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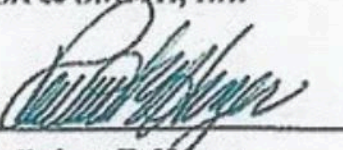
City of Hawk Cove

On behalf of Rebecca Bernardi, Mark Beatte, and Delores Spence, we are submitting this public statement regarding the filing of a civil suit seeking the removal of members of the Hawk Cove City Council. We would state that we believe there are no legitimate statutory grounds for our removal as members of the Civil Council; we on behalf of Defendants, refute the allegations leveled against us by the former mayor and others. This action is a blatant attempt to weaponize the legal system for political gain by the ex-mayor and staff personnel, as well as the current city attorney. The action alleging misconduct is solely for public gain to divert the public from many acts of misinformation, malfeasance and misconduct by current staff and prior council members. My clients believe that there has been gross mismanagement of city funds by current staff. This has resulted in serious shortfalls concerning financing of the wastewater system and default of a loan to the federal government. The attempts of my clients to correct this situation has been met with these baseless claims as a method to divert attention away from the irresponsible management of the City.

My clients do not shy away from the opportunity to vindicate themselves from these harmful allegations in open court within the crucible of the courtroom. We have asked our clients to refrain from direct comments concerning their involvement, in order to protect their innocence to the criminal violations made against my clients, we would please ask you not to infer guilt based on their silence. Like any matter, my clients are presumed innocent and nothing can reasonably be inferred from no comments made and/or these circumstances. The current staff comments or inference are irresponsible, dangerous and lack any moral basis. Do not believe such irresponsible and inflammatory rhetoric.

Me and my clients are confident that we will prevail, not only against these attacks, but for the greater good of all Hawk Cove citizens.

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