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Wednesday, August 19th, 2008

Mayor Tommy Jones
& Los Banos City Council
C/o Mr. William Vaughn
Los Banos City Attorney
525 J Street, Suite A
Los Banos, California 93635

Re: Collusion to Defame/NAACP/
Prayer at Council Meeting

Dear Mr. Vaughn:

I write this letter to Commemorate parts of the conversation which took place between you, Eileen Forte and I yesterday, August 18th, 2009 concerning a number of matters ranging from my request for names of the individuals from the NAACP that Councilman Faria said were consulting him on the drafting of the public condemnation of me for the citizens of Los Banos, to the overt acts of Los Banos City Officials, being Mayor Jones, Councilman Faria, the City Council et al., colluding with Mr. Gene Lieb and Mr. Corey Pride/McClatchy Newspapers/Los Banos Enterprise to paint me in a false light to the public at large to cover their honest services fraud.



Starting with the prayer issue, *which is a non-issue to me*, you and I had spoken briefly after the City Council Meeting of July 1st, 2009 whereat I said at the end of my open mike:

“By the way I don’t think you are supposed to say Jesus Christ inside a prayer. I think you can say God but not a denomination.”

On July 15th, 2009, I commented at the open mike that due to the guffaws heard when I mentioned the matter of prayer at the July 1st, 2009 that I had found from a news article of June 29th, 2009 that the City of Lodi was enmeshed with a lawsuit by Freedom of Religion from Wisconsin and Los Banos should take notice to avoid any similar problems.

Then, during a conversation with you shortly after the City Council meeting of August 5th, 2009 whereat the prayer was not given and City Planning Commissioner (The Reverend) Norm Donovan popped up raring to go at the open mike with his not so sua sponte prayer, I told you that I didn’t think that was right for a whole lot of reasons.

As you recall, I said, quite frankly, I don’t care about the prayer being done or not at the council meetings.... but Donovan’s tactic to skirt the matter is unethical and improper. I further asked you how that came about.

You said that you did not say anything to Donovan but that you did have a conversation with Mayor Jones that the prayer should not be given in order to avoid a lawsuit by a groups such as Freedom from Religion that is embroiled with the City of Lodi over the same issue.

Now, lo and behold the Los Banos Enterprise August 14th, 2009 article ‘Prayer at meetings questioned’ by Mr. Corey Pride. **(Collusion, see page 2, top left)**



Hey Badgers!

Go to YouTube.com then search for Badger Flats Gazette. Watch promo videos of Mayor Tommy Jones, the LB City Wrecking Council, the NAACP, The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers and assorted public officials doing the Two-Step-Hot-Step! Buy some Mystery Theatre Videos so the Badger can buy some more matches!

**(Collusion)**

As you know, I queried you as to your knowledge as to how the article by Pride in the LBE, 'came about and if he had called you'. You said that Pride did call, and when I asked you if you spoke about me during the conversation by name you trailed off without giving me a clear yes or no. However, knowing you for a number of years, and dealing with a number of eloquent dodgers, it was obvious to me that you had. If you didn't it would be very odd.

I pointed out that professional media/news people commented upon the peculiar reference to "a citizen" and "one person" without stating the name of the person who was said to have "caused it to have caused a problem". It was slander in passing upon that "person" as being a cause of problems. All knew the "person" was me. The article while not seeking my comment infers that I may file a lawsuit against the city of Los Banos.

I ask you directly for the answer to these questions:

1. Did you tell Pride that it was I who brought up the issue of prayer at the meeting?
2. Did Pride already know that I was the citizen who brought up the issue of prayer?
3. Did you have any conversations with Commissioner Hammond about me and the prayer issue?

The article of Prides' quotes City Planning Commissioner Reverend Hammond.

The idea that I breed costly litigations (problems) is a continuing falsetto theme of my public official/media adversaries. Such smut ball ties in nicely with the smut theme being propogated by allegedly anonymous posters on the Los Banos Enterprise Blogsite posted by LBUnderground:

Los Banos Forum

Home » blogs » lbunderground's blog

Goodbye OLB Forum.

Submitted by lbunderground on Fri, 2009-08-07 23:03.

OLB proved that a forum can help spread information and inspire political debate, some good and some bad. The webmaster got scared and shut down the service. Don't worry because the Enterprise is here to save the day. OLB can live in Pleasantville, but the rest of us can debate the issues here.

Undoubtedly, the OLB forum

Submitted by CalNative on Tue, 2009-08-11 17:05.

Undoubtedly, the OLB forum was shut down for two reasons. The first is he detested posters getting personal in their debate. He tried to keep a civil tone in the Forum. The political posters were getting more and more vitriolic with each other, not on the subject, but personally.

The second is he may have been scared for good reason when a certain Badger of the neighborhood began to get mentioned by name again. The person threaten legal action before and has a history of following up with such the threats. Not having the financial resources to pay for legal fees the way the Enterprise does, retreat was the better part of valor. My speculation, for what it is worth.



