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TO: Citizens of Hawk Cove:

Re: Becky Bernardi

Dear Citizens:

On behalf of my client, Becky Bernardi, we are making the following statement on her behalf in response to requests for her to step down from her elected post, she declines.

In response to opinions that she refrain from exercising her legislative prerogative to vote on any matter brought before this Council, she declines.

There is no basis in law for her to resign or refrain from voting on any matter currently pending before Council. The position taken by City administration is nothing more than a veiled attempted to gaslight. Bernardi and undermine a duly elected official, and to discredit. Bernardi and her colleagues. These actions are a blatant sideshow to divert attention from the gross mismanagement of the municipal finances. The current City Administrator has made lavish payments of salaries, general expenses, consultants, legal fees, and pet projects while neglecting the roads, water, and sewer system. Furthermore, the Administrator has failed to make a repayment of a federal loan. The Administrator's actions are beyond the pale of responsible leadership.

Ms. Bernardi's journey as a council member, when elected in May of 2023, was based on holding the administration accountable for what she believed to be gross mismanagement of the City. The 'old' guard held a "special session" in late May 2023, after delaying her canvass and induction into office, as well as that of her political allies, which constituted a direct attack on the general fabric of our law system by (all five) council members whose intent was to terminate the illegal ten year employment contracts for the City Administrator, City Secretary, and City Attorney. All of these ultra vires actions were approved at the eleventh hour. Moreover, the three ordinances passed were to usurp the Mayor's and Council's control over the agenda and oversight of municipal legislative prerogatives to City administration; and, finally, these actions cut off the incoming council, including Bernardi, Beatte, and Spence, from the flow of information and ability to hold employees accountable for, in her opinion, is misfeasance and neglect.

Bernardi, her colleagues, and the citizens have been denied access to ANY financial information from bank statements, financial statements, audits, canceled checks, and any other documents. They have been denied any personnel information which they, under state law, should have full access so that they can make informed judgment and legislative decisions for the public good. They were denied in August and October 2023, from Agenda items to the performance of

the City Attorney. They have been met with vitriol accusations and deception. Why has the majority of the City Council and the public been denied access to the most fundamental governmental information to which it is entitled? Why has this enigma, wrapped in a riddle and shrouded by mystery, been allowed to continue and kept from the public? Why can they not see the City's financial records, not just Bernardi, but every member of this city. Secrecy and darkness are the devil's workshop.

Bernardi, Spence, and Beatte have been vilified by a small minority of City officials, impugning their character in, accusing them of violations of TOMA and seeking their removal. What are City officials hiding? The payment of expenses, salaries, checks, and consultants by their tax dollars, not for the good of the community, but the self-perpetrating self-servicing arrogance of the administration. The people are being deceived, misled, and subjected to minority rule by those that seek personal enhancement over tending to the needs of the citizens.

The current administration officers of this City have hidden and cloistered themselves into unaccountability with ordinances that are ultra vires and that violate majority rule. They have illegally established minority rule by a city manager form of government which is in violation of the Texas Local Government Code. This lack of unaccountability has led them to govern in darkness. They have filed legal proceedings to silence and discredit their critics, including the arrest of persons that dare to speak out and they have attempted to silence the will of the community.

Again, Bernardi reiterates that she will not resign, She will vote and represent the City to the best of her ability. She will represent all the citizens for the benefit of the community. She will continue to challenge and hold accountable any person or group that seeks to benefit from the neglect of the community. This administrative group is a dead beast lying across the railway line and preventing other trains from getting through. This must and will be stopped. Let the sun shine on Hawk Cove again.

SHE WILL PERSIST.

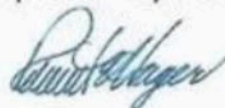
Whether from dais or any other platform

1. SHE WILL NOT REST UNTIL WE RETURN THIS CITY GOVERNMENT BACK TO IT'S CITIZENS
2. SHE WILL NOT REST UNTIL THOSE NOT SERVING THE PUBLIC WILL BEING ARE RELIEVED FROM THEIR POSITIONS
3. SHE WILL NOT REST UNTIL MAJORITY RULE IS REESTABLISHED
4. SHE WILL NOT REST UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN PROSPERS HERE

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Sincerely,

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