

East Palo Alto Municipal Council



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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Dear Mr. Sorenson:

May 3, 1982

I am writing to report that at a closed session of the Council on April 18, 1982, Mr. Henry Anthony, member of the council willfully violated the Brown Act. The closed session which was called for 7:00PM was for the limited purpose of discussing the continued term of service and a possible raise for our administrative officer. As I entered the room seven or eight minutes late, Mr. Anthony greeted me with "Oh, I've been talking about you", and proceeded to advance his notion that because of my residence I be removed from the council. After Victor James strongly informed him that the session was to discuss his continued appointment Mr. Anthony got on the permitted subject. Over the years, I have often had to dispute Anthony's notion that as an elected co-equal he can discuss what he wants in closed session. This pattern of behavior is well established and Kenneth Goode, our former Administrative Officer has said that he will document other occasions. I urge that the Grand Jury bring charges for his removal from office as a council member or the Brown Act will be meaningless in East Palo Alto.

Sincerely,

Berk
Berk Driessel
Vice Chairman

Attached: Minutes of Closed
Session