

**Results of Corky Booze Survey  
Tom Butt E-FORUM, April 6, 2012**

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| 2      | <p>Thanks Tom for allowing your readers to comment on Corky Booze's performance as a Richmond City Council Member. I hope that Corky will see the constructive criticism as positive and that he will use it to improve his behavior, not just with the public, but also his colleagues.</p> <p>I have known Corky for a long time. He is a decent person, but he lacks the temperament and patience to be a successful public official. If he wants to become effective he will have to change his attitude and behavior. He has lost the faith of the council and no one wants to work with him on critical issues facing the City.</p> <p>Now is the time for him to retool his conduct and look for more effective ways to voice his concerns. Right now, the Richmond City Council needs a full day retreat to discuss ways for the Council to work better. We need the Richmond City Council to function and to function well. The City is a vital part of West County. Watching current meetings is disturbing and will ultimately hurt the ability for all of us to succeed. It must be noted that we all need to work together and we need a cohesive City Council to do the work of the people. Thanks again for opening up the dialogue. I am sure everyone associated with this forum will benefit from this exercise.</p> |
| 1 or 2 | <p>I voted for him, but he has been a HUGE disappointment and I will never vote for him again.</p> <p>Chevron and other businesses can take care of themselves. What we need our local politicians to do is take care of the public good, instead of strutting proudly about how they LOVE to kowtow to power.</p> <p>This and other distractions - and even some hatred - that Corky seems to engage in are NOT productive! And NOT what I voted for. Boo, hiss!</p>  |
| 1      | <p>Mr. Booze ranks a 1 (one), and should resign effective immediately. He is an embarrassment to the City of Richmond.</p>   |
| 2.5    | <p>I'm not sure, but have a feeling of some disappointment. Yes I voted for him, but probably would give him a 2 and a half.</p>   |
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| 1      | <p>Corky: I voted for you. I even talked you up during my door-to-door precinct work on some of the other ballot initiatives. I was very hopeful about your presence on the Council. Now, I come to find out you are divisive and petty. Your attacks on the other Council members make you seem small. And your attack on the agency that is trying to help reduce youth violence appears to be very misguided. It's like the George Orwell novel, Animal Farm: When people get into power, they turn into power-mongers. Perhaps it's a good sign that you are asking for this reality check. Thank you for that.</p>  |
| 1      | <p>Corky scores a '1' in my book; to me all he's demonstrated is his devotion to Corky, to hell with Richmond. And it's obvious he's hoping to replace Bates as Chevron's rep on the Council when Bates retires. I voted for Corky, have been very disappointed, and will not vote for him again. Unless he changes radically.</p>   |
| 0      | <p>A big ZERO! Just as he was before some very strange people elected him to office, he is argumentative, manipulating, vindictive, and more concerned about protecting his own ASS-ets. He is a liar and and cheat just like he was when we were drag racing in the streets of Richmond years ago. Some leopards never change their spots and he is one of them. Keep your back to the wall and a tape recorder going during all conversations unless, you are giving him something for free.</p>   |
| 1      | <p>1, or how about zero?</p> <p>He goes back on his word.<br/>He represents the interests of only some people in some neighborhoods.<br/>He cozies to big money.<br/>Can't trust him.<br/>I voted for him. Big mistake.</p>  |
| 5      | <p>Corky: 5<br/>Tom: 5+</p>  |
| 1      | <p>Corky is a 1. His self-serving, self-righteous, and disruptive behavior lessens the effectiveness of the City Council.</p>  |

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| 2      | <p>I give Corky a 2. I voted for him but have not read a lot about what he's doing. He needs to find a way to communicate with residents about his work whatever that is. Unfortunately, what stands out for me about Corky is negative, i.e. the comments he made about the controversial project being evaluated (Devone Boggins), as reported in the CC Times recently.</p>  |
| 1      | <p>I rank his performance at 1. If possible, rank would be 0. Corky comes across to me as an egotistical know-it-all, an instigator, a disrupter, and in my opinion, has single-handedly brought the city council to the disagreeable, argumentative, chaotic group it is. He has brought Jovanka, Jeff, the Mayor, and sometimes Nat into his spin. He goes after Jim and you, Tom, but you two remain calm.</p> <p>I agreed with Soto that Corky is intentionally bringing this council in a non-cohesive entity, and hope he resigns or is impeached soon.</p> <p>I was watching the meetings every session, but had to stop and look in the day time because not only are they protracted, but I would get so upset, could not go to sleep.</p> <p>Such comments as "I want you the public to see the dictatorship going on at this city council", or "Madam Mayor, you are going to make people angry if you put him out, or, that worked in the plantation days, or, who are you to decide that grown people can't have a bag of chips (MAKES ME CRAZY). So wrong.</p> <p>He talks way too long. I hate to hear him start talking because it is not productive speech, usually, only speech to make himself look good, which he is failing at miserably</p> |
| 4      | <p>I give Corky a 4 out of 5 rating. My only concern is the fact that he engages in power struggles with certain other members of the City Council. One can respond to attacks by not engaging which makes the other party look like the problem, rather than getting involved in a destructive process of enmity which is a disservice to the people of Richmond.</p> <p>I am glad Corky is on the City Council and I will vote for him again. He is down to earth and accessible and does not treat his constituents in a patronizing manner as do a few of the other members of the Council. He is intelligent and appears to be open-minded.</p>  |
| 1      | <p>I would give Corky Booze a 1, or no more than a 2.</p> <p>The "2" would be because he was against the casino, and I still give him credit for that. However, in all other areas, I feel he is performing as a "1"</p> <p>He is argumentative, divisive, and has not stood for the values and positions that he said he would when he ran for office. He has changed his positions from what he used to say at meetings when he was on the floor, instead of on the dais. I am disappointed that he voted to increase the number of marijuana outlets to 6 in a city this small. I am disappointed that he has blocked many of the more progressive positions and issues that have been before the council. I am also very sorry he has aligned himself with Nat Bates, who is the most divisive and rude of the council members.</p> <p>I no longer think he is fighting for the best interests of the city, and would not vote for him in re-election (I did vote for him the first time). He has lost my vote and my support.</p>  |
| 2      | <p>Probably a 2.</p> <p>I voted for him last round. Doubt that I'll do so again. He needs to learn that to be effective, one has to learn how to play nice with others. His dust-up with Ritterman is of concern because it suggests that now that he is an insider, he is becoming corrupt like insiders tend to do.</p> <p>His obsession with taking down the community anti-violence program is ill-advised. Even if he is right, or more likely just a bit right about problems with the program, get the votes first; then come out with both barrels blazing.</p>   |
| 1      | <p>I'd have to give him a one...we've been so disappointed in his apparent self-interest trumping his love for the City.. I wanted him in: such fervor is rare, and have been heartbroken at his lack of civility and his willingness to spend precious time on irrelevancies.</p>  |
| 4      | <p>4. I've known Corky since 1989. His dedication to the City of Richmond is unquestionable. From what I have witnessed, had Corky been treated with more respect and a little understanding from his Council colleagues, things might have gone smoother for him. Corky has rough edges but he doesn't share the same class background as his esteemed colleagues. I support Corky. I'll support him and vote for him in the future. As for some of the</p>  |

