

## DECLARATION OF J. SWAIN GRANIERI

I, J. Swain Granieri, declare:

1. I have more than 24 years of law enforcement experience as a Detective and Deputized Federal Agent. I have been the owner/operator of Granieri Private Investigations & Consulting, Phoenix, Arizona since 2008.
2. I was retained by Ballard Spahr LLP to perform work as a consultant in the matter of the Arizona House Ethics Committee Investigation of Representative David Stringer.
3. As part of my engagement, Investigator Mike Torres and I conducted 23 in-person interviews in Yavapai County and Maricopa County, Arizona, and I conducted one telephonic interview with Ruth Lambert. In each case, the interviewees reviewed and acknowledged attachment 1 regarding public disclosure of their statements.
4. I prepared contemporaneous investigative reports documenting all interviews.
5. I provided copies of my in-person interview reports to Investigator Torres and the 23 witnesses who reviewed them for accuracy.
6. I provided a copy of my interview report to Ruth Lambert who reviewed it for accuracy.
7. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct.

EXECUTED this 2nd day of April, 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona.

  
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J. Swain Granieri

**ATTACHMENT 1**

We have been retained to assist the Arizona House of Representatives Ethics Committee in its investigation regarding complaints against Rep. David Stringer. We are gathering facts and evidence that will be part of a public process. Because of its public nature, we cannot guaranty confidentiality or anonymity. Because of the importance of sharing accurate information with the Committee as it determines how to proceed, we would appreciate your cooperation and assistance in this investigation.

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## INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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Date: 03/12/2019

To: Joseph Kanefield  
Roy Herrera  
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From: J. Swain Granieri

In Re: Representative David Stringer Investigation

### PREDICATION

Interview with Rosemary Agneessens.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/05/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Rosemary Agneessens in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Ms. Agneessens reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed she understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Ms. Agneessens has been an educator and community organizer for over 50 years.

Between 1969-1983, Ms. Agneessens was a Catholic Sister in Wisconsin and Central America.

From 1983-1993, Ms. Agneessens was a community organizer for the Industrial Areas Foundation.

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Ms. Agneessens moved to Phoenix Arizona where she was employed as a Monte Vista Elementary School teacher from 1993-1996, and Language Director of a Dual Language Program and Principal at Creighton School from 1996-2000.

Ms. Agneessens moved to Prescott in 2011 and was the Principal at Abai Judd Elementary School until 2014.

Between 2014-2016, Ms. Agneessens was employed as a Principal Coach in the Prescott Unified School District.

From 2016 through the present, Ms. Agneessens has been employed as a FFMA Community Organizer under the Yavapai County Education Service Agency (YCESA). As a Community Organizer, Ms. Agneessens is a leader of the Prescott Education Advocacy Council (PEAC), a nonpartisan group involved in education advocacy.

Ms. Agneessens is a registered Independent and does not belong to any political organizations.

### **Interactions with David Stringer**

Ms. Agneessens first met Mr. Stringer when he was a candidate for the Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) Governing Board in 2014. Ms. Agneessens attended a political forum focusing on education which was held at the Prescott High School. Mr. Stringer was an attendee along with several other PUSD Governing Board candidates who were asked questions by a moderator and given a specific time to respond. Ms. Agneessens does not recall any offensive comments made by Mr. Stringer at this forum.

Ms. Agneessens organized and attended political forums in 2016 when Mr. Stringer was a candidate for the Arizona House of Representatives. Ms. Agneessens does not recall any specific offensive statements made by Mr. Stringer during these events but remembers that he did not support education funding and ethnic diversity in schools, and she did not support him.

In 2017, Ms. Agneessens attended a meeting at Aspire Accommodation High School at YCESA in Prescott with Mayer School Superintendent Dean Slaga, Chino Valley School Superintendent John Scholl, Prescott School Superintendent Joe Howard, and Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter. Representatives David Stringer and Noel Campbell were also present. A conversation about public schools ensued during which Mr. Stringer asserted that public schools should deal with indigent students, minorities, and special ed students, because they don't contribute to society.

In 2017, Ms. Agneessens attended a meeting with Mr. Stringer at his legislative office with school Superintendents Angela Jangula (Black Canyon City), Brian Bullington (Baghdad), and Dean Slaga (Mayer). During a conversation regarding education, Mr. Stringer intimated that the focus of school funding should be for elite students, and that public schools should deal with "*Mexicans*", and special ed students because they will never contribute to their communities or the economy. Mr. Stringer further espoused that "*Mexicans*" and poor students should not be educated past the eighth grade, as this was a waste of education funding.

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In the fall of 2017, or early 2018, Ms. Agneessens had a meeting with Mr. Stringer at his legislative office with Prescott Union School District teacher Lisa Groves and PTA affiliate JoAnne Chauffer. During the meeting, Mr. Stringer discussed his Internship at the ASU Preparatory Academy in Phoenix. Mr. Stringer said he was working in a third or fourth grade English Language Learning (ELL) classroom, and that he enjoyed working with ELL students, and said, *“I like being a daddy figure for the little girls when they sit on my lap.”* This was very shocking and disconcerting to Ms. Agneessens.

Ms. Agneessens provided this investigator with a copy of written notes she prepared for the interview (Attachment 2).

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Tom Benson.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/06/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Tom Benson in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mr. Benson reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Benson was a Naval Aviator in the US Military, and Vice President of Mitsubishi Motors.

Mr. Benson is retired and has lived in Prescott for several years.

Mr. Benson is a registered Republican. Mr. Benson is active in local politics but does not belong to any political organizations.

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## **Interactions with David Stringer**

Mr. Benson has interacted with Mr. Stringer on several occasions over the past several years, primarily at public political forums.

Mr. Benson first met Mr. Stringer in 2013 at Prescott school Bond and Override Committee meetings. Mr. Stringer was affiliated with the Citizens Tax Committee at the time and opposed the Bond and Override which did not pass.

Mr. Benson recalled another instance when he interacted with Mr. Stringer at a 2016 political forum held at the Las Fuentes Retirement Village in the spring of 2016. Prescott Education Advocacy Council (PEAC) leader Rosemary Agneessens hosted the event and was set up by Mr. Benson. Mr. Stringer was one of a panel of candidates running for the Arizona House of Representatives who attended the event and answered questions by a moderator. When questioned by the moderator, Mr. Stringer intimated he was not a supporter of public schools and thought they should be eliminated or privatized.

Mr. Benson has never heard any offensive statements made by Mr. Stringer in his presence or witnessed any unprofessional conduct by Mr. Stringer during interactions with him. Although Mr. Benson often disagrees with Mr. Stringer, Mr. Benson believes Mr. Stringer has been very consistent about his political views on public school funding over the years and has passionately expressed them.



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### PREDICATION

Interview with JoAnne Chaffeur.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 02/27/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed JoAnne Chaffeur in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Ms. Chaffeur reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed she understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

JoAnne Chaffeur and her husband have resided in Prescott since 2006. Ms. Chaffeur's children were ages six and eight at the time and she immediately became involved in the community as an education advocate.

