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#vanpoli Vancouver's Non-Partisan Association will have a general meeting to elect a new board. Angelo Isidorou has stepped down.

But if the NPA really believes "in an inclusive, compassionate and caring city free from hate, stigma and discrimination," 7 more also have to go:

1. NPA president David Mawhinney

He oversaw Isidorou's addition to the board and signed off on a "Trumpian" press release that reads like Isidorou's work for far-right propaganda site The Post Millennial. He has refused to answer pertinent questions about extremism in his party.

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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. Itis 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)

2. NPA director Wes Mussio

He's an outspoken Trump & anti-mask supporter who called Dr. Henry "Dumb Bonnie." He challenged a reporter to a fight "if you are a man" & encourages people to join a far-right social media platform. He claims to be in the process of moving to Florida.

The Law Society of B.C. is okay with lawyers' Twitter accounts challenging people to fist fights

ICBC injury lawyer Wes Mussio. Photo icbcadvice.

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3. NPA director Dave Pasin

He echoed Trump's lies about the US election being rigged, which incited the Jan. 6 takeover of the Capitol by violent right-wing mobs. He has also attempted to defend Isidorou's use of a white supremacist gang sign, as well as Andy Ngo's "journalism."



4. NPA director Chris Wilson

Former BC bureau chief of far-right Rebel Media, which also employed well-known extremists. His videos defend Trump and white nationalist conspiracy theories. He called Catherine McKenna "Climate Barbie" and encourages "harassing" unhoused people.



5. NPA director Ryan Warawa

President of the BC Conservatives (a fringe party in this province well to the right of the Liberals) while Chris Wilson was a director. He's currently regional director of that party.



6. NPA treasurer Phyllis Tang

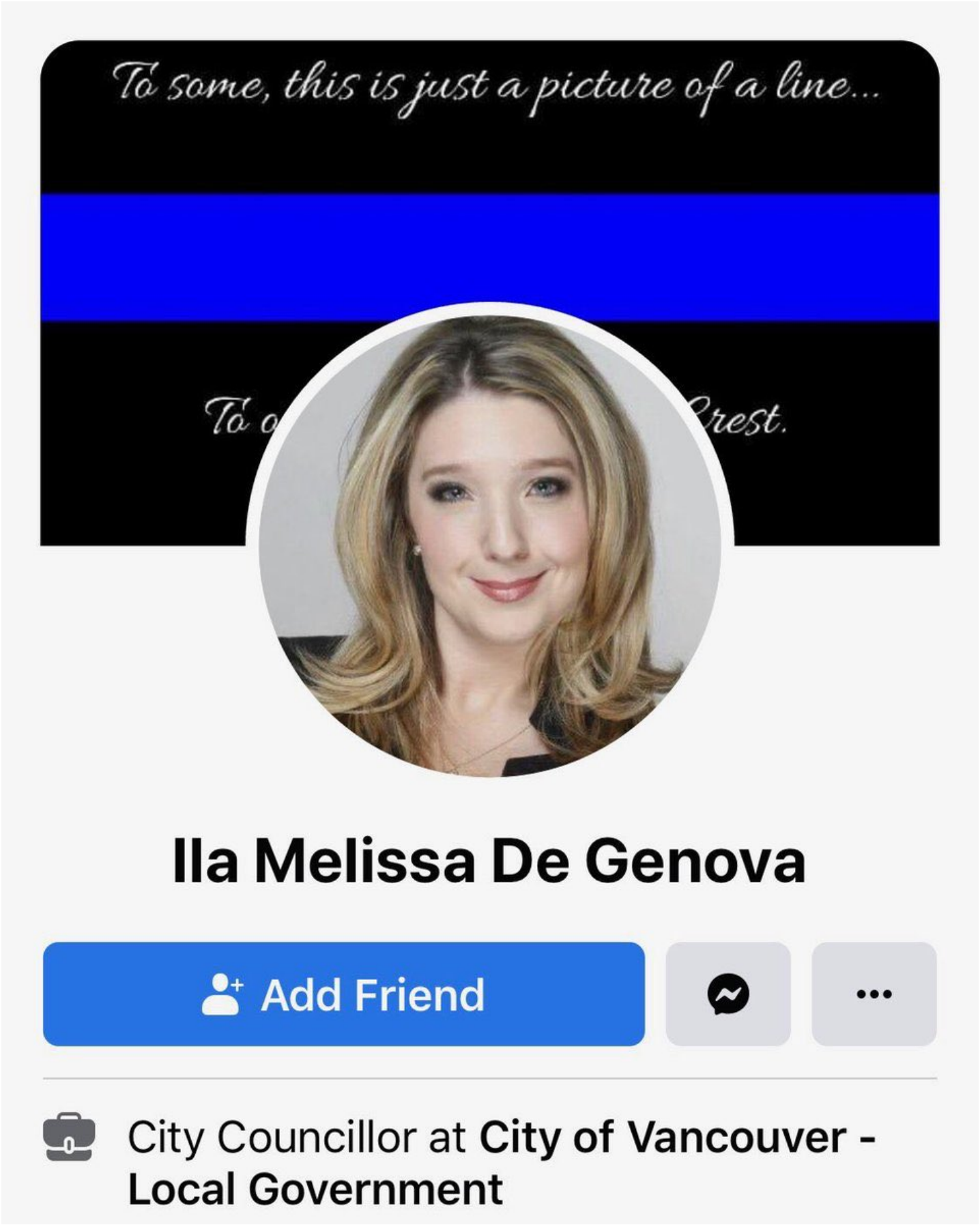
Affiliated with homophobic and transphobic groups like Culture Guard. She ran for city council endorsed by Let's Vote Association, a socially conservative anti-choice organization. Let's Vote also endorsed anti-SOGI school trustee Barry Neufeld.



7. NPA councillor Melissa De Genova

When Black communities in the US cried out about rampant police violence, white supremacists responded with the "thin blue line" flag to support the racism of the police. De Genova made it her banner on Facebook.

This is totally unacceptable.



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