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FACT CHECK CHUCK #3

“You know I’ve been sitting here listening and I wonder if I live in the same community as some of my candidates who are running against me here. I don’t think that I do because I have a totally different perspective on how this community functions and I think it functions very well...” [\(listen here\)](#)

Chuck Toombs
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Chuck Toombs has been in the leadership of the KPPCSD board for nearly 8 years, but many people are beginning to think that Chuck Toombs doesn’t live in the same community as the rest of us.

During the last two years of Toombs’ second term on the KPPCSD board, a Kensington detective had his badge, gun and wallet stolen by a Reno prostitute he hired. That story was kept from the public for seven months [until a reporter started asking questions](#). Only then did Kensington’s Chief of Police quickly dole out a modest punishment to the detective, an action that made further punishment double jeopardy. The community was outraged and packed a board meeting where four board members voted to discontinue negotiating a contract extension for the Chief of Police. Only Toombs voted in favor of the Chief.

The board then hired an Interim Chief of Police who after negotiating a deal arrived at his contract signing and [demanded more medical coverage](#); the board acquiesced and increased his benefits. More recently, the Interim Chief of Police appealed a [CalPERS audit that called out the District](#) for inappropriately reporting that 100% of the Interim Chief’s time, and the former Chief’s time, was spent on police responsibilities while State law mandates the District have a General Manager. Several weeks after his appeal became public knowledge the Interim Chief abruptly resigned under a cloud of questions and the board has done its best to keep these questions out of sight.

After several years of unstable management, the wear is showing on our 10-member police force. Currently, the Kensington Police Department has one officer who has been disciplined twice for improper behavior, two officers who have been placed on administrative leave with the status of their disciplinary action a tightly guarded secret, and two other officers who were restricted to light duty for more than a year and are now officially on disability. Our police department is shorthanded by at least three officers. [“...functions very well...”](#) indeed.

On November 8, we will see how many Kensington residents live in Chuck Toombs' world and how many live in a community that is ready for change.

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