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July 30th, 2009

Mayor Tommy Jones
Los Banos City Council
c/o Mr. William Vaughn, Los Banos City Attorney
520 J Street
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EMAIL/CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Public Condemnation/Branding, Forte v. Jones, NAACP

Dear Mayor Jones and City Council:

I write this letter to request that you inform me precisely what steps you have taken on behalf of the citizens of Los Banos in having me publicly branded with an "N" on my forehead for defending myself from an onslaught of racists attacks by Mayor Tommy Jones and his puppet, Mr. Corey Pride, and staff reporters at the Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers.

Councilman Manuel Faria, who once told me and my wife in front of his wife that he only knows what he reads in the newspapers, said at the city council meeting, when asking about your progress (billable hours) in having my actions condemned and what would certainly be your crowning achievement as an attorney in truncating the First Amendment, that he was in contact with individuals from the NAACP that confirmed to him that he was *on the right track*.

It certainly seems that the "track" is that of a run-away train coming at me to do me harm and trying to abridge the rights of citizens throughout the nation. The turmoil in Atwater over a public official, Councilman Gary Frago, being called a racist that should be removed from office for sending out what was deemed emails with racist comments about another public official, President Obama, brings to focus the real problem you all have with me.

The race card cannot be played by Jones against me, and when he did, it exposed him and tip of the iceberg of evidence I have on other high ranking public officials and the press they control.

President Obama must come to my aid or he would be nothing more than a person that does not believe a white person can be maligned by a racist black public official.

The newspapers that I say are guilty of covering up the public official corruption, McClatchy Newspapers, Media News, et al., must report upon it, or other papers across the nation must. If they don't, they prove my allegations. The recent article about my arrest (that I call an attack) with a switched photo to conceal the contusion on my forehead written almost entirely by Deputy Tom Mackenzie (who may have taken it verbatim from Deputy Picinich's report) is knowingly disseminating false facts for Picinich.

You will find attached photos of the injuries I sustained to the front of my face. There could be a by-line under the photo that reads: This is what happens to anyone that writes about public official corruption. Now, look at the article by the LBE staff, i.e., Pride, Lieb, Yancey (extended staff: Mackenzie/Picinich)...it only says I sustained a minor neck injury. False fact by omission?

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What will be devastating to what I call my good old boy adversaries is that Jones', et al, and Tetra Tech's, et. al arrogance is what will bring light upon CIA Director Leon Panetta covering up for the Monterey County good ol' Boys whose tentacles reach up to Chief Justice Ronald George, Bill Lockyer and Governor Schwarzenegger.

Jones is the one that played the race card, and I shoved it literally up his derriere. It is now going to go farther up each one of you until somebody stands up and stops the assault upon me.

At this time, I am requesting that the NAACP back up their comments to Councilman Faria, who I also ask by this letter to disclose to me the identity of the person at the NAACP he has been talking to.

The NAACP is being presented copies of my speech and the documentation presented that night. They will be asked their opinion as to if I should be publicly condemned, and if they agree that Jones threw the race card at me. I want to see what they say about me, an Italian/Portuguese, saying publicly that I am closer to my black brothers than my white ones.

I want to see if they say I am a racist, or if they are critical of a black public official throwing the race card to deflect the guilt of his crimes. I want them to see what Jones had known, and when, about my having a black man as my best man to my marriage to my Chinese wife over 20 years ago.

Let's see if they call the Galloways to find out the truth, or if they would rather have a black public official wreck the reputation of other black public officials by being able to call white people racists when in reality, it is Jones and Pride that have racist tendencies and Jones uses it to cover his illegal acts.

Mayor Tommy Jones, a higher ranking public official than Councilman Frago, told another African American friend/brother of mine, Mr. Clinton E. Galloway, that he knew for a fact that I was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and dangerous. In simple words, the public official (Jones) attacked a citizen (Forte) and called him a racist. Jones was the first one to throw the race card.

Jones had done this after I had written about his arrest for crack cocaine in the Badger Flats Gazette after he had been elected Mayor. I was attacked by Jones. Galloway submitted a sworn declaration under penalty of perjury and testified at deposition that Jones did in fact tell him those words. Jones states that it never happened and basically called Galloway a liar.

Then, after I reported upon the undisclosed loans of Ranchwood Home developer Hostetler to Mayor Jones and the subsequent undisclosed conflict he had when he voted upon annexations involving Hostetler, Jones says I had "lynched him with words" and brings up his whole poor persecuted, but persevering black man routine... that he served in Vietnam, and was turned away, or asked to use the back door at a bar. I actually suspect his story about the bar is about as accurate as that of Lying Judge James Ware B.S. story about his brother being shot and killed off of his bicycle handlebars (NOT).

Citizens approached me and asked if I would put together a Recall Petition concerning Mayor Jones breaking FPPC Laws in not disclosing loans from Hostetler and his refusing under common law to recuse himself from voting on an upcoming Hostetler annexations' project. The Badger called "V is for Recall" explains it was not due to color or politics.....and I was not out on a vendetta. Included are the names of the original signers that included Mr. Marion Santos, at one time, the largest payer of City Taxes who also has a lawsuit against Merced County Officials along with myself.