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|        | Council members I've supported in the past, it is unlikely I'll be voting for them in the future.   |
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| 1      | <b>I rate Councilman Corky Booze as a "1"</b> . He is just as uninformed, unprofessional and disrespectful on the City Council as he was when he was not on the City Council. I am ashamed and embarrassed that I voted for him and that he is now representing the City of Richmond. I was just trying to give him a chance. What a big mistake I made. Week after week he continues to disrespect not only the Mayor and other Council members, other than Councilman Bates, but the City Manager and City Attorney as well. It doesn't seem to make a difference to him that the meetings are live, recorded and for all to see. Now Richmond can be known for crime and a year around circus, which is the Richmond City Council. I wish he could be recalled. His term cannot be up soon enough for me!!!  |
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| -1     | Corky is the most divisive councilmember we have, and that's saying a lot. I believe he should be ranked at -1 at best. He is racist, egotistic, and opportunistic--especially opportunistic. He hitched himself to the RPA wagon and Gayle in order to get elected, and then he turned on the very people who helped him finally get elected.<br><br>I am not one of HIS people, and I am deeply disappointed in how he has handled his time in office.  |
| 1      | My husband rank Corky 1. I rank Corky 1.  |
| 4      | Only if you do it for each council. Booze four. Entire council one!   |
| 3.5    |   |
| 1.5    | I give Corky a 1.5. I voted for him thinking that he was a progressive. I was so wrong. The only thing that I've been happy about Corky is that he voted against the casino, and yes, he did vote for special funding to establish worker-owned cooperatives in Richmond. He's been against more bike routes in Richmond, somehow thinking that African Americans don't ride bikes which is really amazing since Brian Drayton, an African American, opened Richmond Spokes and runs programs for inner city kids introducing them to cycling, and he brings them the shoreline. Some of these kids had never been to the shoreline before, plus cycling is good for the environment and good for all people, no matter what their race. He also thinks that bike lanes make it difficult for emergency vehicle access. I suggested he speak to the city managers of Berkeley and San Francisco about this since it doesn't seem to be a problem for those cities.<br><br>He has become cozy with Chevron having excused himself from the Chevron property tax vote. He does not act like a team player, and I'm sorry to say he is acting more and more like Nat Bates who is cozy with big business and developers, especially Chevron.<br><br>Also, his whole vendetta against the organizer of the special program to prevent gang violence, is an embarrassment. This program has been very successful in helping to stop violent crime in Richmond.<br><br>Richmond is in a renaissance. It's time for progressive politics to outweigh the old corrupt big polluting industrial business politics of Richmond's past. If Corky cared about people who look like him, he would certainly not be cozy with Chevron, a company that is making people who look like him very ill indeed. |
| 0.2    | The Mayor and the entire council receive at best a "0.1" given their unprofessional behavior at recent council meetings. They fiddle and fight over trivial and mundane issues, including national issues which the people of Richmond have very little control in influencing a solution, while major local issues that need attention continue to burn away. Surprisingly the only one who has shown any degree of protocol and reasonableness is Nat Bates....wow - how have we come to this. BUT - the people deserve the very best/worst politicians that they pander to. Given his persistence and audacity to fight for his issues, albeit often racist at times, I will give Corky a 0.2  |
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|        | I can't give a ranking to Corky Booze's performance since it is below the lowest allowable number of 1. I consider my decision to help elect Corky Booze into the City Council as perhaps the biggest political mistake I've made since voting for Richard Nixon. He represented himself falsely as an advocate for the mayor and only showed his true colors AFTER he got a seat on the council. He brings with him unnecessary contentious behavior, does not understand the concept of working with others and, in my opinion, has created an atmosphere of conflict that seems to be more a result of his own need for self-aggrandizement than a true concern for the difficult issues facing our city. I will never again vote for Corky Booze and will urge anyone I come into contact   |

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|        | with to do the same.   |
| 0      | My response: Mr. Booze should get his own e-forum and not ask another City Councilmember to use his/her e-forum for a survey on his performance. For this reason alone, I rate Mr. Booze - Zero - below scale.   |
|        | <p>I would say Councilman Booze's performance is at an all time low. He is divisive, argumentative, occasionally threatening and he couches his self-serving vendettas in a concern for Richmond's poor and disenfranchised. I am deeply disappointed in him, and I feel that he's making a mockery of the office he sought so fervently. He's lowered the bar of community discourse and made the city council meetings almost unbearable to witness.</p> <p>I voted for him based on his hopefulness, his powerful speaking style and seeming dedication to the city. At the time he seemed like an honorable, dedicated person who really wanted to make Richmond a better place. Instead, he's actively blocking constructive programs in the city. On city growth issues, I've seen him speak out in support of divisive community politics and support ill-conceived attacks against small business people rather than using his office to resolve issues and seek understanding, he fosters divisions. At the council meetings he's levied threats against the mayor, baited the other council-members and offered not a single constructive idea. He is the exact opposite of what he seemed.</p> <p>And FYI, I'm not saying this as a progressive, I'm saying this as a pro-small business, pro-Richmond, pro-diversity, pro-youth, anti-violence moderate. I will be voting against him in future elections. I don't know why he ran for this office if all he wants to do is destroy it.</p>  |
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| 1      | Corky's performance since taking office rates at 1 because of the tremendous amount of disruption he has regularly caused at meetings and the disrespect he has shown towards his fellow council members. He does not appear to be a team player!  |
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| 1      | <p>Rating = 1</p> <p>Behavior on Council: self-aggrandizing; argumentative -- not in a constructive way, but just to be contrary and obstructive; bullying and insulting toward Mayor and Councilpersons Beckles, Ritterman and Rogers; uses a disproportionate amount of Council meeting time to hold forth; pursues personal vendettas against certain agencies and individuals (ONS, for example); overall, an embarrassment to our city and a barrier to effective city government.</p> <p>Please be sure to remove my name from the survey results. There is strong evidence that Mr. Booze is capable of vicious acts of revenge toward people he perceives as adversaries.</p>  |
| 3      | 3- Appreciate the efforts towards employment needs of the city. Lost ground when going after ONS. Few qualified and professional African American roll models in Richmond. Start supporting each other.  |
| .01    | <p>Councilmember Booze consistently disrespects, staff, the Mayor, the City Manager, the City Attorney, the public, applicants, contractors, consultants and the overall Rosenberg rules of order and decorum. He's overall behavior has been embarrassing for the City of Richmond and nothing less than deplorable. He uses divisive tactics, longwinded explanations of explanations which force City Council Meetings to come to a grinding halt, often causing the public, other Council Members and the people's business to suffer the consequences of his filibustering. His lack of understanding about the process like when he tried to introduce a substitute motion while a motion to call for the question was moved and seconded raises serious concerns about his knowledge of city government. His lack of understanding resulted in a request for the City Attorneys ruling and about 7-10 minutes of the public's time wasted due to his ignorance.</p> <p>He always finds a way to veer off topic and badger the public speakers and staff when he is opposed to an item often raising his voice and making unsubstantiated accusations and trying to intimidate any person who doesn't agree with him. I know numerous African American residents who find his actions disgusting but do not want to voice their opinion for fear of backlash or being chastised during open forum by him or his supporters/staff. Council member Bates was correct a few years ago when he said "Corky, you're an embarrassment to this City".</p> <p>As an African American Richmond resident, I'm embarrassed that because of Council Member Booze's antics, our City Council Meetings are the joke of the Bay Area and the other Council Members allow him to damage the reputation of a City working hard to improve its reputation of a dysfunctional City Council.</p> |

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|        | <p>I would encourage the other Council members to simply nip this in the bud and Call For the Question and take and immediate vote every time Council member Booze begins to engage in his juvenile behavior, goes off topic, disrespects and wastes the public's time.</p> <p>He's lucky if he doesn't get recalled before his term expires.</p>   |
| 4      | 4 except for the prospective marijuana { medical } to be grown in Richmond. NOT IN MY BACK YARD, please !)  |
| 4      | <p>I'm very happy that Corky is on the Council. I do not agree with his vote on marijuana dispensaries – But overall I give him a good solid 4.</p> <p>Very glad he is on the Council.</p>  |
| 1      | <p>I would give Corky a 1. He has lost his focus, doesn't think through his proposals or statements. There are many sides to every issue and each side needs to be considered before making a statement or proposal. "His people" should be ALL the people of Richmond. No one can solve all of the city's problems and he should zero in on the issues that make a difference, such as boosting the city's image, cleaning up the city, promoting the good things that are happening in our city like our festivals, revival of historic downtown Richmond, bringing new business and pumping new life into our city. As a leader in the city, one has to put aside personal feelings in favor of what is best for the city. If he has a personal beef with someone or a department, take it to that person or department - don't air it in public. Every council person needs to check their ego at the door and leave it there until the meeting is over!</p>  |
| 3+     | <p>3+, Tom, I feel he needs to be a little more flexible and tolerant in his dealing with individuals who express different opinions on matters concerning the city of Richmond that deviate from his own agenda. I do like him though. wayne tarr</p>  |
| 5      | <p>Corky , Has done an excellent job bring into the discussion about job creation and retaining jobs in Richmond. Before Corky raised this to the front burner , we watched as hundreds of Richmond Jobs left Marina Bay. These jobs , were in the energy corridor , and not only were these Richmond jobs a fit for the expansion of UC/LBNL , but were in the long term interest of Richmond. With 17 percent of unemployment in Richmond , and an under employment number which some say might be as high as 30% , Richmond can't afford to lose any jobs. Corky asked the question , to paraphrase “ what could Richmond have done different to keep jobs ? What could Richmond do to become a magnet for more jobs, not just green jobs? “ This is important , as many states are creating incentives for job creation , we need to look at tax structures , by keeping our state enterprise zone , as one example. So on the bases on keeping jobs in Richmond , the grade of 5 is well earned for starting the discussion.</p> |
| 1      | <p>I sadly rate Corky Booze's performance on the city council with a 1. Really disappointing. During the election campaign he seemed so concerned with poor people in Richmond. Now all we hear is how much he supports Chevron and hates the progressives. His attack on the neighborhood safety people was shocking. His disrespect toward the mayor is so awful. I'm really sorry I voted for him.</p>   |
| 4      | <p>Corky is less bombastic than Irma Anderson, far more intelligent than George Livingstone, and more responsive to the public than Rosemary Corbin. He's more focused than Lesa McIntosh and no more egotistical than Gary Bell. He's more productive than Donna Powers and more knowledgeable than Rev. Belcher. Far less self-absorbed than Jim Macmillan. He gets a helluva lot done, and expends a tremendous amount of time and energy on behalf of the public. I could go on and on.</p> <p>All in all, I give him a 4. If he'd voted for the bike plan, it would be an easy 5 for me.</p>   |
| -1     | I think Corky's behavior is outrageous...I rank him 0-1..he think he represents the black community.he doe not...   |
|        | I have attended only 2-3 city council meeting since Corky was elected. He expresses another point of view but is frequently overpowering and not respecting of others time and opinions. Diplomacy is not his best suit.  |
| 1      | <p>Corky garners a 1 if that high.</p> <p>His manner is divisive and confrontational.. When he asks questions, it is not to find answers but to find ways to attack the person from whom he wants the response. On many occasions, people have answered Corky's</p>   |

