

My Turn

Was it really about the hotel?

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I think if it was public comment or as it was finger pointing and accusations would have ceased after Mr. Batra conceded to a three-story hotel. I attended the council meeting Tuesday afternoon (June 27). I took time off of work to go. It wasn't worth it. The four-story hotel was being used as a tool to bash the public officials. It was as in previous meetings years ago accusations and threats toward the public officials. The agenda and tactics of this group showed little control and a lot of disrespect. Every chance they had a dart was thrown at town staff or an elected official.

This was a sad day for me to witness this division in our community. Along with the disrespect councilman Fernandez displayed for his own staff and other council members. But took the opportunity to grand stand.

Mayor Barrone asked for every one to respect each other's comments and to remain quiet as others spoke. There was continued murmuring by those in supposed opposition of the hotel but their comments were directed at the elected officials. The council was being accused of having their own personal agenda and getting kick backs. It went to the point of accusing Mayor Barrone of having a stake in selling vigas to the hotel.

This Taos resident would rather see the money go out of town than stay here.

I guess she doesn't realize or care about the families my employees need to feed. It didn't matter as long as she had the opportunity to throw one of the darts.

It is an up coming election year and their political agenda has no bounds.

They will do unto others whatever they please to get what they want.

I am from Taos, my parents were born and raised here. Taos is unique not just because of its beauty and not because of the art or the height restrictions, but because of its people.

Taose-os used to be united.

They used to care and help out their neighbors. We used to come together in a good way. I guess Taos has changed and unfortunately not in a good way. If this is a display of what the citizens of Taos has become, I feel embarrassed, for myself and those putting on this public display. Not one person in opposition to the hotel could bring forth a solution, but I have to say it takes guts to be able to tell someone else how to spend their money when your aren't willing to invest your own.

This group of people didn't go into this meeting with love and concern for Taos but with hate, envy and disrespect. Poor Mr.

Batra, an investor in Taos, had to be caught in the middle of someone else's personal agenda of tainting their public officials.

It wasn't about the hotel.

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