From 2010-2011, Ms. Chaffeur was the Vice President of the PTA at the Abia Judd Middle School.

From 2011-2016, Ms. Chaffeur was the President of the PTSA at Prescott High School.

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Ms. Chaffeur is currently working with the Arizona State PTA.

Ms. Chaffeur is a registered Republican but has never held a public office and does not intend to do so.

Ms. Chaffeur is not a member of any political organization.

## Interactions with David Stringer

Ms. Chaffeur first met Mr. Stringer in 2014 when he was running for the Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) Governing Board. Ms. Chaffeur was aware that Mr. Stringer was an “outsider” and a member of the Prescott Citizens Tax Committee (CTC), an organization that didn’t support education funding. All told, Ms. Chaffeur and her fellow education advocates were concerned that Mr. Stringer would not support their agenda and would oppose them.

Ms. Chaffeur was instrumental in setting up political forums in the Spring of 2014 which focused on education and funding. Mr. Stringer was invited to participate in the forum along with other candidates who were running for the PUSD Governing Board at that time. The candidates were asked a series of questions by a moderator and allowed a two-minute response time and a one-minute closing statement. Prior to the event, Ms. Chaffeur consulted with the candidates over the phone to explain the content and format of the forum and provide them with the moderator’s questions in advance. Ms. Chaffeur recalls that Mr. Stringer spoke aggressively to her during their phone call, and that he expressed concerns he would not be treated fairly and tried to control the content and format.

Ms. Chaffeur does not recall any unprofessional conduct by Mr. Stringer, or any offensive statements he made, during this or other 2014 political forums held for the PUSD Governing Board election.

In 2015, the PTSA hosted a community forum for the Prescott Unified School District bond and override initiative which was held at Prescott High School (PHS). Ms. Chaffeur was President of the PTSA at that time and participated in the event along with about 300 other attendees. Ms. Chaffeur gave Mr. Stringer a tour of the facility which was in despair, such as leaking roofs with buckets on the floor to capture the water. During the tour, Mr. Stringer asserted that PHS looked better than the school he went to, and intimated he was surprised. During their discussion, Mr. Stringer referred to Ms. Chaffeur’s children as “*Privileged white kids*” and espoused that government/public schools were for the poor and that charter schools are best suited for Asian and Caucasian students.

In March 2016, Ms. Chaffeur attended a political forum focusing on education which was held at the Las Fuentes Retirement Village and organized by Rosemary Agneessens and Tom Benson. Mr. Stringer, Noel Campbell, and Karen Fann were candidates for the House of Representatives in the fall election and were invited to the event which was attended by about 60-70 people from the community.

At the conclusion of the forum, Ms. Chaffeur was having a conversation with PHS Principal Clark Tenney and a few other attendees when Mr. Stringer approached and joined the group. A discussion about public and charter schools ensued during which Mr. Stringer opined that Asian

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and Caucasian students excelled in charter schools and that poor students did better in public schools. Mr. Stringer touted that there were statistics to back up these assertions. Ms. Chaffeur disagreed with Mr. Stringer and stated her views on the subject, at which time Mr. Stringer got within 12 inches from her and began pointing his finger at her and claiming she was wrong.

In the spring of 2018, Ms. Chaffeur accompanied a group of education advocates to meet with Mr. Stringer at his legislative office to discuss proposition 305 during the **Red for Ed** rally at the Arizona State Capitol. The group included Prescott teachers Amy Bowser and Nicky Indicavitch. Ms. Chaffeur and her colleagues did not support prop 305 and wanted Mr. Stringer to oppose it.

Ms. Chaffeur and her group entered Mr. Stringer's office and sat on the couch. The office did not have a desk and Mr. Stringer sat in a reclining chair and extended the foot rest. Upon doing so, Mr. Stringer's feet were very close to Ms. Chaffeur and the others which made them uncomfortable, so they left the office after a short meeting.

Ms. Chaffeur and a group of colleagues made a follow-up trip to the state capitol about two weeks later to meet Mr. Stringer and Noel Campbell. Ms. Chaffeur does not recall who accompanied her on this trip. Ms. Chaffeur encountered a mother and young daughter, approximately 12 years of age, who recently left Mr. Stringer's office. The daughter appeared to be upset and was crying, and the mother reported that Mr. Stringer yelled at them during their meeting.

Ms. Chaffeur and her group then met with Noel Campbell and Mr. Stringer. During the meeting, Ms. Chaffeur passionately discussed her views on education funding and got emotional and started to cry. Mr. Stringer told Ms. Chaffeur to calm down and "**Take a Valium**" and Mr. Campbell told Ms. Chaffeur to "**Take a chill pill.**" Ms. Chaffeur believes this was unprofessional conduct for state representatives.

Ms. Chaffeur went to the December 6, 2018 Prescott Valley City Council Meeting, which was attended by Representatives David Stringer and Noel Campbell, and Senator Karen Fann. Ms. Chaffeur prepared a written statement calling for Mr. Stringer's resignation and received permission to read the letter at the end of the meeting (Attachment 3).

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Chaffeur, and other education advocates who were wearing red clothing to support the **Red for Ed** movement, were sitting waiting for the meeting to begin, when Mr. Stringer approach them and said he was glad the Humboldt Unified School District bond did not pass. Ms. Chaffeur thought this was unprofessional conduct as Mr. Stringer was aware that they supported the bond which funded education.

Mr. Stringer left the meeting before it concluded and prior to Ms. Chaffeur reading her prepared statement. Upon leaving, Mr. Stringer approached Ms. Chaffeur who was sitting with Nicky Indicavitch and other education advocates. Mr. Stringer told Ms. Chaffeur he didn't recognized her, and then addressed Nicky Indicavitch and indicated he knew her and said she looked "**heavier**" than she did the last time he saw her. Mr. Stringer referred to Ms. Chaffeur and her group as "**covert operatives**" and then left the building escorted by a police officer who was performing security at the meeting.

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On 02-08-2019, Ms. Chaffeur wrote a letter to the Arizona House Ethics Committee summarizing her interactions with Mr. Stringer and emailed the letter to Ruth Lambert (Attachment 3).

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Stephen Chmura.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/13/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Stephen Chmura at Arizona State University (ASU). Prior to the interview, Mr. Chmura reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Chmura is an ASU student majoring in Political Science.

Mr. Chmura is a registered Independent, and a member of the Alexander Hamilton Society, a nonpartisan political organization.

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## Interactions with David Stringer

On November 19, 2018, Mr. Chmura attended a Political History and Leadership lecture given by Professor Donald Critchlow at the ASU Coor Hall, which was attended by approximately 20-30 students. Mr. Chmura's friends and fellow ASU students, Daniel Rubio and Sam Thiele, also attended the lecture.

Mr. Stringer arrived at the lecture shortly after it began and was introduced by Professor Critchlow as an Arizona House Representative. Mr. Chmura and his friends were not familiar with Mr. Stringer and did Google research on their cell phones and learned that he made controversial statements about immigration in June 2018 during a Prescott speech, and that Governor Ducey had called for his resignation.

