

# Opinion: Political games between South Tahoe and LTUSD

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I thank the city manager, Mr. (Tony) O'Rourke, for his criticism of my remarks on the \$250,000 that he favors giving to the school district. Clearly, I hit a nerve by saying the act is undisciplined. I stand by it.

It's ridiculous under the economic circumstances to consider financial aid to the school district.



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The city manager's laundry list of my votes is twisted out of context for the most part. Half-truths are half lies, sins by omission. Also, how much time and money was spent on researching his list?

The city manager claims I sit on the sidelines throwing stones. There is an easy fix for that. Give me 15 minutes on the city's agenda on the subject of the relationship between the school district and city over past years.

And because of my past experience with four city managers, I have become a skeptic. All play politics and so at times they are not truthful when disclosing their agendas. Thus, I observe, deduce, and apply. In Mr. O'Rourke's case he seems

too have a mean streak and has a thin skin. And as the kids say, that's not cool.

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