

08/08/2024

Mr. Scott and Ms. Hull,

I am completing this communication to relay a significant development related to my complaint against Councilman Chris Bausch.

On 08/07/2024, at approximately 5:16pm, I received the following text message from Gina Fitzpatrick of the Chamber of Commerce:

Gina: *I just received this text from [REDACTED] "I need to speak to ty lewis. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's just some information I want him to get. Give me a call.*

Gina: *How do you want me to connect you two? I haven't called him yet.*

Ty: Give me his number I will call him, I'm curious.

While reading the message I immediately understood that Fitzpatrick was referring to [REDACTED]

At 5:58pm I received a phone call from [REDACTED] asking to meet with me in person. [REDACTED] told me he had some serious information he felt I needed to know and asked to meet. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] seemed stressed and I agreed to meet him immediately.

I drove to [REDACTED] and arrived at approximately 6:10pm. [REDACTED] and invited me inside to talk. [REDACTED] handed me 8 pages of legal size paper (attached for your review) and said something similar to, "Ty, people are after you. You've always been good to [REDACTED]. We respected you when you were the Chief of Police and we think you're doing a great job now, that's why we wanted to tell you what's going on."

[REDACTED] complimented me regarding my handling of protests involving Black Lives Matter and how I handled an active shooter downtown. They also said that I and former Mayor Martin were the only ones that were open and honest with them [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] then told me that a candidate for City Council, Glenn O'Hagen, had approached them as they left the City Council meeting on 08/06/2024. O'Hagen handed them the 8 sheets of legal paper that they turned over to me. O'Hagen told [REDACTED] that he was going to 'drop a bomb' at the next City Council meeting and call for my immediate arrest by Chief Damian Nord. O'Hagen told [REDACTED] the documents they had received outlined illegal conduct by me related to the investigation of former Officer Chris McGuire. O'Hagen had a 'jump drive' that contained additional 'evidence' to support his claim. Notably, O'Hagen said he had audio of two police officers discussing how 'gays shouldn't be allowed to raise children'.

I am familiar with O'Hagen from previous contact when I was Chief of Police. To summarize these contacts:

Approximately 6yrs ago, the PRPD investigated O'Hagen for illegally taking possession of a newborn child. O'Hagen allegedly made a deal with a drug addicted pregnant woman to take possession of the woman's child at birth and then raise it as his own. The PRPD investigated along with Child Welfare Services and eventually took protective custody of the infant. The infant was eventually placed into foster care and then adopted by a family. O'Hagen accused the investigators, former Chief of Police Robert Burton, the CWS social worker and me of conspiring to kidnap and deprive him of his child.

I was unsurprised by the allegations relayed by [REDACTED] about O'Hagen. O'Hagen has made similar allegations on social media and other places throughout the years. [REDACTED] offered to obtain a copy of the jump drive and provide it to me. They said they didn't want me to be blindsided and felt it was the wrong what he planned to do.

Unsolicited, [REDACTED] then expanded the conversation and told me there was an active effort by Karen Velie (of CalCoast News and KPRL radio), Chris Bausch, Gary Lehrer, Linda George and others to 'take me down.' They also told me O'Hagen is an informant for Velie and works for her regularly.

[REDACTED] said many of the candidates for council have befriended them in recent months. [REDACTED] aren't sure why the candidates are suddenly friendly, but they are distrusting and assume it is for some type of competitive advantage related to their campaigns/agendas.

[REDACTED] said Karen Velie has befriended them as well and told her that it is her goal to 'take me out.' [REDACTED] said they don't know why they all hate me so much, but they aren't shy about telling [REDACTED] and potentially others. Again, unsolicited by me, [REDACTED] told me that Velie said she and Chris Bausch had started a rumor about me going to 'sex parties.' Velie told [REDACTED] the 'rumor' was untrue, but they liked the fact that I might be worried they have something on me. [REDACTED] repeated many times, 'Ty, they've got nothing on you. They know you're clean. They just want to get you.' Velie told them that I've been told about the sex party rumors and are happy with me being concerned. Velie told them 'we are happy that he thinks we have things on him.'