During the lecture, Professor Critchlow discussed the recent midterm election results and opined that the Republican Party needed to obtain a larger percentage of Hispanic voters. Mr. Stringer interjected and asserted that Republicans would never get more Hispanic voters because they were pro-immigration and opposed immigration control.

At or about this time, Mr. Chmura noticed that Mr. Rubio was recording the lecture with his cell phone.

After the lecture concluded, Mr. Stringer asked Mr. Chmura and his colleagues for directions out of the building. Mr. Chmura, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Thiele then got into the elevator alone with Mr. Stringer to assist him. While in the elevator, Mr. Stringer referenced the midterm elections and intimated that the results were favorable for Mr. Chmura and his friends. A conversation then ensued about immigration in which Mr. Rubio or Mr. Thiele expressed a pro-immigration viewpoint, to which Mr. Stringer replied, "*I hope they treat you well when they are in charge.*"

Mr. Chmura believes Mr. Thiele started recording Mr. Stringer with his cell phone in the elevator or shortly after they got off the elevator with Mr. Stringer. Mr. Stringer made a series of disconcerting comments about immigration and assimilation during the recorded conversation, after which Mr. Chmura and his friends shook hands with Mr. Stringer and they parted company.

Mr. Chmura, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Thiele went to Mr. Chmura's ASU dorm room that day to discuss what had occurred, and they made the decision to go public with the audio recordings of Mr. Stringer. Mr. Chmura knew someone who had media connections so it was decided that Mr. Chmura would spearhead the effort to get the recordings publicized. Mr. Rubio and Mr. Thiele sent the original recordings to Mr. Chmura via their cell phone devices to facilitate the same.

Later that day, Mr. Chmura engaged a colleague to connect him with the media. Mr. Chmura received a call the next day from a Phoenix New Times reporter who interviewed him over the phone. Mr. Chmura provided the reporter with the two complete audio recordings of Mr. Stringer. The reporter did not interview Mr. Rubio or Mr. Thiele.

On 11/30/2018, Mr. Chmura learned that the Phoenix New Times had published the article along with the two audio recordings of Mr. Stringer. On that same date, Mr. Chmura was contacted by

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Channel 12 news reporter Bianca Buono who arranged a televised interview with Mr. Chmura, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Thiele that evening. Mr. Chmura sent the two complete original recordings of Mr. Stringer to Ms. Buono in advance of the interview. A televised interview was also scheduled with Channel 5, and both took place at the ASU Memorial Union Building that evening on 11/30/2018.

At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Chmura provided this investigator with the two 11/19/2018 original audio recordings of Mr. Stringer. Mr. Chmura affirmed they were complete, unedited recordings that were taken on 11/19/2018 (See 11/18/2018 Audio Recordings).

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Allison Conant.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 02/27/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Allison Conant, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mrs. Conant reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed she understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Ms. Conant and her husband, Jonathan, have resided in Prescott for six years.

Ms. Conant has been an educator for over 20 years in Florida and Arizona and has been an Education Professor at Northern Arizona University for two years.



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## Interactions with Mr. Stringer

Mr. and Mrs. Conant attended the Yavapai County Bar Association membership picnic at Watson Lake on 07/08/2017. Mr. and Mrs. Conant were seated at a Ramada picnic table having a conversation with a small group of professionals that included Yavapai County College Professor Michael Davis and his wife, Heather. Mr. Stringer approached the table with a female associate who was running for Prescott mayor at the time and he introduced her to the group.

Ms. Conant initiated a conversation with Mr. Stringer about education during which Mr. Stringer said he was getting a master's degree in education and implied that teaching was an easy job and that anybody could be a teacher. Mr. Stringer also said teachers didn't work any harder than anyone else and that he didn't understand why they complain about their salaries. Someone at the table then addressed Mr. Stringer and said, "*You don't know who you're talking to.*" Mr. Stringer then leaned in closer, pointed at Ms. Conant and said, "*I know exactly who you are,*" "*that, that Star of David,*" "*that San Francisco T-shirt,*" "*you are a radical liberal.*" Mr. Stringer was red in the face and appeared to be agitated when he made these comments.

Mr. Conant then intervened and told Mr. Stringer he insulted and disrespected his wife, and that he owed her an apology. Mr. Stringer then turned to Mr. Conant and said, "*Another radical liberal.*" Mr. Stringer spoke in a raised, angry tone, and a contentious argument took place between Mr. Stringer and Mr. Conant. Mr. and Mrs. Conant then left the picnic.

Ms. Conant made a contemporaneous Facebook posting of her encounter with Mr. Stringer on 07/08/2017. Mrs. Conant reviewed Attachment 4 and confirmed this was the Facebook posting she made on 07/08/2017.

Mr. and Mrs. Conant are Jewish, and Mrs. Conant was wearing a small gold necklace with the Star of David, and a San Francisco T-shirt with the peace sign at the picnic. Mrs. Conant believes Mr. Stringer profiled her based on what she was wearing, and that his statements were anti-Semitic and offensive.

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Jonathan Conant.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 02/27/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Jonathan Conant in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mr. Conant reviewed Exhibit A and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Conant and his wife, Allison, have resided in Prescott for several years.

Mr. Conant is a practicing attorney in Prescott at his law firm, Jonathan D. Conant.

Mr. Conant has been a lifelong registered Republican.

Mr. Conant has been the Treasurer of the Yavapai County Bar Association (YCBA) for approximately five years. YCBA is a countywide organization consisting of local attorneys that has a voluntary membership program with annual membership fees.

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## Interactions with David Stringer

Mr. Stringer was a member of the YCBA for several years. In approximately August or September 2015, Mr. Stringer came to a monthly YCBA luncheon. Mr. Conant advised Mr. Stringer he was in arrears on his annual membership fee of \$150 and that he could pay \$20 to attend the luncheon as a nonmember. Mr. Stringer became indignant and said he intended to pay \$150, but since Mr. Conant wanted \$20, he would give him that. Mr. Stringer then gave Mr. Conant a check in the amount of \$150. Mr. Conant is Jewish and believes Mr. Stringer's statement may have been intended as anti-Semitic, based on the content of the statement and Mr. Stringer's tone and mannerisms when he made the comment.

The YCBA held a picnic at Watson Lake on 07/08/2017. Mr. Conant attended the picnic with his wife Alison. Mr. and Mrs. Conant were sitting at a ramada picnic table while engaged in a conversation with Yavapai County College Professor Michael Davis and a few others when Mr. Stringer approached the table. Mr. Stringer was accompanied by a female associate who was running for Prescott Mayor at the time, and he introduced her to everyone at the table. A conversation then ensued between Mr. Stringer and Mrs. Conant about education. At first the conversation was amicable and then became heated, and Mr. Stringer seemed frustrated that Mrs. Conant didn't agree with his point of view. Mrs. Conant was wearing a small gold necklace with the Star of David and a San Francisco T-shirt. At one point, Mr. Stringer pointed at Mrs. Conant and said, "*I know exactly who I am speaking to, that Star of David, that T-shirt.*" Mr. Conant intervened and told Mr. Stringer he disrespected his wife, and that he owed her an apology. Mr. Stringer did not apologize, called Mr. Conant "*a radical liberal*" and started arguing with him. Mr. and Mrs. Conant left the picnic shortly thereafter.