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|        | <p>questions, but Corky has demanded that a specific person answer the question and when that person has answered or not answered, Corky has reworded the answer to reinforce Corky's position. Corky talks over the mayor and other council members. He makes disrespectful personal comments about other council members. (such as: "He and Bates are the only African Americans on the city council". "Butts was sued and lost". Comments about sexual orientation...etc.)</p> <p>Corky misrepresents what others say by re-framing their statements in some totally unrelated context. 'Not wanting shoreline rezoning as equaling not wanting jobs'...etc. I could go on but I would have to review the city council meetings to be exact.</p> <p>Corky also accuses others of not doing what he so obviously doesn't do himself: reading the documents provided for council members. One particular issue was the junk mail service. Corky either had not read the documents or was incapable of understanding them.</p> <p>Corky misrepresents what actually happens in the city council meetings. For instance, Kenneth Davis uses his time to make personal attacks on council members. It is not an issue of being off topic, but of making derogatory remarks.</p> <p>Corky talks too much and does not get to the point. His comments are either congratulating people he has worked with or condemning people he dislikes; seldom do they pertain to the issues in a logical manner. His self references in third person, are congratulatory and misplaced.</p> |
| 2      | I give him a 2.  |
| 4      | <p>I would rank Corky's performance, at minimum, a "4"!</p> <p>I have always admired his persistent determination to speak out for a Richmond demographic that he held to be under-served. I have not always agreed with/followed his concerns; but, his exercise of the citizen's right to petition his city government often bore fruit (or was, at least, grudgingly acknowledged!). Too often, the under-served are politically inert. Corky has stepped in to keep the 'pot' stirring!</p> <p>However, I believe that he is over-zealous in his pursuit of the ONS. In my stereotypical view of the social compact, the "haves"/"1%", who have mastered the game of making illegitimate gain 'legitimate', do not intend that today's ethnic body's (such as are represented in Richmond's underclass) can climb up the ladder behind them. I.e., "piping in" money (to the under-served) is, in actuality, far less benevolent than the "piping in" of self-actualized community control (might become)!</p>   |
| 2      | <p>Here is my meager evaluation, since I do not watch actual performances at televised meetings. I read newspaper articles.</p> <p>Rating: 2 out of 5</p> <p>Reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New members perform differently in first 1-2 years, as they learn elected councilmember protocol &amp; mores, gain more comprehensive insider info not privy to the public, flex &amp; exercise the muscles of councilmember, &amp; react to feedback from staff, other councilmembers, &amp; the public. Although Corky has performed as an outsider for many years, he is still "green."</li> <li>2. He is very earnest and hardworking at his new job. He does contribute different perspectives to discussion.</li> <li>3. He still need to master the art of persuasion &amp; compromise to perform as part of a team, not a solo.</li> <li>4. He continues to be rude &amp; obnoxious, not an effective way to operate on the council. Personal attacks are not acceptable.</li> <li>5. He still has to learn that he is not the city manager but is just one of 7 on council &amp; majority vote needed to pass any measure.</li> <li>6. He should try to listen to &amp; consider other points of view. For example, when told that the North Shoreline area property is going to flood with rising tides due to global warming, Corky said that not his problem &amp; should not impact his decision to allow development.</li> </ol>   |

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|        | <p>7. Regarding the ONS issue, it was totally inappropriate for Corky to personally supervise the city intern to develop &amp; argue his position, whether right or not.<br/>Karen Leong Fenton</p>  |
|        | <p>Mr. Booze is the hardest working council member I have ever seen. Answer his questions, make the political process whole again. Full transparency is the only way.</p>  |
| 2      | <p>I voted for Corky thinking he would be an advocate for all residents. But I find him to be increasingly self-promoting, obstinate, and eager to bring attention to himself by fueling conflict. I find him often to be an embarrassment to the city and I wouldn't vote for him again. I do appreciate his intent, at times, to question how public monies are spent. How he carries himself, however, is abrasive and self-defeating.</p>  |
| 2      | <p>I have to give him credit for asking. A brave thing to do, given my impressions.</p> <p>I would rate his performance a bare 2. I had such hopes that he would be a persuading factor, but instead he tends to be a disturber and shows gross disrespect for the Mayor, his fellow councilmembers, those attempting to speak and the audience in general. The constant impolite interruptions, the yelling, the threats of what will happen if so and so is ejected or not allowed to speak....they go on and on and should be stopped.</p> <p>This isn't Animal House, but often it appears the poorest imitation of it. Politeness, respect and decorum need to be main parts of his personality and actions. They have been sorrowfully lacking.</p>  |
| 1      | <p><i>I give Councilmember Booze a "1".<br/>I would prefer to give him a "minus 100" but that seems not to be an option</i></p>  |
| 1      | <p>we rate him only 1. HE has shown nothing to us on the Council, but a huge lack of respect and good manners. He comes across as an extremely RUDE, pompous, windbag, clown ... "kissing up" to the various citizen groups in our City. Only out for himself, for sure.<br/>He should be silenced at the meetings by the Mayor, when he starts his antics....</p>   |
|        | <p>I voted for Mr Booze. Although I do not attend council meetings, I do watch them on TV. I noticed how at EVERY meeting he used to be right there in the front row. Now I would not always agree with what he was saying, but I applauded him for speaking his truth and showing up, and I believed that he had the best intentions for his community. Intentions go a long way with me.</p> <p>However, I have witnessed him straying from those interests. He seems to have sided with Mr Bates, without question the most conservative, and business connected member of the council. I don't feel Mr. Bates is a friend of the community at all, so when I view this alliance, it reminds me of the Chevron 5. Politics does indeed make strange bedfellows but it might behoove Mr Booze to recall what happened to the majority of those individuals at election time.</p> <p>Mr Booze appears to fight with the council a great deal, like Mr Bates, and we, the people of this city, are pretty damn tired of it. It is time, past time, to put egos aside and work for the greater good of this community. It is fine to disagree with someone, but I expect the council to act professionally at all times when in front of the public, and it wouldn't hurt to continue that behind closed doors. Mr Booze does not seem as 'in touch' with the locals as he once was, and he needs to get that back. I will say it bodes well that he is asking for a community evaluation, however in light of what I have seen at the council meetings I am giving him a 2.5. He will need at least a 4 to secure my vote in future elections.</p> |
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| 2      | <p>I would give him a 2.</p> <p>Like many other politicians, Booze is a supporter of Chevron. Since Chevron is the largest polluter and not inclined to be proactive about cleaning up, since Chevron gives away a few million while trying to get tens of millions subtracted from its tax bill, since Chevron does not give any preference to people in Richmond for hiring and since it consistently undermines actual democracy by spending millions to get its candidates in office, I always prefer those who stand up to Chevron over those who do not.</p> <p>Whether or not, Booze is right about corruption in the Office of Neighborhood Services, I do not know. But the way he asked for a forensic audit and got shot down by everybody else, he looks like a loose cannon.</p> <p>Booze makes inflammatory statements that rile up everybody else. I do not automatically hold that against</p>   |

