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To the wonderful Pacifica community:

We are facing utter deception, and a despicable abandonment of our children and families, at the hands of David Hartman, CEO and the entire panel of Board Members of the Pacifica Boys and Girls Club. As this news is unfolding, here is what we've learned so far, having become aware of this closure on Monday, my recent posts can give the complete backstory. Please know that I am reporting these events to the best of my knowledge, and things may change as we navigate next steps.

- 1) We have LESS THAN TWO WEEKS, until the Pacifica board signs the paperwork, which would lead to BOTH our Pacifica clubhouse AND the Boys and Girls club at IBL (Ingrid B Lacey) to closing in the Fall.
- 2) The staff at the B & G club has now been instructed to NOT say anything to the community moving forward. It is clear that myself and others are being completely avoided as we try to speak out about this issue. This is their cowardly "strategy" to evade the public, as they tried to quietly shut down the Pacifica and IBL clubhouse with no prior notice to anyone. They have shut off their phones, and closed email accounts so that we can't reach them.
- 3) The Pacifica clubhouse land is zoned specifically for childcare use, so if the Boys & Girls club closes down, this building will likely sit EMPTY, and be displacing 175+ children for after school care.
- 4) Shutting down the Pacifica and IBL clubhouse with no notice to the families, schools or community has to be violating some parameters, a legal voice would be helpful here. Possibly even looking at discrimination, as there is no financial or viable reason making it appropriate to shut down our clubhouses.
- 5) This closure has nothing to do with free lunches. It is just the "metric" they are using to justify this closure. But they have no data to back it up, they are unable (or unwilling) to provide the numbers they are looking at. However, the Pacifica clubhouse is running at a profit, with plans to have more vans to reach schools farther away, and continued increasing enrollment.
- 6) When the Peninsula Boys & Girls club initially merged with Pacifica, they told the staff there that "everything would be fine, we're going to help your clubhouse and be able to provide you even more resources!" It wasn't long before talk of closing the Pacifica and IBL clubhouse blindsided the staff.
- 7) There has been pressure from the Peninsula B & G club for the Half Moon Bay site to take over the Pacifica clubhouses, which makes absolutely no sense, given that the budget in Half Moon Bay is 1/3 of what it takes to run the Pacifica clubhouse. And the Peninsula B&G club has millions at its disposal.

NEXT STEPS:

- 1) We are looking to create a task force quickly, to assemble and plan for protesting these closures.
- 2) We are reaching out to the media to shine a spotlight on this disgraceful and unethical behavior being demonstrated by the CEO and the Pacifica Board.
- 3) We are informing the school districts, principals, superintendent and school boards of these closures.
- 4) We will also be informing the Pacifica Mayor & City Council, San Mateo County Office of Education, State Assembly Member, Congressperson for our area, State Senator, and the national Boys & Girls club Board.
- 5) We are demanding a public meeting, IMMEDIATELY. Face to face, with the CEO and the Pacifica board, so that the community can provide our objections to these closures, discuss how to problem solve other solutions instead of closure, BEFORE the papers are signed next week.
- 6) We are looking into filing a complaint with the CA Dept of Social Services against the Peninsula Boys and Girls club, for attempting to close down our clubhouses with NO notice to the community, leaving our children abruptly and suddenly without care, with NO other options available.

That's what I have for now. Your ongoing and overwhelming support has been incredible. Thank you, everyone.

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