Ms. Conant made a contemporaneous Facebook posting of her encounter with Mr. Stringer on 07/08/2017.

After Mr. Stringer's November 2018 comments to ASU students were made public by the media, the YCBA Board held a meeting to address the matter and made the decision to terminate his membership. Due to Mr. Conant's prior dealings with Mr. Stringer, Mr. Conant abstained from participating in any actions regarding the board's decision. On 12/10/2018, the YCBA Board sent a letter to Mr. Stringer terminating his member. Mr. Stringer sent a written rebuttal letter to the YCBA Board, dated 12/26/2018.

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Michael Davis.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/06/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Michael Davis, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mr. Davis reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Davis has resided in Prescott for 12 years.

Mr. Davis has been a Criminal Justice Professor at Yavapai College for about 11 years.

Mr. Davis is an attorney but is not licensed to practice in Arizona.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Yavapai County Bar Association (YCBA), a countywide organization of local attorneys with a voluntary membership program.

Mr. Davis is a registered Democrat but does not belong to any political organizations.

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## Interactions with David Stringer

Mr. Davis has briefly interacted with Mr. Stringer during YCBA monthly meetings but doesn't recall any specifics about these encounters.

Mr. Davis attended the YCBA picnic at Watson Lake on 07/08/2017. Mr. Davis and his wife sat at a Ramada picnic table with Jonathan and Allison Conant and other attendees. Mr. Stringer approached the table with Mary Beth Hrin, who was a candidate for Prescott mayor at the time, and he introduced her to the group.

A conversation ensued between Mr. Stringer and Ms. Conant about education funding. During the discussion, Ms. Conant passionately related her point of view and asserted that the state budget cuts had negatively impacted education. Mr. Stringer disagreed and referenced the Arizona Supreme Court's decision to restore funds that had been removed from the education budget and said, "***Let them come and get it.***" Initially, the conversation was amicable, but then became contentious and heated as it progressed. Mr. Stringer seemed frustrated that Ms. Conant and others at the table didn't agree with his point of view. At one point, Mr. Stringer pointed to Ms. Conant and referred to the "***Star of David***" necklace and "***T-shirt***" she was wearing and said something like, "***I know your kind.***"

Mr. Conant then intervened and told Mr. Stringer he insulted his wife, and an argument resulted between Mr. Conant and Mr. Stringer. Mr. Davis recalls Mr. Conant telling Mr. Stringer he was a "***Life-long Republican***" during the argument. Mr. Davis walked away briefly and when he returned Mr. Stringer and Mr. Conant were still arguing, so he put his arm around Mr. Conant and escorted him away from Mr. Stringer.

Ms. Conant made a Facebook posting the same day in which she summarized the incident with Mr. Stringer on 07/08/2017. Mr. Davis read the posting on that date and recalls it was an accurate account of what occurred. Mr. Davis believes Mr. Stringer's reference to the Star of David and the subsequent comment he made to Ms. Conant was anti-Semitic and offensive.

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In Re: Representative David Stringer Investigation

### PREDICATION

Interview with Carolyn de Looper.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/25/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Carolyn de Looper. Prior to the interview, Ms. de Looper reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed she understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Ms. de Looper was the Manager of the Attorney Admissions Unit in Phoenix, AZ from 1983-2007.

Between 1983-1998 the Attorney Admissions Unit (hereafter the Unit) was an entity of the State Bar of Arizona (hereafter the Bar), a non-profit organization that operates under the supervision of the Arizona Supreme Court, and Ms. de Looper was employed by the Bar at that time. In 1999, the Unit moved to the Arizona Supreme Court (hereafter the Court) and Ms. de Looper became an employee of the Court until she retired as Manager of the Unit in 2007.

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Ms. de Looper's position and job function remained the same throughout her tenure as Manager of the Unit. In this capacity, Ms. de Looper managed and oversaw all aspects of the Character and Fitness and Exams process for attorney admissions.

As part of the process, applicants underwent an extensive background investigation by the Court Character and Fitness Committee (hereafter Committee) and were required to complete a lengthy application form as part of the process. One of the questions on the form directed the applicant to disclose any and all police contacts, arrests, and criminal charges, regardless of whether the charges were expunged. Applicants were also instructed to list every address, city, and county where they resided since age 18. Independent research was not conducted to verify the address history and relied upon information disclosed by the applicant. In turn, written inquiries were sent out from the Court to all pertinent law enforcement agencies requesting any police records for that individual. The applicant was further required to be fingerprinted by the Arizona Department of Public Safety who conducted a criminal records history search for that person.

Any issue of concern disclosed by the applicant, or discovered by the Committee through independent investigation, was addressed via 1) direct communication with the applicant by the lead Committee member handling the case, 2) an Informal Hearing, or 3) a Formal Hearing, all of which depended upon the nature and severity of the issue.

An Informal Hearing typically entailed a meeting with the applicant and two to three Committee members. A court reporter was typically present to document and transcribe the hearing but was not required. In some instances, the matter would be referred to a Formal Hearing for final resolution.

The Formal Hearing involved a meeting with the applicant and all Committee members. A Court reporter was required to be present to document the proceedings and provide a follow-up transcription. In the event a Committee member could not attend, a hearing transcription was provided to that member for review. In all instances, the Formal Hearing required a majority vote by the Committee to deny or approve admission.

Ms. de Looper attended many of the Informal Hearings and was present during most of the Formal Hearings that occurred during her tenure as Manager of the Unit. On some occasions, Ms. de Looper was unavailable and could not attend. In these instances, Ms. de Looper believes she would have been privy to the particulars of those hearings and the outcomes.

### **Application of David Stringer**

Ms. de Looper does not recall the application of David Stringer, or the 2004 admission of Mr. Stringer.

Ms. de Looper does not recall an Informal or Formal hearing pertaining to David Stringer.

Ms. de Looper does not recall any applicant that was arrested, charged, or accused of possessing child pornography who was approved and admitted by the Court. Ms. de Looper is certain that any applicant who disclosed the same would have been required to have a Formal hearing.

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Ms. de Looper does not recall any applicant that was arrested, charged, or accused of having sex with a minor or underage prostitute who was approved and admitted by the Court. Ms. de Looper is certain that any applicant who disclosed the same would have been required to have a Formal hearing.

All records involving the Character and Fitness and Exam process were retained for seven years after the date of admission, after which they were purged, with one exception. Ms. de Looper maintained a contemporaneous log of Informal and Formal hearings which documented the following information:

- Applicants name
- Lead Committee member name
- Hearing date
- Reason for the hearing
- Hearing outcome/decision

Ms. de Looper kept the log in a three-ring binder which she left in her office when she retired in 2007.