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|        | <p>politicians. Chris Daly in San Francisco comes to mind as a person who was also inflammatory who certainly delivered for the down and out in his district. But Booze's inflammatory statements just seem to have the effect of riling up everybody without accomplishing anything.</p> <p>Unless something seriously changes in the next two years, I will vote Booze out.</p>  |
|        | <p>I have been dismayed and appalled at Councilman Booze's verbal bullying of people who speak at Council meetings and he takes issue or disagrees with their comments. I rate him at the lowest category possible because of his discourteous treatment of citizens and other council members.</p>  |
| 5      | <p>Rank for Councilman Booze - 5<br/>I admire him for the great work he has done and continues to do for the residence in the City of Richmond.</p>  |
|        | <p>Where can I see a copy of his voting record?</p>  |
|        | <p>He liked to be addressed as Councilmember Booze not Corky and made it a point to lots of people. He needs to relinquish the title. He's way too reactionary.</p>  |
| 1      | <p>I rank Corky a 1. If I could, I would rank him a 0!</p> <p>Since Corky has been on the Council he has brought disrepute to the Council with his disruptive and disrespectful bullying behavior towards his colleagues, staff and the public.</p> <p>Corky has taken the worst of Senator Joseph McCarthy's demagogue tactics and is waging a war against the Progressive Movement in Richmond because he is willing to sell himself to the Corporatacracy now that he is on the council. Corky dishonors the long tradition of progressive African American politics.</p> <p>It is clear Corky is lazy and doesn't do his homework. He uses intimidating inquisitional tactics on staff and community members to make himself appear as if he is on a voyage of discovery for "the people" in order to find a hidden agenda. The reality is - he is studying on the fly when the information is frequently already in his packet.</p> <p>Corky is a racist, sexist and a homophobe whose attacks against Jovanka Beckles should have been censured by the Council. His interruptions of the Mayor and speaking over her in the Council meetings is an abusive power play that prevents the council from doing its business in a timely fashion.</p> <p>Who benefits from this? Not the Council, nor Corky. The division of the community and the race baiting Corky engages in only benefits the Corporatacracy!!!</p> <p>He is also doing this to run interference for Nat Bates, who serves the same corporate interests, and who is up for re-election this year. He is creating heat to make Nat look reasonable!</p> |
|        | <p>Corky seems not to have noticed he is on the other side of the Council chambers now. He is argumentative and very full of himself, the same as before his election. He never seems to introduce anything positive, instead tearing down most everything any other council member proposes. I believe he as been disrespectful at one time or another toward every council member except Mr Bates. He encourages the TV watchers to see whats going on. The disaster that was his vendetta against Neighborhood Services was not his finest TV hour. If Corky had specific information about wrong doing at the agency he had the obligation to disclose it to the appropriate authorities. Instead he tried to start a fishing expedition otherwise called a forensic audit. I don't expect him to change his behavior but it would be nice if he did.</p>  |
| 2      | <p>2 out of 5</p>  |
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| 1      | <p>ranking: 1</p> <p>Or can I say negative 5? I'm really sorry that I voted for him. I used to enjoy watching the city council on TV, and now when he starts, I change the channel, and the reason for that is that I can't stand grandstanding when he really doesn't know what he's talking about. He's talking a lot and saying nothing.</p>  |
| 5      | <p>Judges say 5! I love Corky, especially when the Ladies gang up on him. Keep on truckin' Corky!</p>  |
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| 1      | <p>Score: 1</p>  |



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|        | <p>In the several council meetings I have attended, Mr Booze has been a counter-productive force, contributing to misunderstanding of the issues and an antagonistic relationship on the council and with the community. My greatest concern is that Booze has manipulated community members into acting against their own interests by providing them with half-truths and using dramatic tactics to get an emotional response.</p>  |
| 1      | <p>City Coucilman Corky Booze is a 1, best case scenario. Thanks for making this survey public. Quotes I saw attributed to Corky Booze prior to the election and actions after taking office confirm that he has passion and drive. However, he is a bad fit for Richmond.</p> <p>I don't really get the idea that Corky represents all of Richmond, just the angry ones who don't want change – except when it benefits them. You know, those folks who as children never went to class or listened to anyone that could help them, but now want to have all the nice things in life so long as they don't have to work for it. I just wish he could see it in his heart to represent even those people who did not vote for him.</p> <p>If unincorporated North Richmond ever gets annexed or becomes a town, he would be a great fit for them. His style is long on posturing and bark, short on substance and bite.</p>   |
| 1      | <p>I thought he was going to be much better. He can't seem to focus on anything but Devone Boggan. That said, "one" would be my answer.</p>   |
| 2.5    | <p>OK, here goes.</p> <p>Not sure if the numeric scale of 1-5 will work, but with hands forced I'll rate Corky 2.5 on the performance scale. It could have been a zero, it could have been a 5, but the 2.5 score reflects things he does really well and also things he doesn't.</p> <p>I voted for Corky. I like Corky, still do, even though he's jumped in my face. (more on that).</p> <p>I believe he means well and is an action oriented person who wants to see things progress and get done. I think he genuinely wants to improve the economic vitality of Richmond, and wants our kids educated, and employed - here in Richmond. Noble. Honorable. And a mission very much needed. I have not contacted him on an issue, but I understand that he receives a lot of communication from residents on issues and takes all of it seriously and (along with Saint Jackie) responds to everyone. Nobel. Honorable.</p> <p>I happen to like that he stirs things up. Sometimes you have to stir a stagnant pot of vegetable soup to get the vegetables that don't taste very well to come to the surface. How you get those rotten vegetables out is a matter of choice. You can use a slotted spoon and save the soup, or you can drop a stick of TNT in the pot and blow the whole thing up. I sense and sometimes share his frustration at trying to push through the bureacratic fog of city operations. But I think he'd be more successful at taking a more 'surgical' approach, and use non-invasive tools as much as possible.</p> <p>A few things that might make make things better.</p> <p>1) Really study and incorporate the rules of decorum, know the Brown Act cold, and know Rosenberg's rules cold, along with a complete picture perfect memory of the city charter. The rules weren't created to be oppressive, they were created to keep order, with a mission of a) creating an atmosphere where all participants feel welcome and respected - and thus will remain engaged b) moving things along! When folks go out of order, whether it's procedurally or in presentation, the entire city council meeting becomes disrupted, slows down, and business doesn't get done. Nat Bates a few weeks ago said something to the effect of 'can we just take an item and vote on it? vote it up or down and let's get on with the business of the city.' Here. Here.</p> <p>2) The pontification that goes on is really getting out of control and if I had to lay out the slices of the pie of the individuals or groups responsible for that, I'd say 75% of it is council itself, and 25% the audience/residents. Of the council slice of the pie responsible for pontificating, 1/3 goes to Jeff Ritterman, 1/3 goes to Corky, and the rest is spread about amongst the remaining council members with only Nat Bates consistently being brief and to the point, followed soemwhat apace by you and Jim Rogers.</p> <p>I understand when Corky wants to point out something he's frustrated about or wants to inquire about further, but many questions can be answered in the materials supplied in the agenda packet. And if there's an item in the agenda packet that is lacking in info or requires clarification, that might best be done with consultation with city staff <u>prior</u> to the council meeting.</p> <p>Where Corky goes off the rails is when he attacks people. I'd like to use another word for it, because I don't mean</p> |

