2024-09-03 CC Agenda Packet PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO ITEM D12 WATER TOWER ILLUMINATION

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To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org> **Subject:** Public Comment City Council Meeting September 3, 2024

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the removal of the pride colors on the El Segundo water tower. Moreover, I am alarmed at Carol Pirsztuk's attempt to mislead the public by shutting down the display, lie about it on Facebook, and then create an agenda policy to implement a permanent ban.

I am an employee of a Fortune 500 business based in El Segundo and it is disappointing to see Ms. Pirsztuk deprive the city of a symbol that communicates inclusivity and diversity. Pride displays attracts customers who prioritize shopping at businesses that champion these values; a ban will deter potential workers and customers who perceive El Segundo as a hotbed for intolerance.

An environment that promotes acceptance is crucial for sustaining economic growth and attracting residents and visitors. Please return the pride colors to the water tower.