need to know. Why? Because this situation intimidates Glover. This intimidation impacts the public who voted for him and his policies. A cowed Councilmember is a more silent one. Instead of demanding items sliced from the agenda be restored, Glover now often seems to be walking on eggshells. What is really going on here?

Vital missing policies. Survival shelter campgrounds. Police targeting of homeless people for survival behavior. Public unfriendly Council practices.

The results? The Destruction of the Ross Camp. A lawsuit against the City. Homeless refugees city-wide. A promised rent freeze and just eviction ordinance dumped. Landlords merrily raising rents.

**Join Us Tomorrow at 11 AM at the Sub Rosa Café to Address the Rights and Needs of  
the 1000 Homeless Made Refugees by the Council’s Policies with**

***Conscience and Action & HUFF***

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Stop Vigilante Harassment of Those Whose Homes are Their Vehicles !**

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