The long and short of the blog by the LB Underground was that the purportedly valiant Our Los Banos Forum where Pride and others were able to propogate messages of hate and accusations of racism against me bit the dust fearing that I might sue them. The line in the blog "Don't worry because the Enterprise is here to save the day" is a cruel joke. **(Collusion, see page 3, top left)**

(Collusion)

You were requested to provide me in writing the names of the NAACP representatives that Councilman Faria is consulting with for my public condemnation of using the "N" word on July 1st, 2009. On a related note I informed you and you should have received a copy of the letter to Mr. Jon Grissom, NAACP that was accepted and then returned refused by them.

I direct your attention briefly to neighboring Atwater, and the matter of Mayor Pro-tem Gary Fargo being forced to resign as Mayor-Pro tem by the NAACP. I request the same scale of justice be used on Mayor Tommy Jones for stating that he knew for a fact that I was a dangerous member of the Ku Klux Klan. It should also be done and taken up at the same time as the public condemnation of my act.



In fairness and equity, if the NAACP cannot declare me a racist or the use of the "N" word in the context it was used by me on July 1st, 2009, *the Los Banos City Council sure in the heck can't*. You will also find attached the Badger Flats Gazette's Mystery Theatre that discusses the NAACP also being requested by me to come down on Pride, an African American, who is supporting the racist attack upon me by Jones.

All of the Atwater City Council came down hard on Frago for forwarding email that contained racist comments and jokes. Therefore, I am requesting the Los Banos City Council to do the same to Jones and bring this matter before the NAACP for comment. As I told them at the open mike and in my most recent Badger Flats Gazette, what is good for the goose is good for the gander.

I informed you and cautioned you that what can be seen is a concerted effort by city officials with Mayor Jones at the lead taking a very precarious course in participating, with you witnessing and tacitly condoning an assault upon me as a citizen going unchecked.

The recent complaints filed by me against the Los Banos Police Department, The Merced County Sherriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol outlines the obstruction of justice, denial of due process and the denial of equal protection under the law which I am entitled to.

I look forward to your response to my questions and the city has been cautioned to cease and desist with its attack upon me or suffer the legal consequences.

Thank you. Sincerely, Gene Forte



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Tuesday, August 11, 2009

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Re: Councilman Gary Frago, Los Banos Mayor Tommy Jones, Merced Sun Star/McClatchy Newspapers/
Corey Pride

Dear Dr. Washington:



I write this letter as an introduction to what is a very disturbing matter to me in that I have been called a "known racist" by McClatchy Newspapers' African American reporter, Mr. Corey Pride. I submit that Mr. Pride is doing such to underscore Mayor Tommy Jones telling people that he knows for a fact that I am a member of the Ku Klux Klan and dangerous. I assure you that I am not a member of the KKK, nor am I a racist.

I concur with the NAACP in that Councilman Frago should have been more sensitive to his position as a public official and not propagate racist comments. The degree of severity of punishment is something that I cannot comment upon because I do not know the details.....but I certainly think that public scrutiny is a great start.

It is for this reason that I beseech the NAACP, and yourself to grant fairness to me in bringing to light Mayor Jones' racist attack upon me for reporting news about him that he doesn't like.

You will find attached the letter that was sent to Mr. Jon Grissom of the Los Banos chapter of the NAACP requesting that the NAACP review my public speech at the LB City Council meeting of June and some of my writing in the newspaper I report for, The Badger Flats Gazette.

I assert that Mr. Pride is with the Los Banos Enterprise's Publisher, Gene Lieb, supporting Mayor Jones in his racist attack upon me due to his personal hatred of me. Pride has told the members of the 2009 Recall Jones Committee they should show me, the "known racist" according to Pride, the door and not let me into a public place of business. If it were up to Pride, I would be prevented from buying food or clothes for my family. Very harsh punishment especially when I am not a racist. Frankly, I believe that even racists are entitled to have an opinion.

At any rate, the racist attacks upon me are in retaliation for my reporting upon Jones' arrest for crack cocaine in 1999 when he was an LB City Councilman, and exposing to the FPPC that Jones had broken non-disclosure laws by not reporting loans from Ranchwood Homes Developer, Mr. Greg Hostetler while voting on annexation of Hostetler.

Regrettably and shockingly, I received back the package marked "REFUSED" (see attached) and unopened by Mr. Grissom of the NAACP. Therefore, I am providing you with a copy of the letter to Mr. Grissom for your review.

I would appreciate and request that you view the video of the LB City Council meeting where I used the "N" word so that you understand in what context it was used, and the accompanying documents that support I am not a racist. You may view the video at BadgerFlats.com

If you believe, from what you view, and what you read, that I am a racist, please inform me of such in writing. If I have not heard back from you within 10 days of receipt of this letter, I will accept that as your affirmation that you do not consider me a racist and nothing I said in the context of my speech could be considered a racist comment by me.

Sincerely,

Gene Forte

CC: Atwater City Council, Los Banos City Council
Attached: August 3rd, 2009 Letter to NAACP c/o Mr. Jon Grissom w/o Video