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### PREDICATION

Interview with Ashley Fine.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 02/26/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Skyview Charter School teacher, Ashley Fine, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Ms. Fine reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed she understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Ms. Fine was born and raised in Prescott, AZ.

Ms. Fine has been an educator for 10 years and has been employed as a teacher at Skyview Charter School for eight years.

Ms. Fine is a registered Republican. Ms. Fine does not belong to any political groups but is an advocate for education and education funding. Ms. Fine has never run for political office and does not intend to do so.

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## Interactions with David Stringer

Ms. Fine and her fellow Skyview colleagues were involved in the *Red for Ed* movement to promote education funding for schools, teachers, and students. Ms. Fine and other Skyview teachers participated in a nationwide school walk out as part of the movement.

Ms. Fine first met Mr. Stringer in the spring of 2018 during the *Red for Ed* rally held at the state capital. Ms. Fine and her 14-year-old daughter, Sedona, participated in the event and were accompanied by Skyview Teacher Aid, Michelle Grubert, and her 14-year-old daughter, Lily.

One of the speakers at the rally encouraged participants to meet with their state representatives to promote the movement, so Ms. Fine, Ms. Grubert, and their daughters went to Mr. Stringer's office and requested to meet with him. Mr. Stringer's assistant told them Mr. Stringer was busy and suggested they leave a written message for him regarding their agenda. Ms. Fine and Ms. Grubert authored written messages for Mr. Stringer regarding their views on education funding and left. As they were leaving the building, Ms. Fine received a call from Mr. Stringer's assistant who said Mr. Stringer agreed to meet with them.

Ms. Fine and her entourage returned and were shown into Mr. Stringer's office where two female teachers from Tucson were seated on a couch having a discussion with him regarding education. Mr. Stringer greeted Ms. Fine and her group, and they joined the discussion. During the conversation, Mr. Stringer used the adjective "*little*" several times to describe their discussion and the written messages Ms. Fine and Ms. Grubert left for him. Ms. Fine felt that Mr. Stringer's use of the word "*little*" was condescending and demeaning so she addressed Mr. Stringer and asked him not to use the word "*little*" to depict the conversation they were having. Ms. Fine recalls that she spoke in a calm, firm voice when doing so. Mr. Stringer, who was seated at the time, immediately stood up and told Ms. Fine to leave his office. Mr. Stringer was standing approximately four feet from Ms. Fine at this time, appeared to be upset, and spoke with an aggressive tone and a raised voice when he addressed her. Ms. Fine was taken back by Mr. Stringer's unexpected response and told him it was not her intent to be disrespectful. A back and forth exchange ensued during which Ms. Fine continued asking Mr. Stringer's permission to remain and continue the discussion, and Mr. Stringer repeatedly asked Ms. Fine to leave. During this exchange, Mr. Stringer approached Ms. Fine and stood about two feet from her and continued speaking to her with an elevated voice and aggressive tone. Mr. Stringer asserted that Ms. Fine was being disrespectful because she wouldn't leave and said he would do so if the situation were reversed. Ms. Fine responded by saying she wouldn't ask Mr. Stringer to leave her office. At this point, Mr. Stringer told Ms. Fine she was being "*militant*" and "*combative*" and called out for security, and Ms. Fine complied and left Mr. Stringer's office. Ms. Fine was escorted down the hall by an unknown man in plain clothing and Mr. Stringer's assistant. Ms. Grubert remained with her daughter, Lily, and Ms. Fine's daughter, Sedona. Ms. Fine estimates that her entire meeting with Mr. Stringer totaled approximately three to four minutes.

The two teachers from Tucson left Mr. Stringer's office at the same time as Ms. Fine. Ms. Fine saw the teachers later that afternoon in the gallery of the House of Representatives and one of them said, "*I can't believe he did that.*"

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Ms. Fine had a happenstance meeting with Representative Athena Salman in the stairwell of the capitol building. While speaking with Ms. Salman, Ms. Grubert, Lily, and Sedona approached and joined them. Sedona was visibly upset and appeared to have been crying, and Ms. Fine told Ms. Salman about their experience in Mr. Stringer's office. Ms. Salman consoled Sedona, apologized, and told her that shouldn't have happened.

Ms. Salman suggested Sedona document her experience. After returning to Prescott Sedona made a written account of what occurred and shared the story with family friends who posted it on Facebook (Attachment 5).

Ms. Fine has not had any other interactions with Mr. Stringer.

When Ms. Fine learned about the House Ethics Committee's investigation into Mr. Stringer, she wrote a letter to the committee, dated 02/10/2019, which she forwarded through Ruth Lambert. Ms. Fine reviewed Attachment 6 and verified this was the letter she authored on that date.

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Prescott High School Principal Mark Goligoski.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 02/26/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Prescott High School (PHS) Principal, Mark Goligoski, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mr. Goligoski reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Goligoski is the Principal at the PHS and was formerly the Prescott Mile High Middle School Principal.

#### **Interactions with David Stringer**

Mr. Goligoski only recalls one personal interaction with Mr. Stringer which occurred when Mr. Goligoski was the Principal at Prescott Mile High Middle School. In or about 2017, Arizona House of Representative's David Stringer and Noel Campbell were being given a tour of the

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school by Prescott Unified School District Superintendent Joe Howard. During the tour, a conversation ensued regarding education and ethnic diversity. Mr. Goligoski recalls Mr. Stringer opined that “*Mexican*” students had a negative impact on the graduation rate. Mr. Goligoski responded by sharing his positive experience with ethnic diversity as a Principal.

Mr. Goligoski has attended Prescott political forums over the years in which Mr. Stringer participated as a political candidate but does not recall any offensive comments made by Mr. Stringer at those events.

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Michelle Grubert.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 02/26/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Skyview Charter School Teacher Aid, Michelle Grubert, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Ms. Grubert reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed she understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Ms. Grubert has resided in Prescott for four years and has been employed as a Teacher Aid at Skyview Middle School for three years.

Ms. Grubert is a colleague and friend of Ashley Fine.

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## Interactions with David Stringer

Ms. Grubert and other Skyview employees were involved in the **Red for Ed** movement to promote education funding for schools, teachers, and students, and she participated in a nationwide school walk out to facilitate the cause.

In the Spring of 2016, Ms. Grubert and her 14-year old daughter, Lily, traveled to Phoenix with Ms. Fine and her 13-year old daughter, Sedona, to participate in the **Red for Ed** rally at the state capitol. One of the key note speakers at the event urged participants to meet with their state representatives to promote the movement, which prompted Ms. Fine and Ms. Grubert to do so. Ms. Fine, Ms. Grubert and their daughters went to Mr. Stringer's office and requested to meet with him and were told by Mr. Stringer's assistant that he was busy. Ms. Grubert and Ms. Fine left messages for Mr. Stringer summarizing their concerns about education, to include the hard work that teachers do and the unfair salaries they receive in return. As they were leaving the building, they received a phone call from Mr. Stringer's assistant and were told that he agreed to meet with them.

