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To: ClerkoftheBoard
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YouTube videos of your Behavioral Health Commission are **appalling** showing blatant and overt systemic racism Ventura County Leadership embraces by silently condoning. The head commissioner, Mr. Harris is rude and disrespectful to individuals identified as clients; cuts them off, hollers at them and staff, tells them to shut up; refused to allow a break for an interpreter despite the head of the department appearing to BEG to allow monolingual commission members and public hear the proceedings in Spanish. The only people shown respect in these meetings are Caucasian; month after month recordings show this pattern. Why is this **RACIST** man with **NO** college degree/expertise able to holler and tell your executive staff who are doctors what to do and they accept it like they are still on a plantation? The answer is clear-this is what VC endorses and forces POC to operate under. If this is what is done in the light, what happens off camera behind closed doors to your POC staff? Shame on you BOS for appointing this blatant racist and allowing such discriminatory practices under your purview. To VC POC employees especially Dr. Johnson who is seen bowing to her 2021 slave master on the recordings-STAND UP, **QUIT**, there is **NO** reason to stay in such an oppressive system that **DOES NOT VALUE YOU!** Santa Barbara and LA have better paying jobs where you will be respected and supported. **BOS**-you should condemn and strip Mr. Harris of **all duties immediately** given his actions.

Appalled...

B. Williams