

## Tammy Vaughan

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**From:** J Barnes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 2:11 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment, City Council Meeting, Monday April 12, 2021 Please withhold name from record

Thank you Mr Mayor, Members of the Council.

First, I ask that my name be withheld from the record, as I fear retaliation from my neighbors and colleagues, both in person, and on social media. But what I am writing to say today must be said.

I am writing today in reference to Agenda Item 5. The Council is set to formally approve a notice of \$254,775 in National Conservation Resource Grant funding, and amend a previous program to include an additional \$497,993.75 in NCRG funding as financial assistance for the "remediation of Hazards Created by the El Dorado Fire" and "The El Dorado Fire Storm Season Preparation Project". That is a total of \$752,768.75 in Government Assistance, Taxpayer Dollars, being paid for a fire that was caused by the Arrogance of two people popping a smoke grenade in tall dead grass in 100+ degree heat in a Closed and non-maintained park due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, because apparently they felt the rules didn't apply to them, and their gender reveal photoshoot was more important than the rest of the town. Why is taxpayer money being applied to repairing the damage these people caused? And further still, WHY, have these people, who caused so much damage and loss in Yucaipa, Oak Glen, and our local Mountains not been arrested and charged appropriately yet? It's been over 7 months since the El Dorado Fire Threatened Our Friends and Neighbors, Placed my Elderly In-Laws, and my wife's 90 year old grandmother (who is oxygen dependent) Under Evacuation for Days, and caused millions of dollars of damage to our beloved local wildlands. All during a Global Pandemic, where everyone was frightened for their lives from a deadly virus.

I am therefore asking that the City Council Immediately Contact the District Attorney's Office, and Demand that those responsible for the deliberate setting of the El Dorado Fire be arrested and charged to the fullest extent that the law allows.

Thank you for your commitment to holding them accountable,  
Thomas Negrón  
Yucaipa Resident