Ms. Grubert and her party returned and were shown into Mr. Stringer's office. There were two female teachers from Tucson seated on a couch engaged in a conversation about education with Mr. Stringer when they entered. Mr. Stringer addressed Ms. Grubert and her party and used the adjective "*little*" several times when referring to the written notes they left and the conversation they were having with him. Ms. Fine addressed Mr. Stringer and said she would appreciate it if he didn't use the word "*little*" when describing their discussion, and spoke in a calm, self-assured tone when doing so. Ms. Grubert doesn't recall Mr. Stringer's exact response but remembers he became immediately defensive and began speaking with a raised voice which she thought was very odd and unwarranted given the circumstances. Ms. Fine told Mr. Stringer she was not trying to be disrespectful and asked if she could remain and continue the conversation. At one point, Mr. Stringer told Ms. Fine she was being "*militant*" and "*combative*" and called out for security, after which Ms. Fine complied and left the office. Someone may have entered the room and escorted Ms. Fine out of the office, but Ms. Grubert is uncertain because she was facing the opposite direction. Sedona became upset during the exchange and started crying and Lily was on the verge of tears. Lily and Sedona started to leave with Ms. Fine, but Ms. Grubert encouraged them to stay because she thought it would be a good experience for them.

Sedona and Lily addressed Mr. Stringer for about 15 minutes and expressed their views that teachers work hard and received unfair salaries in return. In response, Mr. Stringer rejected the idea of increasing teacher's salaries and implied they didn't work harder than anyone else and received substantial benefits along with their salaries and didn't deserve anything more. At the conclusion of the meeting, Ms. Grubert asked Mr. Stringer to consider supporting teacher salary increases and then left the office with Lily and Sedona.

Ms. Grubert, Lily, and Sedona then reunited with Ms. Fine who was speaking with Representative Athena Salman and the two teachers from Tucson. Ms. Grubert and Ms. Fine related to Ms. Salman what had occurred in Mr. Stringer's office. Ms. Salman responded in apologetic fashion.

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Merissa Hamilton.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/21/2019, this investigator and attorney Mark Kokanovich interviewed Merissa Hamilton at Ballard Spahr. Ms. Hamilton's attorney, Kory Langhofer was also present. Prior to the interview, Mr. Kokanovich explained that the Arizona House of Representatives Ethics Committee investigation regarding complaints against Representative David Stringer was a public process and that confidentiality or anonymity could not be guaranteed. Ms. Hamilton affirmed she understood this disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Ms. Hamilton is a political activist and has focused much of her efforts on protecting children and victims of child sex trafficking. Ms. Hamilton has conducted research and gathered a considerable amount of information in this regard.



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Ms. Hamilton was formerly a member of the Maricopa County Libertarian Party and left the party in early 2018 due to concerns that it engaged in pro-pedophilia views such as legalizing adults having sex with underage children.

### Interactions with David Stringer

After Ms. Hamilton left the Libertarian Party, she registered as a Republican. Ms. Hamilton was considering running for the House of Representatives in Yavapai County District 1 in 2020 and her political colleagues suggested she contact Representative David Stringer, as he was considered a pro-liberty Republican.

Ms. Hamilton's colleague, Matthew Perry, is a member of the Arizona Young Republicans League and set up a meeting between Ms. Hamilton and Representatives Stringer and Campbell in February or March 2018, at Mr. Campbell's home. As a result of the meeting, Mr. Stringer offered to provide guidance to Ms. Hamilton regarding her potential candidacy for State Representative.

Mr. Stringer invited Ms. Hamilton as his guest to a political forum hosted by the Republican Women of Prescott (RWOP) which was held at the Prescott Resort on 05/18/2018.

This was the first time Ms. Hamilton attended a Republican forum. A United States Border Patrol Agent was a keynote speaker at the event, and Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Stringer sat next to one another at a table with other attendees. Ms. Hamilton live-streamed the speech on Facebook via her cell phone which she held in front of her in plain view as she was recording. Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Stringer spoke to one another during the speech which was also recorded.

During the question and answer portion of the speech, Mr. Stringer asked Ms. Hamilton if he should question the speaker about "**immigration**" and Ms. Hamilton suggested he ask questions about "**child sex trafficking**". In response, Mr. Stringer said, "**I don't like to, I don't like to demonize it, I think that, I think that's a demagogue on child, on child sex trafficking**". Mr. Stringer further opined that he didn't believe there was a lot of "**child sex trafficking**" but contended there were "**a lot of 15-year-old prostitutes**" and chuckled when he made the comment. Ms. Hamilton disagreed and expressed her view that child sex trafficking was a significant issue. Mr. Stringer then replied, "**I think that's demagogue, I really don't believe that**". As the speech continued, Mr. Stringer asked Ms. Hamilton where she heard about "**child sex trafficking**", and Ms. Hamilton said she spoke with a "**lawyer**" involved in rescuing children and a "**Navy Seal**". In response, Mr. Stringer said, "**Maybe there's more to it than I think**", and again opined that there were a lot of "**teenagers**" involved. Ms. Hamilton then pointed out there were pre-teen victims, including children ages two and five, to which Mr. Stringer replied, "**You think there are people having sex with five-year-olds, you think there is?**".

Ms. Hamilton stopped video recording after the speech concluded, and Mr. Stringer offered to walk Ms. Hamilton out to her car. Ms. Hamilton was taken back by Mr. Stringer's comments about sex trafficking during the speech and engaged him in a discussion about the subject in the parking lot. Ms. Hamilton reiterated that child sex trafficking was a very serious, prevalent problem in the state, which was well documented. Mr. Stringer was very incredulous and repeatedly said he didn't think child sex trafficking was "**a thing**". Ms. Hamilton then asked Mr. Stringer to clarify if he meant child sex trafficking "**didn't exist**", or if he thought there was no

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“*damage*” caused by child sex trafficking. In response, Mr. Stringer said he didn’t think there was any “*damage*”. In support of this claim, Mr. Stringer said, “*If an uncle takes his niece or nephew to a playground, and they go on the merry-go-round and have some ice cream, and then do their thing, that’s just part of the experience*”.

Ms. Hamilton then told Mr. Stringer he was wrong, and that that child sex trafficking caused irreputable, life-long damage to children. In response to this, Mr. Stringer said, “*We can agree to disagree*”.

Ms. Hamilton was very “*shaken up*” and “*frazzled*” by Mr. Stringer’s comments about child sex trafficking and adults having sex with children, and left phone messages for Mr. Perry and Constantin Querard that evening to discuss the matter but did not receive return calls that evening.

Ms. Hamilton was concerned about Mr. Stringer’s statements but wanted to give him the benefit of doubt given the brief interaction she had with him, and because he was highly respected in the community. Ms. Hamilton took down the Facebook video recording of the RWOP speech as a precaution and maintained a copy of for her records.

