

Catherine Montalbo Should Not be approved as a member of Richmond's Citizen/Community Police Review Commission.

We, the undersigned, urge the Mayor and Richmond City Councilmembers to vote NO on the appointment of Catherine Montalbo to Richmond's Citizen/Community Police Review Commission.

As the public social media posts included below show, Catherine Montalbo would be an unacceptable addition to any board or commission, but especially the CPRC. She has demonstrated:

- * Her intention to treat undocumented residents of Richmond, who she insists on calling "illegal immigrants," in a punitive and unfair manner.
- * Her belief that the undocumented residents of Richmond should not feel entitled to the protections offered by the CPRC.
- * A willingness to spread misinformation to incite people to withdraw support of the undocumented residents of Richmond, such as when she claimed that ICE raids in the area had been focused on rounding up criminals.
- * A lack of understanding about the history and continuing impacts of anti-black racism in the US, especially as it relates to policing and public safety. Her sharing photos on Facebook and Nextdoor of an African American woman she suspected of criminal activity is a form of vigilantism that put black lives in danger.
- * A callousness towards those who express concerns about the impacts of racism, gentrification, and mass incarceration on local residents.

Given her clearly stated positions, there is ample reason to believe that Catherine Montalbo would not be able to fulfill the requirements of the position she is seeking. She cannot be trusted to be a fair investigator of cases involving undocumented or African-American residents, nor will she be able to evaluate policies and procedures in an unbiased way. Her participation will in no way contribute to positive police-community relations with these groups or any other Richmonder who believes in fair treatment for all.

We urge the Mayor and Richmond City Councilmembers to vote NO on her appointment to the CPRC.

Ada Recinos, Former Richmond Council Member
Amalia Darling, Richmond Resident
Andrea Mullarkey, Richmond Resident and Homeowner
Andres Soto, Communities for a Better Environment
Bertha Pearl, Richmond Resident
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Christopher Sheridan, Richmond Resident
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Elsa Chinae Stevens, RPA, Richmond Resident
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 Virginia Ramirez, RPA / ACCE, Richmond Resident



A sample of Montalbo's social media posts...



Catherine Montalbo 🌐 We are a welcoming country which is why we don't detain immigrants; we detain ILLEGAL immigrants. What would you have us do with people who enter this country illegally? Every other sovereign nation on the planet has laws governing who may enter, and why, and for how long. Please stop conflating "immigrants" with "ILLEGAL" immigrants.



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 No  mostly legal immigrants whose immigration status could be revoked because of federal drug laws.

Possessing a joint is not even illegal in CA anymore, but it could trigger revocation of a green card.

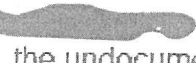
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 **Catherine Montalbo**  I'm having a hard time mustering sympathy for people with tenuous immigration status who then break our laws.

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 **Catherine Montalbo**  ILLEGAL immigrants were targeted. Let's get the facts right.

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 No human is ILLEGAL. Violating the rights of the undocumented is VIOLATING the laws you seem to believe in so much. Besides if history has taught us anything: All borders are temporary.

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Catherine Montalbo

Admin April 15, 2018

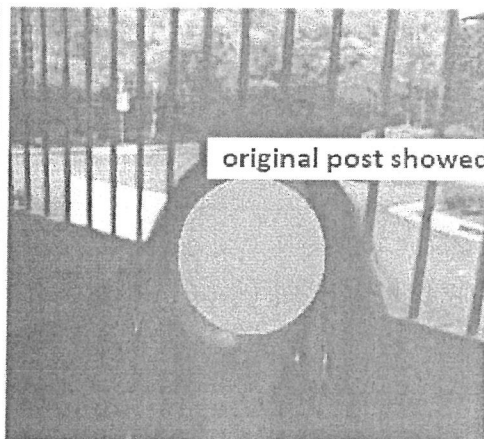
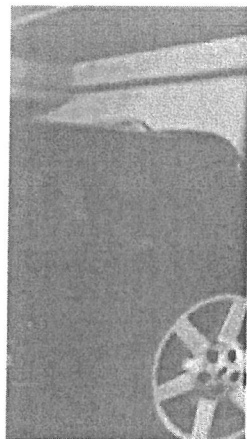
Sharing a post from Nextdoor regarding a recent incident at Brickyard Landing. If you have any information on this woman, please contact RPD, and please share her photo with your networks.

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out 7:45 PM a neighbor confronted a woman in one of the Landing who had driven into the garage without questioned she reacted with verbal and ultimately physical as he was capturing their interaction on his smartphone. She to let herself out of the garage and drove away. Other he stuffed into a locked door into the garage, apparently to tching so another person could enter the garage later in the to cars and storage lockers. I have reported this information eported this information to the police.

Involved – Hair: Black, possible wig, Top: T-shirt with m, Bottom: White shorts, Build: stocky, Race: African le, Other details: Carrying large purse, cell phone

Involved – Color: Black, Make: Range rover, Type: SUV, g/obscured



original post showed face of this person





Catherine Montalbo

Admin · February 3, 2016

Off to a great start with our "conversation!" Already being told what terms we aren't allowed to use. #echochamber



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Is "what the fuck" acceptable? 😊 1

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Catherine Montalbo - What are you referring to?

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Catherine Montalbo Sorry. I'm attending the town hall "conversation" on race. So far it's more of a lecture.

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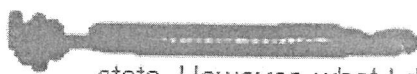


Catherine Montalbo About half of those 150 illegal aliens targeted by the recent raids have criminal convictions.

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Not sure where you're getting your stats. However, what I do know is that it's an inaccurate narrative that you just posted. I'm not going to debate with you because my post is about recruiting volunteers who want to help our immigrant community.

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Catherine Montalbo 🌐 What "narrative?" I'm stating facts. There is an assumption that ICE is rounding up honest, law-abiding (other than the law they broke when they entered the US illegally) individuals in these sweeps. That is not the case.

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[REDACTED] First of all, as I stated earlier this post is about recruiting volunteers who are interested helping. I'm not interesting debating what your views are on immigration. Secondly, being an undocumented resident is simply a civil infraction, not a criminal offense.

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[REDACTED] 🇺🇸 Nicel Did the CPRC change it's name?

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[REDACTED] Pending CC approval.

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Catherine Montalbo 🌐 Ah, just noticing the change from "Citizens" to "Community." Why the change?

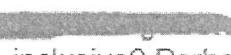
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[REDACTED], probably so illegal immigrants can also join.

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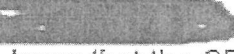


 Catherine, why is it 'misguided' to be inclusive? Perhaps you misunderstand the role of the CPRC




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 Yet some people who live here are also considered 'nom- citizens'

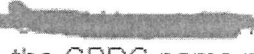
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 And yes, we wanted those residents to know that the CPRC represents them too




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 Catherine Montalbo   this, in my opinion, is a misguided way to be inclusive. Please attempt to see the nuance in my remarks. Thanks.


Like Reply 4h

 And to be clear, the resolution to change the CPRC name passed unanimously

Like Reply 4h

 Catherine Montalbo   that does not surprise me in the slightest. And to be clear, had I been on the commission at the time, the change would NOT have passed unanimously. I look forward to providing some diversity of thought on the CPRC.

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 For the record, I have no problem with the name change now that I understand the intent.

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