[REDACTED] said Velie told them that they really don't have any 'dirt' on me, but it is their goal to get me to leave my job as CM. [REDACTED] said they're super confused as to why these people revealed their conspiracies to them. Nonetheless, they want to make sure I am aware. They said they have no loyalties to any of those people and felt I was a good guy, doing good things for the community. They wanted to make sure I was aware to avoid being blindsided. They offered to keep me in the loop on any conspiracies by Velie et al as they are revealed.

I ended my conversation with [REDACTED] at approximately 6:35pm by thanking them for their trust and support. Upon leaving their office I immediately called City Attorney Elizabeth Hull to inform her of the conversation. I felt it was important that she know about O'Hagen's plans to disrupt the next Council Meeting but more importantly, I felt [REDACTED] information was critical evidence supporting my allegations against Chris Bausch. I also, called Chief Damian Nord to inform him of O'Hagen's plans for the next Council meeting.

Prior to this conversation with [REDACTED] I have had no contact with them about any complaints or issues about Bausch, Velie or others. It seems implausible they would have detailed information about critical aspects of my allegations against Bausch. Namely, Bausch and others are maliciously conspiring to publicly defame me, willing to violate California and Federal statutes related to protected classes and are willing to lie to further this agenda.

Again, I would appreciate anyone's help. This goes beyond political rhetoric. This is lying to destroy my reputation, career, and ability to provide for my family.

Update: 08/08/2024 @ approximately 0752hrs

I sent the following text message to [REDACTED] Can you give me a call when you have a chance?

@0754hrs, I received a phone call on my City cellular phone line from [REDACTED].

I spoke to [REDACTED] and again thanked him for talking with me so forthrightly the day before. [REDACTED] appeared to be on speakerphone with [REDACTED] Both reiterated they felt it was the right thing to do.

I told them I had a huge ask of them, I asked if they would be willing to provide a full statement to my attorney about what they had told me. Without hesitation they responded, "Absolutely, what they're doing to you is wrong."

[REDACTED] then went on to expand on comments he made the previous day telling me that Chris Bausch is actively working with Glenn O'Hagen on his campaign along with Karen Velie. [REDACTED] said, "I cannot figure out why he wants crack heads on the City Council." He also told me that Chris Bausch is working with Linda George and Gary Lehrer on George's campaign. Lastly, he said he is also working with Michael Rivera. He said all those people meet regularly to strategize on next steps. He indicated all of this was organized by Bausch and Velie to oust me and take over the council.

[REDACTED] told me he was aware of a situation where Bausch arranged for Karen Velie, Gary Lehrer and John Roush to be at Angela's Bakery to record me. [REDACTED] said, "Ty, that was a setup." Velie told [REDACTED] that Bausch had arranged everyone to be at the Bakery at an appointed time. Velie told [REDACTED] she had been hiding around a corner, ahead of the meeting, to avoid detection by me.

[REDACTED] told me that Bausch promised [REDACTED] if he helped him with his plots against me and the City. [REDACTED] warned [REDACTED] about associating with Bausch. [REDACTED] said Bausch worked for David Weyrich at the Paso Robles Airport several years back. Somehow Bausch and Weyrich 'screwed' [REDACTED] out of \$1million. [REDACTED] said Bausch would screw [REDACTED] too.

[REDACTED] said he has no interest in further associating with Bausch or Velie as he doesn't trust them. [REDACTED] feels Bausch is evil and corrupt; [REDACTED] are willing to expose Velie and Bausch. He said he was shocked and upset with the lies they manufacture and tell people about me. He said Velie and Bausch are lying to get to me out of office.

ended the call by telling me to stand strong against them, not let them get to me. said they would be willing to talk to my attorney to support and defend me.