In June 2018, after Mr. Stringer’s controversial remarks at a Prescott political forum which were reported by the Phoenix New Times and other media outlets, Ms. Hamilton assisted Mr. Stringer with setting up a news conference with Reverend Jarret Maupin. In preparation for the event, Ms. Hamilton had a meeting with Mr. Stringer at the Biltmore in Phoenix to provide consultation about the news conference and how to deal with the overall controversy. During the meeting, Ms. Hamilton told Mr. Stringer he should always assume he is being recorded and admonished him to be cautious about how he expressed his views in the future, as it could be detrimental to him and the Republican Party. Mr. Stringer insisted that what he said at the Prescott political forum was factual and that the controversy would soon go away. Mr. Stringer used the term “*White flight*” several times during their conversation and proclaimed that “*white*” people were moving from cities to the suburbs to get away from “*Hispanics*”, “*African-Americans*” and other minorities. Mr. Stringer also implied that the white culture was superior and that immigrants needed to adapt to the superior culture.

During the televised news conference with Rev. Maupin, Mr. Stringer invited Rev. Maupin to be on his Criminal Justice Reform team. About a month later, Ms. Hamilton telephoned Mr. Stringer and inquired about the invitations, and Mr. Stringer said he rescinded Rev. Maupin’s invitation because he didn’t call back, and that Ms. Hamilton was not qualified to be on the team.

Ms. Hamilton severed her ties with Mr. Stringer and ceased communicating with him after learning about the November 2018 statements he made to ASU students. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Hamilton heard news media reports that Mr. Stringer he had been arrested in 1983 for child pornography and soliciting prostitutes and discovered an old Prescott eNews article published on 10/16/2017 in which Mr. Stringer made white nationalist comments.

Ms. Hamilton has since opted to not run for the House of Representatives in 2020.

Ms. Hamilton provided this investigator with a copy of the 05/18/2018 live-stream Facebook video recording she made at the Prescott RWOP forum.

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Prescott Unified School District Superintendent Joe Howard.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/05/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) Superintendent Joe Howard, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mr. Howard reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Howard has resided in Prescott since 1985.

Mr. Howard began his career in education in 1996 as a teacher and coach. Mr. Howard was the Principal at Chino Valley Mile High School for seven years commencing in 2002. From 2009-2014 Mr. Howard was the PUSD Assistant Superintendent and has been the PUSD Superintendent since 2015.

Mr. Howard is a registered Independent and does not belong to any political organizations.

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## Interactions with David Stringer

Mr. Howard first met Mr. Stringer in 2013 or early 2014 at a public gathering when he was a candidate for the Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) Governing Board. Mr. Stringer showed Mr. Howard a campaign pamphlet he created in which his photograph was superimposed onto a photo of a mural and said, "***Fucking amazing, isn't it?***"

Mr. Howard's next interaction with Mr. Stringer was in 2015 at a BASIS Charter School convention held at the Prescott Resort. Mr. Stringer attended the event and approached Mr. Howard and said, "***You're the public-school guy.***"

In 2015, Mr. Howard had lunch with Mr. Stringer to discuss the upcoming school Bond and Override initiative. Mr. Stringer was affiliated with the Prescott Citizens Tax Committee (CTC) and was accompanied by an associate of the organization. During the luncheon, Mr. Stringer implied that he had no tolerance for poor people and opined they were a drain on society. Mr. Stringer proclaimed that the poor had a lot of babies and were often overweight and unhealthy. The topic of ethnic diversity was discussed during which Mr. Stringer said he moved to Prescott to get away from diversity, like many others. Mr. Stringer further espoused that Prescott should remain a predominantly non-diverse retirement community. Mr. Howard expressed his positive views on diversity, and in response, Mr. Stringer said he was an attorney in Washington DC and represented many "***White***" clients who were victims of wrongdoing by "***Black***" defendants. Mr. Howard recalls that the meeting with Mr. Stringer was initially amicable and became contentious as it progressed.

Mr. Howard heard about the December 2018 Prescott City Council Special Meeting regarding Mr. Stringer's unprofessional conduct. During a superintendent announcement later that day, Mr. Howard made the following statement:

***"I applaud the vote of our Prescott City Council today for calling for the resignation of David Stringer. His consistent comments and views represent the opposite of what we believe in PUSD when we say from our heart, Every Child, Every Day."***

Mr. Howard's statement was quoted in the Prescott Daily Courier.

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Pam Jones.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/05/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Pam Jones, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Ms. Jones reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed she understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Ms. Jones and her husband, Dr. David Hess, have resided in Prescott for 17 years.

Ms. Jones and Dr. Hess previously lived in Washington DC, where Ms. Jones worked as a volunteer in the White House for the President George W. Bush administration in 2001.

Ms. Jones and Dr. Hess are registered Republicans and have been very active in Arizona State and local politics since 2010. Ms. Jones has been a member of the Republican Women of Prescott (RWOP) since 2003 and was the President of RWOP for two years commencing in 2012. Ms. Jones and Dr. Hess have done a considerable amount of local campaign promoting

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and fundraising, such as the campaigns of Prescott Mayor Greg Mengarelli, Prescott Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Orr, and Yavapai County Assessor Judd Simmons.

### Interactions with David Stringer

Ms. Jones had very minimal one-on-one interactions with Mr. Stringer prior to the November 2016 Arizona House of Representatives election. Ms. Jones supported John Lamerson who ran against Mr. Stringer for the Prescott Unified School District Board of Governors in 2014.

On February 17, 2017, Ms. Jones attended a political forum at the Las Fuentes Retirement Village hosted by the RWOP to address Proposition 443. Prescott Mayor Pro-Tem Billie Orr was one of the keynote speakers at the event. Representative David Stringer, who was not an invited speaker, showed up late while the meeting was in progress and began distributing pamphlets regarding a Prop 443 press release. Mr. Stringer was accompanied by Representative Noel Campbell. Ms. Orr was speaking over a microphone at that time and posed a question to the audience. Without being solicited to do so, Mr. Stringer approached, took the microphone from Ms. Orr's hand and began addressing the audience.

After the meeting adjourned, Ms. Jones and several of her colleagues discussed Mr. Stringer's disrespectful behavior towards Ms. Orr and decided as a group that it was important to bring the matter to his attention. Ms. Jones was elected to speak with Mr. Stringer in this regard and was accompanied by Sherrie Hanna. Ms. Jones approached Mr. Stringer and addressed him in a polite, calm manner. Ms. Jones told Mr. Stringer that his conduct towards Ms. Orr was perceived as rude and disrespectful. Mr. Stringer became immediately agitated and moved within 12-18 inches from Ms. Jones and began shaking both of his fingers in her face while scolding her with a raised voice and angry tone. Mr. Stringer is considerably larger in stature than Ms. Jones and she felt threatened by his actions and said, "***Get your fucking fingers out of my face.***" Mr. Stringer continued berating Ms. Jones and told her she was "***Trash.***" Phyllis Robinson, who was nearby and overheard Mr. Stringer reprimanding Ms. Jones, intervened and said, "***You can't say that to her.***" Ms. Jones told Mr. Stringer that he was a State Representative and shouldn't conduct himself in that manner. In response, Mr. Stringer said, "***You better not ever forget that.***"

Lynn LaMaster, owner of Prescott E-News, attended the forum and was standing next to Ms. Jones and Mr. Stringer during the altercation. The following day, Ms. LaMaster sent an email to Ms. Jones and Mr. Stringer in which she disclosed that she made an audio recording of their altercation and was enclosing a copy of the recording and a transcript of the audio to each of them in the email. In the email, Ms. LaMaster said she made the decision not to publish the recording but reserved the right to do so in the future. Ms. LaMaster addressed Mr. Stringer in the email as follows.

