

When police officers invited Mayor Harold Weinbrecht to hear their concerns, what they got . . .



...was an empty chair.

The North Carolina Police Benevolent Association (PBA) has been serving the interests of thousands of North Carolina law enforcement officers, including Cary police officers and their families, for the past 25 years.

The Cary chapter has been active in the Cary community in many worthwhile endeavors. This includes meeting with candidates running for public office and publicly supporting those candidates who we believe will provide the tools necessary for our officers to best serve and protect our citizens.

On August 29, 2011, all candidates running for Cary Town Council were invited to attend our Cary chapter candidate screening.

Missing from the process was Mayor Harold Weinbrecht, who advised that our invitation did not fit into his busy schedule. It would have been best if the mayor had left it at that. Instead, Mr. Weinbrecht, in a written response to our members, advised that he would not support our issues because the LAW does not let him!

Unfortunately, law enforcement officers have become accustomed to the mayor's use of "Harold's Law" to avoid doing his job. The mayor has previously used such phantom law to avoid performing his sworn duties as Cary's top elected official, and his empty chair has become symbolic of his lack of support and respect for police officers and their families.

HAROLD'S EMPTY CHAIR RECORD FOR COPS or "THE LAW ACCORDING TO HAROLD"

ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN TO POLICE OFFICERS

When asked to look into matters of public concern and alleged wrong doing . . .

HAROLD'S LAW . . . it is unlawful for the mayor to do anything but "LISTEN" to such concerns and that "even nodding in agreement" would violate the law.

ON EQUAL TREATMENT UNDER THE LAW

When asked to stop disparate treatment of our members and to treat all groups representing town employees equally and fairly . . .

HAROLD'S LAW . . . because PBA and other group(s) are different from entities supported by the town, PBA and its members must be treated differently "according to the law."

ON THE RIGHT TO MEET WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR REDRESS

The mayor was asked to address our concerns with a town staff official who publicly objected to PBA's lawful efforts to petition town council members for help.

The mayor refused. The mayor also stopped meeting with us because according to . . .

HAROLD'S LAW . . . "North Carolina general statutes do not permit public officials to engage in non-public discussions with the PBA."

Of course, PBA has joined with many other groups who have enjoyed the right of public and non-public "discussions" with public officials for well over 200 years. For the past 25 years PBA has had such "discussions" with public officials representing local, state, and federal government and at all levels of our judicial system.

Apparently, Mayor Weinbrecht wants us to believe that all these folks - including the mayor's fellow council members and even the mayor himself have been openly violating the law by even meeting with the PBA.

Such folly has no place on any agenda of a legitimate public leader.

Cary citizens deserve better from their leaders. On **October 11, 2011**, voters have a choice between clearly different candidates as to whom they will select to lead the Town of Cary in today's critical times.

Cary needs a mayor whose leadership reflects respect for the law, not someone who makes up law to avoid doing the right thing for those who risk their lives daily protecting us all.



***For Cary voters,
the choice is clear.***

**Real leadership
or
An empty chair**

On October 11th,

VOTE 

**Michelle
Muir**

for Mayor of Cary