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|        | <p>to conjure up images of someone physically assaulting someone - that certainly is not the case, but I chose the word 'attack', because I think most people who are on the other side of his aggression feel attacked. He may not realize that...</p> <p>His disparagement of Jovanka Beckles' ethnicity and racial make up when he challenged her about whether she is Latina or African American was a classic example, and really, just... well..it was pretty stunning.</p> <p>I'm sure she felt attacked. And she didn't respond in the best of ways, but as is the natural human response when you feel attacked: it's fight or flight. I still for the life of me cannot understand what the point was in all that.</p> <p>Jovanka was born in Panama - that makes her Latina by birthright. She lives in North America and is of African descent - that makes her African American. (The Americas last time I checked spanned from Tierra del Fuego to the northernmost reaches of the Hudson Bay). Under the circumstances, I think she did pretty o.k. in keeping her cool, and strived to point out the fundamentals of the diaspora. It was however a sad thing to witness in a city like Richmond that has had a much longer history of diversity than most other cities in the Bay Area. And here we are in a country where we have a POTUS descended from an African father and (white) American mother.</p> <p>I have pretty thick skin so if someone goes off on me, I might take a moment or two to point out my thinking and logic behind whatever I might be getting verbally challenged by, but fairly quickly will just disengage with a situation that feels like the purpose is destruction, not exploration and understanding. That may not be the case with others. Corky needs to understand where he has pushed the bar with people.</p> <p>One has to take into consideration that Richmond residents, and for that matter city staff, and other council members, represent people who have at the forefront of their daily efforts the improvement, caretaking and well being of Richmond. Those residents that come to the mike to air their concerns CARE and most of them put their money where their mouth is in terms of volunteering. Verbally challenging and attacking those folks, or staff, or other council members is not going to improve anything for anyone.</p> <p>My grandmother used to say:</p> <p>If you have a beef about something, take it up FIRST with the individual privately. Give them an opportunity to explain themselves - you might learn something, and give them the <u>generosity</u> to save face. If the situation doesn't improve. Hire a lawyer - i.e. use the administrative procedures available to you. And once that process is in place and you are willing to either risk your career and/or are so totally confident of a win, THEN and only THEN, go public with your beef. Short of that, you are just burning up your bridges <u>before</u> you cross them.</p> <p>Corky might consider for his next vacation, a challenging team building week/exercise. Amazing what happens when you are presented with very difficult things to do and you need to depend on others sometimes and lead others sometimes. Try something way out of his comfort zone. If he hates baseball, maybe a week at a spring fantasy camp. If he hates heights, maybe an outdoor zip line team building exercise.</p> <p>Nothing in my life has humbled me as much as crossing the Pacific in a race with 5 others. You're all each other has, and you won't get there without one another.</p> <p>OK, that's my \$8.42 on the subject.</p> <p>My regards to Corky.</p> |
| 1      | <p>I'd give him a zero, but if one is your lowest score I give him a one</p> <p>He is disrespectful of others , often attacks colleagues and often with misinformation</p> <p>He talks too much and has little to say. He has turned council meetings into battlegrounds. He is a terrible role model in that his main way of operating is to bully folks. His attacks on ONS is just one example. He brags a lot about his accomplishments but usually his actions make things worse not better. He is the reason council meetings go on endlessly. He is very disrespectful of the mayor and of the democratic process. He speaks out of turn, calls the mayor names and encourages people in the audience to be disrespectful as well. He should be immediately recalled and should never ever be put in any position of authority. He is the worst city councilmember Richmond has ever known. He does everything he can to divide the city along racial lines rather than encouraging folks to work together.</p>  |
| 5      | <p>Tom, thank you for the survey. I rank Corky with a 5. Corky tries to raise questions and get the answers that the community has that no one seems to want to address and he is willing to be unpopular to serve those of us who do not want be disenfranchised from the process. A lot of our council members are willing to be puppets and just "go along".</p>   |

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| 0      | I rate Corke Booze's performance as a 0. He has been totally inappropriate, insulting, and ineffective. As an African American leader he has been an insult.   |
|        | <p>Who cares??? Nothing anyone can say or do is going to be helpful, it only gives him more of the attention that he "DEMANDS" of us. This man spends most of his waking moments trying to hurt as many people as he possibly can, day in and day out and now on his command we are supposed to evaluate him. Has everyone lost their minds???</p> <p>Until the city of Richmond has the courage to come up with a policy that stops council-bully-Booze from wasting the tax payers dollars and holding the community hostage, week after week at the council meetings....count me out! Speaking of wasting tax payers money, we can't find something more useful to with the city's time than to accommodate this foolish request? The man threatens people from his seat as if that is normal and you want to survey him???</p> <p>WAKE UP PEOPLE!!!</p> <p>As always, he's playing everyone!</p>                           |
| 1      | <p>Rating 1</p> <p>If you allowed lower rating I would give it. His arrogance and abuse descend to lower levels at each Council meeting.</p>   |
|        | I don't care who see it. I am sick of this man controlling things.   |
| 3      | <p>3 there is to much talking and posturing and bickering among the council members!</p> <p>I wouldn't give anyone a five except maybe Mr. Butt.</p>   |
| 1      | <p><b>Score: 1</b></p> <p>Mr. Boozé has failed to adhere to his campaign promise: "I always wanted to do something for <b>my</b> community and this gives <b>me</b> the opportunity... "Now <b>we</b> can get things done, <b>we</b> can change this city, and <b>we</b> can change it in a positive way." His conduct is unprofessional - divisive, polarizing, extremely negative and his opportunistic actions on and off Council are shallow at best and harmful to our community. Mr. Boozé's performance contributes to an unfortunate view of <b>our</b> community and his behavior is almost always in opposition to the civil practices shared by the many in our community who are respected for their efforts to align all of us on productive efforts that better <b>our</b> city. In short, without a significant improvement in his performance, we may need a recall.</p>                                       |
| 3      | Corky seems to be more interested in forwarding his Own agenda than the city's. If there were a 10 point scale he'd get a 3 (down at the bottom).  |
| 1      | <p>I had higher hopes right after the election, but now I'd have to rate him 1.</p> <p>While I believe that deep down Councilmember Booze cares, his bullying behavior is not helping the community and sets a bad example for our youth. His volatile conduct at city council meetings is often extremely disruptive and offensive (interrupting the mayor, continuing to yell when the mayor calls for order, giving many excessively long and self-serving speeches), which makes me not want to watch the meetings. He should take anger management classes and get some counseling, so that he can better control his impulses on a consistent basis. I hope he uses the comments from this survey as an opportunity to learn and grow.</p> <p>I appreciate his vote against the casino, and wish he would stand up to other big money interests that use the poor of Richmond to increase their own personal wealth.</p> |
| 1      | <p>1/5. I would give a zero if I could.</p> <p>I am basing this on the handful of city council meetings I've seen on public access cable.</p> <p>He is disruptive, disrespectful, and unprofessional. He does not seem to have a good grasp of the issues at hand, nor does not seem to really understand how the city government really works. Added to this are the revelations that he has inappropriate donations to has campaign.</p>   |
| 1      | Corky's performance on City Council ranks a 1, at the highest. The man has wanted to be a council member for   |

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|        | <p>the longest time, running ten times for a seat before finally gaining one, and then only on the strength of his anti-casino position. What! Does he imagine he's popular, or something? The man will never win a second seat, having fulfilled his purpose of defeating the casino. Not unless he can come around to demonstrating he has some understanding of a council member's role in being a good steward of the City of Richmond, its resources, policies, and programs to benefit its livelihood, livability, and its people.</p> <p>It is hard to fathom what he thinks he's doing. Didn't he have positive ideas motivating him to serve on the council? Isn't that why he tried to get on the council for so long and so hard. Yet, he hasn't come forward with any initiatives that suggest he'd been thinking about it all those years. And now that he's on the council, he doesn't even do the work of serving on it. He clearly attends council meetings totally unprepared - demonstrating ignorance of the materials a responsible council member would study and interpret ahead of time to discern the potential benefit proposals before the council might present the citizens of Richmond and preparing questions of clarification to ease any doubt as to that potential benefit before casting votes on them.</p> <p>Instead of acting as a responsible steward, he behaves as though he wants only to call attention to himself. He avoids the hard work necessary to gain accolades for intelligent discernment, diplomacy, and - where legal and beneficial - negotiation, but seeks attention through bluster, bullying, and crowd manipulation - encouraging people to attend council meetings to join in the cacophony he orchestrates. The little respect he has for hard work he also demonstrates toward his fellow council members, city staff, the public, and the mayor (Whose long-suffering attempts to maintain his right to speak despite his indifference to speaking on topic, refraining from personal insult, and dragging on meetings interminably with ignorant nonsense and bluster warrant her a Nobel Peace Prize.) .</p> <p>Are these impeachable offenses? Would that they were, because having to suffer his behaviour on the council for two more years is unimaginable.</p>  |
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| 2      | <p>He's a two point 5.</p> <p>Still surprised he won election. HE should recognize that progressives elected him.</p> <p>He's a flip-flopper.</p> <p>I don't want him to attack the ONS.</p>   |
| 5      | <p><b>on performance: 5</b></p>  |
| 1      | <p>Councilmember Booze,</p>  |

