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Response to the letter from Mayor Anderson, and Councillors Palmer-Isaak and McEwen, sent to all Anmore residents by mail drop received March 24, 2011.

Dear Anmore Mayor and Councillors,

The inaccuracies and innuendo about the Anmore Alternative News, and me in particular, in your letter are quite distressing. As our elected officials, shame on you for playing such silly political games! The Anmore Alternative News reports on all community news in the Village in as factual and unbiased way as possible. If you don't like the way we report on what you do and say, don't say and do what you are doing and saying.

I take great exception to your claim that "this political website cannot be relied upon as an accurate source of information about issues occurring in our Village." Someone from the Anmore Alternative News attends all Council meetings. Our research is always based on fact, not maligning personalities. Please let me know what has been said that is "misleading at best and at times inaccurate" and we will gladly retract it.

Your insinuation that I am somehow the shadow of my husband, Councillor Piamonte, is very distasteful. Although I am very proud to be married to a man with such depth of intellect, integrity and honour, I am very much my own person and proud of my career accomplishments. Indeed, I have graduate degrees from two of the top universities in North America – Columbia (Doctorate) and the Johns Hopkins (MSc) Universities– and served as the only female Dean on the Executive Council at both SFU and CSULA.

Three years ago when there was no background information on the referendum question and the Minutes on the Village website were over a year behind, the Anmore Alternative News was started. I had just retired from my position as Chair of the Humanities Department at SFU and thought that my talents, time, and money could be volunteered to create a timely, accurate, and unbiased community voice. No one was more surprised than me by how quickly it became a news source of choice in the Village. Last year alone there were 29,347 unique visitors to the site, and 73,699 page views, mostly from this area. In less than three months 900 people have joined the AnmoreAlternative on Facebook to get timely updates.

It seems to me that three legs are required for balance on the stool of democracy 1) Elected Officials, 2) Laws and Enforcement, and 3) Free Press. I would greatly appreciate it, if you could take care of your leg and we will take care of ours.

Respectfully yours,



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