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Dear Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and City Attorney,

I write to you out of concern for the citizens of the City of Merced. The egregious behavior of Council Member Bertha Perez is alarming. The continuous bullying, disrespect and abuse of power demonstrated by Ms Perez places the citizens of Merced in danger. Threats and verbal assault by an individual leveraging power in the manner of Council Member Perez is an attack on the citizens she has been elected to serve and a gross manipulation of power. Giving license to Perez to terrorize citizens encourages polarization and tyrannical leadership.

As members of the City Council, the acts of Ms Perez reflect on the leadership of the entire Council. Elected officials have the sworn obligation to serve their community as a whole in an unbiased and ethical manner. The oath of office is under attack as a result of Ms Perez's actions. She has placed the Council at risk, and tarnished the integrity of each member through her behavior. An abandonment of municipal law has occurred and without censorship will continue to terrorize the Citizens of the City of Merced.

While it is likely Ms Perez will extend an apology for her verbal assaults and manipulation of elected authority, this will not resolve nor protect the citizens from her abuse. Without the penalty of censure by fellow council, leadership endorses the actions of Ms Perez. The misconduct of Perez continues and we applaud the citizens that have taken the courageous step to speak up in protection of themselves and their fellow citizens. I urge you to act to protect the community you have been elected to serve. Do not enable Bertha Perez to be a reflection of your voice, without censure Perez will continue to speak for you.

Sincerely,

Alicia Hansel

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