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|        | <p>I welcome the chance to respond to your request for an honest assessment of your performance during your first year in office.</p> <p>Sometimes we do things in life we later regret very much. I campaigned by much telephone work and precinct walking for the 2010 elections, and I campaigned for you as well as for Gayle and Jovanka. Now I am troubled and sad and truly sorry I helped elect you, because of what I have observed of your behavior and its effects on others. I made a terrible mistake to support you. Before the election, I remember hearing you say you had no friends and no money. Look at you now. When you took office the gloves came off and you started abusing the democratic process. It seemed you needed to assert "power over." Formerly you had represented yourself from the audience as being on the people's side. For me, this would mean truly assisting others, person by person, in their own upliftment by finding their <u>own</u> voice. Now I see you manipulating others at every turn possible. It seems you don't really understand or trust the democratic process.</p> <p>After someone is elected, it takes a while to learn how to best serve the people and to know the governing procedures; it involves looking and listening to other council people who have some experience at governing. How one works for the people of the city is not by disrespecting, attacking, interrupting or undermining the others on the council. You are elected to work with them, not against them. Working with your colleagues can involve having different opinions and ideas but still, the process of law is respectful. This is what can keep our societies from becoming violent.</p> <p>I have seen you abuse both your elected colleagues and the City Manager. You incite the assembled people to obstructive outbursts in council meetings. You have used lies told to the people to get them worked up against their elected governing council. The council members are trying hard to help the people, both in the council meetings and during the week. What I saw and heard from you in the meeting on 4/3/12 is the latest example of your disappointing behavior.</p> <p>You need to get it that your position does not make you boss of anyone. All the people of this town – renters, property owners, workers, small business owners and even the homeless who purchase in this town – pay to live and work here. That's how we can have the mechanism of city government to organize ourselves. You are charged to help us, not to destabilize, demoralize and divide us from one another.</p> <p>For the City to thrive, its people achieve safety and peace, mental, emotional and physical (this means economic) states of well-being, people need to become subjects in their own history making, not objects pushed around by others such as any elected or appointed person. This includes you. You need to truly respect the ones you call "my people."</p> <p>Get real, Corky. Stop bullying and twisting. So far, there is bitter disappointment in you. People talk about this but not to you, as there is a perception you could not hear them. A true leader is not afraid to be influenced by the ideas and plans of other people, because we are all in this together. To humiliate people who work hard for the city, in public or even in private, cuts off possibilities for social progress. You need to become part of the solution, not part of the problem. Right now, many people in this city are hurting terribly and they are scared of their future becoming worse than their present. Yet also in recent years I have seen Richmond become a place of hope, a city on the move. I challenge you to find out how you can help in this effort and to start truly helping. To do this, you must listen.</p> <p>I don't see a possibility to vote a negative number for you, so I vote "1".</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> |
| 3      | <p>I would give Corky a 3, right in the middle. He's taken a few stands that seemed arbitrary, &amp; he seemed to relish his role of being unpredictable, as if being unpredictable is in and of itself a virtue. What it means to me is that he can't necessarily be counted on to represent progressive positions - particularly with respect to Chevron. (I voted for him.)</p>   |
| 2      | <p>Thank you Corky for inviting our comments about your performance at Council Meetings.</p> <p>I elected you because of your compassionate caring for your "community" and for your dedication to the best interests of Richmond residents.</p> <p>So far, watching City Council meetings on TV, I have felt frustrated and embarrassed by what I perceive to be</p>  |

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|        | <p>your belligerence and your confrontational challenges of The Rules of Order. This appears to be combined with your assumption that the Mayor and, sometimes other members of the Council, do not have the best interests of the residents as their primary motives. The net effect, in my opinion, is destructive disruption of the meetings, and probable, increased divisiveness among the residents of Richmond, and maybe even more harm and more violence.</p> <p>I know that you mean well, but because of your belligerence, and disruptive behavior, I guess I will give a rating of 2, rather than 1, because I know you are trying to do your best.</p>  |
| 2      | <p>Tom: I don't generally follow Corky Booze's performance on other issues, but I am very disturbed at his attacks on ONS, as I know some of the staff from my former volunteer work with inmates at San Quentin, and they are courageous and caring men dealing with a very difficult population here in Richmond.</p> <p>I also don't like it that there always seems to be a controversy whenever Corky's name comes up; e.g., <a href="http://richmondconfidential.org/2011/09/15/ritterman-files-official-complaint-against-booze/">http://richmondconfidential.org/2011/09/15/ritterman-files-official-complaint-against-booze/</a>. And his attacks on the Mayor before the last election. Corky seems more comfortable with old-school combative politics, which we don't need in our City. So, I'd give him a 2.</p> <p>Thanks for asking.</p>   |
| 2      | Corky needs to temper myself and be more concrete at meetings. Too much bombast.  |
| 1      | <p>I rate Corky a 1 on a scale of 5.</p> <p>This is because he's an infantile, uptight, insecure, egomaniacal gasbag!</p> <p>But of course, that's just my opinion! :o)</p>   |
| 1      | <p><b>On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being best, please rank Council Member Corky Booze on his performance since taking office in January 2011, and provide any comments you can to elaborate on your evaluation.</b></p> <p><b>My response: ranking 1</b></p> <p><b>Comment: Corky Booze is turning every item into a issue to try to hurt Mayor McLaughlin and the progressive members of council (Ritterman &amp; Beckles). He twists everything into a negative, even things he would probably support if he would think for himself. He baits a certain group of people in the audience including Ken Davis and tries to stir up racism. This is a divisive and damaging tactic. He acts like a fool and a tool. I regret that I voted for him and supported him. I did so because he opposed the casino idea. Other than that I think he will sell us out to Chevron or whoever comes up with money.</b></p>  |
| -10    | <p><b>My rating of the Councilperson is a minus 10.</b></p> <p><b>He is rude to his fellow council people, especially to the mayor. He looks for opportunities to put others down, instead of encouraging. He finds ways to delay action that makes us all have to stay far beyond limits. He talks to the people watching on TV as if he is still campaigning for office. He seems to look for disagreement vs. finding ways to agree. He will argue and belittle people during open forum. He will ask questions that have nothing to do with the issue. He lets us know with his eyes diverted that he is not interested in what is being said. He intentionally picks agreements with fellow council people. He will talk on and on about nothing. He will take credit vs. giving well deserved credit to others. He will take something positive and turn it around and make it about himself. i.e. Martin Luther King Jr. Day awards. I think worse of all, he makes off the wall statements that have no meaning, substance or relevance. The honorable thing to do, is say I made a mistake and go back into the community, he says he loves so much.</b></p> |
| 2      | Tom: I rate Corky a 2.  |
| 2-3    | <p>I would give Council member Booze a 2-3 rating. I heard him speak during the campaign, and he promised to stand up to big business and to represent the people, and he said that he would never be influenced by money. I'm not informed about every opinion Mr. Booze has expressed or every vote he has made, but in several important issues he has done the opposite of what he promised. I also find his style a bit over the top, even for campaign times, but especially in conducting official business. Corky needs to stop acting like a Mr. Bozo and show the respect to his colleagues and the public that his office requires.</p> <p>Thank you for collecting this information and passing it on to Mr. Booze.</p>   |
|        | <p>Dear Corky via Tom,</p> <p>The most interesting aspect of this exercise is your motivation in asking Tom Butt for a public exposition of your performance to date as a council member.</p> <p>As an evaluation, the adjectives "abysmal" and "appalling" come readily to mind, and I haven't even finished with the letter "A". Asked to confine myself to a metric of 1 to 5, I would say you are off the chart. So</p>   |

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|        | <p>make that a grudging One. I'll limit myself to just a three examples of why I believe this is accurate.</p> <p>1. Chief of Police Chris Magnus and the city are currently being sued by seven black police officers charging racial discrimination, etc. The city's lawyer contends that there was an insurrection in the department because the plaintiff's power was diminished when Magnus appointed both a woman with the most seniority and a Latino as Deputy Chiefs. In reality, Magnus' leadership in implementing community policing and his openness have helped to reduce violent crime in the city.</p> <p>At your swearing-in speech, you thanked various persons responsible for your election and said in closing, "And I want to thank long-time friend, Lieutenant Andre Hill, who I think would make an excellent Chief of Police."</p> <p>I cringed. Your comment was a clear slap in the face to our beleaguered Chief, and it was completely inappropriate.</p> <p>2. The City Council was discussing the merits of a resolution to respectfully ask Chevron to drop its property tax appeal that if approved, would result in devastating cuts to services and programs that help mostly seniors, students, and the poor. Speaker after speaker argued in favor of this non-binding resolution.</p> <p>The last speakers were called and just before the vote was to be taken, you rose from your chair and left the room. The vote was taken. It was unanimous in asking Chevron to drop its appeal. A minute later, you entered the room and returned to your seat.</p> <p>You didn't even have the gonads to stay and "abstain", the usual way-out. You might have even voted against the resolution. That would have been courageous; wrong, but at least courageous. By leaving the room, you showed yourself to be cowardly in the face of a deal breaker.</p> <p>I can't help but think that your flight was in deference to the Chevron Corporation whose virtues you had extolled recently as they honored your solicitation and had contributed \$100,000 to a city project with which you associated.</p> <p>We are sick of Council Members who represent the refinery (or developers) rather than the people of Richmond. I think your action reveals that you are now a Chevron confection. You revealed both your lack of courage and your loyalty to the Chevron Corporation rather than to the people of Richmond and West Contra County.</p> <p>3. Being in Chevron's camp requires that you must attack the Richmond Progressive Alliance, the only organization whose members have dared to challenge the old power structures of the city, campaigned to increase the city's revenue, and tried to improve the quality of life here, working on immigration issues, pollution, homelessness, etc.</p> <p>Ken Davis, whose harangues contribute to the dysfunction of council meetings, (he has been escorted out because of them) was just finishing his typical charges of "racism", leaving the podium reluctantly, and continuing loudly to berate the council when he looked over his shoulder.</p> <p>At that point, you, Corky, quietly motioned with your hand to him to "come back". Davis started to return to the rostrum, which is against the rules and would have prolonged the bedlam. You saw that the moment had turned and then motioned with your hand, "Not now, go back to your seat." Davis complied.</p> <p>Nobody watching on KCRT saw this. Nobody on the council facing outward saw this. Nobody who wasn't looking at you at that precise moment would have, but I did and the person next to me saw it, too.</p> <p>Your hand motions reveal your willingness to manipulate and distort the democratic process.</p> <p>In the last election, the Chevron Corporation spent more than \$1 million dollars to defeat the progressive candidates and impose their will on the voters.</p> <p>In my opinion you, Bates, Jackie Thompson (your Chief of Staff), Ken Davis and others whom you know well, acting out of their own motives, are involved a campaign to discredit the progressive forces in Richmond and push Richmond back into the past. One might call you the regressive forces.</p> <p>It is my belief that, working behind the scenes, the Chevron Corporation is massaging certain elements of the black community (as Upstream did for the casino), for its own ends, that is to retain control of City affairs and keep environmental justice far from its doors.</p> <p>(Anyone who thinks Chevron incapable of this form of corruption, can read Robert Gammon's article in the East Bay Express, "A friend of Chevron gives it a costly gift" that exposes the role of BAPAC in laundering Chevron money and Chevron's hiring of poor African-Americans to assault and disrupt a pro-Measure T press conference.)</p> <p>To return to your motivation for this strange request - asking Tom Butt's email list to make comments about the quality of your work. With your inflamed ego, it is beyond hope that you have any desire to listen and change your ways. The words humility, diligence, cooperation, reason, do not seem to pertain to your style of relating. Is this exercise another way of getting your name before more voters antecedent to your run for mayor in</p> |

