

**Sarah Melton**

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**From:** Jer Leonard (Redacted email)  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 7, 2018 1:25 PM  
**To:** Tracy New  
**Subject:** Skelly Hearing for Captain Peters

Tracy,

Hello. I am an admin for the local Facebook group called Aptosia, and I would like this communication to be entered into the board's agenda. I will be posting any and all correspondence on our public Facebook page.

Can you please explain why the board is recommending that Captain Peters be demoted?

Can you please provide the entire text of the offending email mentioned below in your response?

Here's the text of the email that I received:

"Greetings, All,

I am sending this Bcc to those whom I think would want to help support Aptos/La Selva Captain Ryan Peters this Tuesday morning as he goes for his Skelly Hearing, facing the Board's recommendation that he be demoted. Bring signs or make one there with supplies that will be on hand. Please distribute this to others via social media or NextDoor, phone calls, e-mails or ....well, maybe NOT smoke signals!

Captain Peters has been put through the proverbial wringer for a very long time. PLEASE SHOW UP FOR WHATEVER AMOUNT OF TIME YOU CAN AND LET HIM KNOW HIS COMMUNITY SUPPORTS HIM.

**SUPPORT APTOS/LA SELVA FIRE CAPTAIN RYAN PETERS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 at 9:30am IN WATSONVILLE**

Show up on Tuesday, January 9 in front of Grunsky Law Offices (240 Westgate Drive, Watsonville) to support Captain Ryan Peters as he goes into a **SKELLY HEARING** to defend himself against demotion by the Board.

Bring signs and let him know the Community supports him in the course of this outrageous action.

The Aptos/La Selva Fire District Board is proceeding with punitive action against Captain Ryan Peters, President of Union Local 3535 who organized the unprecedented 100% Vote of No Confidence against then-Chief Jon Jones when he prepared to ask the Board for a contract extension. Now, the Board is seeking to have Captain Peters DEMOTED to Firefighter/Paramedic because of an email he sent to fellow Aptos / La Selva Firefighters advising them to take a buddy when doing business in the District office. The Board would have

terminated him had he not had such exemplary employment and service history.”

Cheers!

Jeremy Leonard

Sail Revolution

(Redacted Phone)



Dear Board members of the Aptos La Selva Fire District:

A concerned citizen (not anyone from the fire service) sent me an email regarding the Skelly Hearing of Fire Captain Ryan Peters scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>. I am told that he is being punished, for sending an email that advised his brother and sister Firefighters to have a buddy present, when doing business with Fire Chief Jones. The same man whom you elected to not renew a contract with. The same man that brought a very good Fire Department to its knees. The same man that has cost this District hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees. All of which, the majority of you are responsible for! You hired him and allowed him to conduct business while the employees were trying to tell you he was not a worthy Chief.

Since you did not trust Chief Jones to lead this District, then why would you expect any of the employees to trust him without a witness?

I do not know what policies you think Captain Peters broke? If any at all? One thing I am sure of; your meeting is being conducted in a law office. You are once again spending my/our tax dollars on more lawyer fees. STOP!!! If Captain Peters did something wrong, then stand up and point it out so he is educated and does not do it again! No lawyer needed!!! No demotion required!!! My guess is, Captain Peters has suffered enough, personally, dealing with Chief Jones and this Board of Directors?

Enough is enough. Drop this issue now. Let's move on and quit spending money on damn lawyers.....

Sincerely,  
John Ritchey,

*Redacted  
Phone/Address*