

Bay Area political candidate apologizes for Dugard mailer

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CONCORD – Assembly candidate Tim Grayson has apologized for a campaign mailer sent to some households in Contra Costa and Solano counties touting his contact with kidnapping victim Jaycee Lee Dugard after her long time in captivity, without first consulting with Dugard’s family or nonprofit foundation.

Nancy Seltzer, a spokeswoman for the JAYC Foundation Inc., which helps families that have gone through abductions and related traumas, said Grayson apologized to Dugard and to the foundation on Monday and immediately removed Jaycee-related material from his campaign website, as was requested.

Grayson, a Concord city councilman, said late Tuesday that “in no way would I want to do anything that would be a problem for the Dugard family.”

Dugard, now 36, was abducted from Meyers in June 1991, when she was 11 years old, by Phillip Garrido, a known sex offender, and his wife, Nancy Garrido. Dugard was kept at the Garridos’ unincorporated Antioch property until 2009, when she was found in the company of the Garridos.

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