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|        | <p>2014?</p> <p>But then, I have never understood the “friendship” between you and Tom. During the campaign, you constantly attacked the Office of Neighborhood Services, a project Tom supports whole-heartedly, and in the next breath you would declare that Tom was your best friend. Go figure.</p> <p>There exists a close bond between many people in the African-American community as a result of going to the same schools, churches, etc. During the campaign, whenever I mentioned the name Corky Boozé, most people shook their heads and dismissed your grandstanding antics in the council. I re-assured them that being an insider on the council rather than a gadfly would mature Corky.</p> <p>Rather than mature you, the small amount of power you now possess with its access to power brokers has completely twisted your head. You began by attacking everybody on the city staff, not reading the council packet, and then improvising detours to try to cover up your deficiencies.</p> <p>As an aside, you also uttered one of the most inane comments I have ever heard from a politician (and that includes George W. Bush) when you said during the Gaza resolution debate, “What have the people of Gaza ever done for Richmond?”</p> <p>I thought we elected council members to represent all of Richmond. Am I the only one who finds it offensive when you keep referring to “my people”? I also recall from a Richmond Confidential article, your insulting all the white people who risked their lives to help blacks in the South, and pretending that only black people could claim to understand Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I don’t see you honoring the tiniest particle of his “beloved community”.</p> <p>To me at least, it’s clear that, after years as an outsider, you have decided that the way to power and personal aggrandizement is by sucking up to big money and dividing the city by playing racial politics. You were elected because of card-club money and the campaigning of the Richmond Progressive Alliance, the fact that you now attack the RPA, your former allies, shows everyone the only principle you honor - Corky Boozé. And that you do it by agitating the most desperate and vulnerable of the city’s black population is truly disgraceful.</p> <p>Perhaps you need to look up the dictionary definition of a demagogue: “a leader who makes use of popular prejudices and false claims and promises in order to gain power.”</p> <p>I cannot imagine three more years of this ineffective, antagonistic, vicious, and disruptive demagoguery. I’m convinced that with your aggressive tactics, by blasting the most pro-Richmond organization around, and by your blacks über alles politics, you are trying to return council meetings to the bad old days of Irma Anderson.</p> <p>I’ll end with the comment of a council observer, an African-American gentleman who knew you as a youngster, “Corky’s always been a bully.”</p> |
|        | <p>From the time of WWII ship-building, our family represents 4 generations of those living and working in Richmond. I welcome this opportunity to participate in the evaluation of Mr. Booze's <i>non</i>-performance on this City Council.</p> <p>Week after week we, "the public out there", and those in the Council chambers are subject to his self-serving blathering... i.e., his constant disruption, delay and blatant disrespect, most particularly, of Mayor McLaughlin, including his fellow Council members and extending even to those who bring their business before this Council, are beyond the pale. There can be no "scale of 1-5" rating here. Mr. Booze's ignorance is surpassed only by his lack of good breeding. His cohort, Mr. Bates, their two supporting female sycophants, among various other malcontents in the audience, complete this heinous mockery of city government.</p> <p>Mark Twain said it best... Rather to keep still and be thought a fool... than "to open your mouth and confirm the fact". Must we continue to "suffer fools"?</p> <p>Richmond deserves better from its elected officials.</p>  |
| 2.5    | <p>I have been a long time viewer of City Council meetings on KCRT, and have therefore been able to observe Corky Booze's behavior over the time he has been on the council. While I commend him for championing some of Richmond's disenfranchised citizens, I have been appalled by his rudeness and disruption during council meetings, and his encouragement of attendees to be disruptive and rude as well. I would give him a 2.5, not a passing grade. Were it not for his advocacy for people who need a voice, I'd probably rank him at 1. I hope if he gets this feedback that he will see the importance of controlling his outbursts so he can become the fine councilman I believe he has the potential to be.</p>   |