Upon my reading the recall petition and then Jones' formal answer during the city council meeting, Jones cut my microphone off three minutes short before my time was over. I was then physically shoved and pushed from the podium and out the door by now ex-Chief Gallagher and threatened with arrest. Jones wrote a pathetic letter after I demanded an apology

Due to the incident, I had to go to the Los Banos Community Hospital.

Recently, Mr. Corey Pride lambasted Ms. Caryn Cox for allowing me and my wife into her offices at Candlelight Realty to interview her on the recall. Pride is stating that I am a known racist.

Now let's really have the tire meet the road. Mr. Vaughn, you are actually acting almost in a co-counsel position to Mayor Jones in the defense of his lawsuit I have against him. The matter of the lawsuit concerns what Jones said and what he told individuals such as the members of the City Council about me being a racist.

Jones, now along with other council members, votes upon an issue devoting legal fee resources to research the public condemnation of the "known racist" according to the Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers. Do you see the obvious conflict for both you and Jones....or did you miss ethics classes in law school?

The Merced Sun Star reported today that at a special meeting called by Atwater Mayor Faul that "Jon Grissom, President of the Los Banos chapter of the NAACP, who was also attending the Special Meeting, stood by, saying, "We concur with Dr. Washington and Chapter 1047."

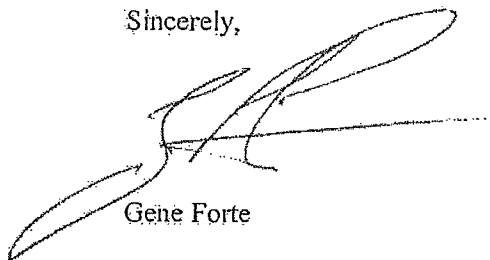
Where was Mr. Grissom at the time of Jones assault against me saying I was a member of the racist group the KKK? Where was Grissom to condemn the words I sued and how I used the "N" word to set Jones back on his heels? Why isn't our black mayor dancing in the media spotlight and pouncing all over Frago? Why isn't the press asking him about his feelings about it..... BECAUSE IF THEY DID THEY WOULD HAVE TO MENTION THAT JONES IS BEING SUED FOR SAYING THAT HE KNEW FOR A FACT THAT I WAS A DANGEROUS MEMBER OF THE KKK AND A HUGE CAN OF WORMS OPENS UP ON ALL OF THEM.

An attorney, Mr. Shawn Mills who watched my purportedly infamous speech said that I could be portrayed as perhaps only a black racist. In other words it seems that I am more black than white.

With that said, I request the names of the NAACP executives that Councilman Faria says he has been in contact with, and that Jones and all councilmen that are scheduled to have their depositions taken in the Jones lawsuit publicly disqualify themselves himself from any votes or issues concerning me.

Please respond ASAP.

Sincerely,



Gene Forte

Enclosures: Los Banos Enterprise Article, Injury Photos

Cc: Councilman Frago, The Atwater City Council, Mayor Joan Faul, Mr. Jon Grissom, Beverly Barela (Merced County Times), Jonah Owen Lamb (Merced Sun Star Reporter), B. Ratliff.

Friday, Jul. 24, 2009

Man arrested after courthouse confrontation

ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

Eugene Forte, 57, of Los Banos was arrested Wednesday outside of the Los Baños courtroom suspected of obstructing an executive officer and resisting arrest.

According to a written statement issued by the Merced County Sheriff's Office, Forte arrived at the courthouse at about 10 a.m. and attempted to enter the building with a recording device. When told by security personnel he was not allowed to bring a recording device into the courtroom, Forte reportedly became agitated and began yelling.

The statement reported additional deputies arrived on scene and explained to Forte that he would be allowed into the building, but he could not bring the recording device into the courtroom per established California Rules of the Court. He again began yelling at the deputies saying they were not going to stop him and refused to walk through the metal detectors.

The statement reported Forte finally complied with requests to go through metal detectors and was allowed into the building, but when he was reminded by a deputy not to take the recording device into the courtroom, Forte allegedly got in front of the deputy and began yelling again.

According to the statement, the deputy told Forte he needed to move out of the way. Forte allegedly refused to do so and when the deputy attempted to walk around the man Forte allegedly put out his left arm blocking the deputy's progress and bumping into him with his chest.

According to the statement, the deputy then told Forte he was under arrest and was attempting to place handcuffs on him when Forte reportedly began pulling away.

The statement reported as the deputy was attempting to gain control of Forte, the two fell to the ground where the deputy was able handcuff Forte. The deputy received a minor injury to his elbow during the scuffle and Forte suffered a minor injury to his neck.

According to the statement, Forte was taken by paramedics to Los Banos Hospital where he was medically cleared then booked into Los Banos Jail.

Forte was released from custody after posting bail of \$17,000, a Merced County Jail spokesman said Thursday.

