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To the Honorable Mayor Patino,

I wish to thank you, and Councilwoman Waterfield for being the bright stars on the Council to still stand up for democracy and the American way. I am asking that you try to convince your fellow Council members to reconsider their actions in submitting to a bully, Mr. Sanchez, who now holds all 100,000 plus citizens of Santa Maria hostage to his own unfounded, and historically inaccurate representation of Santa Maria since 1998. Your fellow Council members literally took away the chance and opportunity of the right to vote for the other 99,999 of us out here by giving into electioneering terrorism.

This train has left the station on the wrong track, and provides an unethical basis for the future of how Santa Maria is to be governed, Yet, worst of all is the fact that though all American government is based on the idea that you govern based on the consent of the governed. But that was swept away, in favor of Mr. Sanchez and his personal threats; whereas no counter offer was ever made to simply force a ballot initiative in it's place for ALL of Santa Maria to decide it's future as a matter of public record. I propose that a very, very public overture be made to Sanchez/Dominguez to withdraw any suit in favor of a ballot measure in 2018. That way he is exposed, and possibly publically shamed for simply being the sore loser that he is, and only seeking a personal political agenda, and NOT true democratic reform as he espouses. WE, the rest of us, the silent majority deserve a right to be heard, and the right to vote either for or against this measure. NOT, have to choice from the "limited options' that were forced down our throats by a couple of weak kneed council members and an unhinged zealot, I am not generally against District Elections, even though I thoroughly believe that it will only aid in the political ghettoization of some areas of the City. I just firmly believe WE have the right to be able to choose to vote on it!

Sincerely  
Robert Scott