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|        | Thanks to Tom Butt for giving our community a chance to participate in this evaluation, and thanks to Corky for being willing to receive this feedback. I look forward to the results.  |
| 1      | On a scale of one to five. I would give Corky a One, only because there is no zero.. He has been a disruptive disappointment and I voted for him! There are many serious long term problems in Richmond and none of them are easy to fix. I thought Corky would be active in defending and developing educational opportunities with the hope of changing the dropout rate which is creating generation after generation with none of the necessary skills for learning a new skill. Instead he disrupts and use the same old same old arguments that have not worked up till now and obviously will not in the near future.  |
| 1      | I say a 1. He is rude to our Mayor and he is pro Chevron. There is a reason it took him all those time to run to finally make it.   |
|        | While I wouldn't normally bother to participate in this type of "survey to evaluate", I find it interesting that Corky would ask you to use your E-Forum to do so, even when most of yours readers don't watch City Council meetings. I have never known any member of the City Council to be as disruptive, obstructive and disrespectful to his fellow Council Members and the public, as Corky has been. He plays the "race card" any chance he gets by using racial verbiage of the '60's that might have been acceptable at that time. He spends valuable City Council time by challenging members and the Mayor over trivial matters that tend to divide the community along racial lines, and delays important City business matters from being discussed and decided. At the end of the day, he'll attack you too as he did at the meeting of 4/3 with untruths.  |
| 3.75   | On a scale of 1 to 5 we rank Corkey 3 & 3/4ths. We do think he needs to learn to curb his enthusiasm and calm down some. We still think, when we voted for him, his best interest in improving Richmond is sound.   |
| 2      | <p>I voted for Corky, hoping that Corky would be a positive contributor to the City Council, representing the disenfranchised community members. However for quite some time he has poorly represented them, despite his bluster otherwise. His actions &amp; behavior at Council meetings has damaged his reputation, and Richmond's, reminding viewers of Richmond's prior Mayor's disrespect for council members and community members alike.</p> <p>I'm very sorry to say, but at this point Corky scores only 2 out of 5, and that is being generous.</p>  |
|        | <p>Corky is an abuser, a bully and a toxic mess that our city needs to rid itself of. He abuses staff and makes their work environment hostile, yet they have no where to go because he's an elected official. If he were a student on the playground, he'd be suspended for being a bully. If he were an employer or employee, he'd be fired for abusive behaviors and threatening language toward his colleagues and employees.</p> <p>He wants people to believe nothing is happening in Richmond, when in fact, there is so much good, positive things happening. The Solano playlot, bicycle lanes, south side streets are being fixed, people are being trained. He would much rather have them enslaved to lies.</p> <p>He's the worst kind of sell-out there is; an overseer. He keeps his people enslaved in order to gain benefits for himself.</p> <p>The only reason the council is a laughing mess and embarrassment, is because of him; Corky Booze. I voted for him for two reasons 1) we needed his vote against the casino and 2) I felt sorry for him for haven ran for office so many times and losing. I figured he couldn't cause too much trouble. Boy, was I wrong!</p> <p>But you know, because he's a compulsive lair, self-absorbed, ignorant, idiotic, buffoon and suffers from grandiosity, he probably won't take heed to anything that was just said.</p> |
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| <1     | <p>&lt;1. He has been intentionally disruptive, incited bad behavior, and isn't interested in letting the Council conducting business. Worse than that, he doesn't care about the City, but rather his own power. Big mistake, Richmond.</p>  |
| 5      | <p>I rate him a strong 5. He is tremendously responsive when you go to him for help with something frustrating in the city bureaucracy. He is personable and remembers who you are. He has strong values and ideals and he fights for them even when his position isn't popular. I give him a 5. I was thrilled when he finally got elected.</p>  |
| 1      | <p>I will give him a 1</p> <p>I believe he looks out more for his interest than for the interest of the Richmond community.</p>   |
| 1      | <p>Rating: 1<br/> Particularly disgracefully disrespectful to the mayor.<br/> I assume he's on Chevron's payroll...</p>   |
| 1      | <p>On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being best I would have to rank him a 1.</p> <p>Ethics - My personal experience with Councilmember Booze has been the most unpleasant of all my dealings with elected officials. I've had personal dealings with Councilmembers in approximately 30 cities. Never have I had a Councilmember take a conversation about city business to campaign fundraising. I'm an ethical person and I take offense to it. I believe once my position becomes clear an elected official should take note and let's move on. We can always have separate conversations regarding fund raising. Not in the case of Mr. Booze. He wouldn't let it go.</p> <p>Constituent Representation - An elected official has the obligation to represent the best interest of all their constituents, not just a particular group. Mr. Booze tends to draw lines to issues making them Black or White. This is not healthy nor constructive for the community at large.</p> <p>Listening Skills - Mr. Booze falls short when it comes to listening to reason. It appears to be intentional.</p> <p>The Spin - Mr. Booze seems to be a master and taking things out of context and spinning them to suit his agenda.</p> <p>Focus on the bad - A good leader can see the good in ideas presented and take from them. Provide constructive criticism on the points that are not favorable and encourage constructively on the not so good. Mr. Booze has a tendency to focus on the bad.</p> <p>Respect of the Individual - Respect the Microphone and the process. He fails miserably.</p> <p>Team Building - Instead of creating constructive collaborative, Mr. Booze creates barriers and walls.</p> <p>Tom, I had high hopes and expectations for Mr. Booze. I tried very hard to reach out to him and be a supporter, advisor and confidant. I couldn't get pass his ego. I hope this survey will help in making him a better listener, team builder and constructive leader. It may not be too late. If anyone can have positive influence, I believe you can! At this point, I can't trust him.</p> |
| 2      | <p>I voted for Corky despite his opposition to the casino, and think his presence on the council is important representation. His behavior, and that of two other council members, is making a very disgusting laughstock of</p>  |

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|        | <p>the council as a whole. This destructive behavior runs against council obligations to represent the community rather than to trash it. We expect better behavior among children, let alone those with the privilege granted by community election, who would not want to witness the vulgar destructiveness of the council. If Corky, Jovanka and Gayle can't control themselves, they should remove themselves, or be removed, from the council. I cannot stand attending a council meeting, instead seeking constructive ways to spend my time.</p> <p>The council seems to have forgotten that it exists at the behest of the community. Community members deserve respect and a modicum of dignity in their council. I have been amazed that the more level-headed members have not stepped in to stop the outrageous behavior of their self-righteously oblivious colleagues. (I actually sat in a Human Relations Commission meeting in which a council member "applauded" the Commission for trying to do something about Council behavior, rather than apologizing to the Commission for deplorable own contributions to the mess. There are no legitimate excuses. Corky has none, either.</p>   |
|        | <p>I am changing my previous 'answers'. After viewing the video of Corky's performance calling out the Mayor, inciting chaos, I say: RESIGN, Sir!. If not, RECALL!!</p>  |
| 1      | <p>I greatly respect Corky's initiative and courage in seeking feedback on his performance in such a public way. I voted for Corky in every City Council election for which he was a candidate, but do not intend to vote for him in the next one should he decide to run for reelection. He has become an embarrassment and completely different person since becoming susceptible to lobbying for votes and political contributions, selling out the public for business interests. He no longer stands up for the people of Richmond in their aspirations for a better quality of life, e.g. with regard to parks, trails and open space. He even joined Nat Bates in supporting the Council of Industries' attempt to kill the City's Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Plans — plans which were designed to improve public health and safety. Under the smokescreen of getting more local jobs (untrue), he has advocated hiring local firms for construction at substantially higher costs that would be paid by the citizens of Richmond. Altho not a political person and by no means a "Progresive" party person; I see Corky as outrageously disruptive in City Council meetings -- disrespectful of the public and Mayor McLaughlin. In short, Corky, who had so much promise, has become a great disappointment and even an embarrassment -- among the worst of many examples of bad actor politicians, apparently in an effort to secure campaign funding from vested interests.</p> <p>PS. Tom, if it wasn't obvious from discussion in earlier email below, I'd rank Corky's performance a "1" extremely poor since he has been a disruptive neophyte member of Richmond's City Council and ineffective in representing the needs and aspirations of people of Richmond in seeking political support and funding from vested interests.</p>  |
| 0      | <p>Thank you for this opportunity. I hope you indeed remove names as I know Mr. Booze' to be a very vindictive person and it would prohibit the freedom of speech that I have come to enjoy through your E-forums. But on the other hand, if he asks how he is doing; he must be prepared for the results.</p> <p>I would rank Mr. Booze' at a ZERO He was very loud and contentious when he was on the floor and promised how he would change things if he was elected. What he doesn't understand is that his rude, overbearing and demeaning ways continue now that he is on the council. He stirs up more controversy being on the council than he did when he spoke on Public Forum. He kills me with his "preamble" before he goes off on a tirade of "Ladies and Gentlemen at home, I am doing this for you"...I just want to reach through the television and say STOP doing it for us, you are making a mess. It is uncalled for the name calling and other petty antics that this council engages in, and with Mr. Booze' on the council it has truly become a circus with all the in-fighting, personal attacks on fellow councilpersons; staff and anyone else that crosses his path. Is it really necessary for him to chime in on EVERY SINGLE ITEM? Really? If there was a vote to treat City Hall for roaches, he would engage in a debate on how? Why? when. And he would then propose a "friendly amendment" or other changes to the item, want to hold it over until the next meeting etc. Meanwhile, just like the politics of Richmond, the roaches have overtaken the City.</p> <p>I guess it took 16 years for him to get on the council and 12 months for the public to realize why he shouldn't have ever been elected. I have a campaign sign in my yard that says A B C (anybody BUT Corky).</p> <p>Can't wait on these results, I hope others can share something "good" about his election!</p> |
| -5     | <p>-5. Councilmember Booze's behavior is atrocious. Maybe his relentless attacks on other are a cover for the fact that he doesn't put forth positive proposals to improve the City? I'd say he should shut up and get to work.</p>  |
|        | <p>Corky is truly the common man's Councilman!</p>   |

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|        | He needs to be less confrontational with his fellow Councilmen and build the necessary relationships to gain majority support for his well founded positions. That takes maturity, humility and tact.   |
| 5      | Corky's performance should be rated at 5 because he has been consistant in speaking out on the city's failure to bring employment opportunities to the city's poor. His positive support of the local business community to attract jobs that can hire locally is in stark contrast to the Mayor and RPA's anti business approach. His efforts to seek an open review of the city's crime fighting and anti-violence effort was long overdue and speaks to his good leadership.                           |
|        | I am deeply concerned about Corky's role on the council. I believe he has encourage unnecessary antagonistic comments from the audience including but not limited to racist comments against councilmembers and the mayor. This is of particular concern to me as employees are subject to discipline for harassment or hostile behavior in the workplace. I believe that comments encouraged by Corky and comments made by Corky would meet the standards for being in violation of the City's policies. |
| 3      | <p>my rating of Councilman Booze's performance at 3.</p> <p>His behavior is more fore for himself than the people he was elected to represent,</p> <p>Having Jackie Thompson working in his office and having access to every one' concerns and issues and serving on multiple commissions is a conflict of interest, violates other residents confidentiality.</p> <p>Holding onto grudges from the past and using his position to get back at them and ect</p>  |
| 1      | <p>I'm voting anonymously because I cannot reap the after effects of Mr. booze's wrath.</p> <p>My vote is 1. Only because you've not provided any numbers to the left of "0" on the number line. He's awful.</p>  |