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NPA Board Responds to False and Defamatory Accusations

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The Executive and Board of Vancouver's Non-Partisan Association (NPA) decry the deliberate attacks by *The Tyee* and *Vancouver Sun* in an attempt to paint Angelo Isidorou as something he is not. The article is nothing more than a part of a clearly co-ordinated smear campaign to besmirch a newly appointed board member, as well as a continued campaign against the conservative persuasion of the board. It is becoming increasingly clear the smear campaign against the NPA and its Board members are designed to distract from the poor governance of the City of Vancouver under Mayor Kennedy Stewart and his progressive allies from COPE, One City and the Green Party.

The NPA Board is proud to be associated with someone like Angelo Isidorou, who has a [documented history](#) of fighting [against racism](#) within [political organizations](#), rather than paying lip service as so many of our critics. His whistleblowing efforts during the 2019 election campaign to reveal the nasty racist underbelly of the PPC show his good character. The photo taken of Angelo when he was only 20-years-old was not given the correct context. In particular it appears that the writers of these attack articles deliberately ignored attempts by Isidorou to set the record straight.

The NPA is a party of all political stripes, encompassing a wide variety of volunteers from all walks of life. The current characterizations of many in the media and NPA opponents paint an unfair picture of civic minded volunteer board members that is unwarranted. The attacks are clearly designed to intimidate and destroy reputations of people who want nothing more than to serve their community and oppose mayor Kennedy Stewart and his supposedly "progressive" allies.

The NPA is committed to not allowing any individuals and/or lobby groups no matter how wealthy or influential, to dominate the party or its nominations process as it seeks to reclaim a majority at City Hall in 2022.

Vancouver Non-Partisan Association (NPA)