***"I would suggest, Representative Stringer, that the fallout of publishing this incident would be much costlier to you than it would Pam. If something like this were to occur again, and any other media representatives were present, it is highly doubtful that they would display the same discretion that I am showing. If it occurs again in my presence, I will be unable to ignore it, because at that point, it becomes less of an unfortunate disagreement, and begins to resemble evidence of a pattern of unprofessional behavior"***

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In the email, Ms. LaMaster further disclosed that she video recorded the Las Fuentes forum presentation on her cell phone and provided a YouTube link to the video (See 02-17-2018 LaMaster Audio-Video Recording).

Ms. LaMaster informed Ms. Jones and Mr. Stringer in the email that she would retain the original audio recording of their altercation and asked that they not “*republish*” the recording or transcript to the media or anyone else without her “*written consent*”.

On 02/18/2017, Ms. Jones sent an email reply to Ms. LaMaster in which she apologized and intimated she was embarrassed for using an expletive during her encounter with Mr. Stringer. In the email, Ms. Jones said she was “*...very shocked and stressed at his fingers jabbing at me*” and that she was “*... totally blindsided and astonished by his reaction.*”

In response, Ms. LaMaster sent an email to Ms. Jones on that date in which she said, “*No apologies needed. I don’t like being treated that way, either, which is something I am struggling with in another situation (Not with Lewis, of course. He’s the nicest guy in the world.)*” In the same email, Ms. LaMaster also said;

*“My concern in this situation is that I not appear biased one way or another. That’s why I decided to send it to both of you at the same time. That seemed very fair to me. My biggest concern is that it will just give the “enemy” ammunition. And that’s unnecessary. So, I decided it should not be published.”*

Ms. Jones provided this investigator with copies of the aforementioned emails (Attachment 7).

Ms. Jones is an associate of Mark Sensmeier, former Chairman of the Yavapai County Republican Committee (YCRC), and Department Chair and Associate Professor of Aerospace Engineering at Embry-Riddle University.

Mr. Sensmeier and other YCRC representatives made a written statement calling for Mr. Stringer’s resignation following the comments he made during the June 2018 speech to the Yavapai County Republican Men’s forum.

Mr. Sensmeier recently consulted with Ms. Jones about the House Ethic Committee’s investigation into Mr. Stringer. During this conversation, Mr. Sensmeier intimated that Mr. Stringer gave a 2018 speech at Embry-Riddle to the Yavapai County Young Republicans and the Embry-Riddle College Republicans, during which he made offensive comments similar to the ones that are the subject of the investigation. Mr. Sensmeier reported that his son, Steven Sensmeier, attended the speech but is afraid to come forward. Steven Sensmeier has since graduated from Embry Riddle University and was affiliated with the Martha McSally for Senate campaign.

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From: J. Swain Granieri

In Re: Representative David Stringer Investigation

### PREDICATION

Telephonic interview with Ruth Lambert.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Ms. Lambert is the Sergeant at Arms of the Maricopa County Democrats Legislative District 1, a local political organization.

Ms. Lambert has never interacted with Representative David Stringer and has no firsthand knowledge of Mr. Stringer's conduct as alleged in complaints submitted to the Arizona House of Representatives Ethics Committee. Ms. Lambert became a point of contact for several LD1 constituents who provided her with written statements about their disconcerting encounters with Mr. Stringer, which she forwarded to the House Ethics Committee.

Ms. Lambert provided this investigator with these written statements in a follow-up email on 02/19/2019 (Attachment 8).



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In Re: Representative David Stringer Investigation

### PREDICATION

Interview with Prescott Mayor Greg Mengarelli.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/06/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Prescott Mayor Greg Mengarelli, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mr. Mengarelli reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Mengarelli has resided in Prescott for 24 years.

Mr. Mengarelli has been the CEO of the United Christian Youth Camp since February 1995.

Mr. Mengarelli is a registered Republican and has been the Mayor of Prescott since being elected in November 2017.

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## Interactions with David Stringer

Mr. Mengarelli has interacted with Mr. Stringer at various local public gatherings and political forums over the years.

Mr. Mengarelli first met Mr. Stringer in 2013 at the school Bond and Override meetings.

Mr. Mengarelli and Mr. Stringer ran against each other in 2014 for the Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) Governing Board. Mr. Mengarelli won the election and served a four-year term.

Mr. Mengarelli doesn't recall any specific offensive comments made by Mr. Stringer during the above-mentioned occasions.

In 2017, Mr. Mengarelli accompanied attorney Alex Vakula to a Yavapai County Bar Association (YCBA) monthly meeting-luncheon when Mr. Mengarelli was a candidate for Prescott Mayor. Mr. Vakula is a member of the YCBA and invited Mr. Mengarelli as a guest. Mr. Stringer attended the luncheon and approached Mr. Vakula and verbally berated him for bringing Mr. Mengarelli to the meeting. Mr. Stringer asserted that the YCBA luncheon was not the appropriate venue to invite a political candidate. Mr. Stringer appeared angry and got very close to Mr. Vakula and spoke to him with a raised, agitated voice. Mr. Stringer continually pointed his finger at Mr. Vakula and may have poked him with his finger during the incident. Mr. Stringer was supporting Prescott Mayor candidate Mary Beth Hrin at the time and espoused he was going to bring Ms. Hrin to a YCBA meeting in the future. Mr. Vakula remained calm while dealing with Mr. Stringer during the incident.

In June 2018, Mr. Mengarelli attended the Yavapai Republican Men's Forum (YRMF) monthly meeting at the St. Michael's Hotel. Mr. Mengarelli has been affiliated with the YRMF for two to three years. Mr. Stringer was a keynote speaker at the event which was attended by approximately 50-60 people. During the speech, Mr. Stringer discussed the topic of immigration into the United States and asserted this would change the demographics of the country and presented an existential threat. While discussing the subject, Mr. Stringer said there were "***Not enough white kids***" in school classrooms and suggested that there needed to be more Caucasian students. Mr. Mengarelli was not surprised by these comments, as he was aware that Mr. Stringer had made similar statements to others in the past.

In November 2018, Mr. Mengarelli became aware of the audio recorded comments Mr. Stringer made to ASU students that were published by the Phoenix New Times and other news media outlets. Mr. Mengarelli concluded that the totality of these and past statements made by Mr. Stringer were offensive and reprehensible, and he felt a "***strong sense of duty***" to take action.

On 12/1/2018, Mr. Mengarelli made a Facebook posting in which he denounced Mr. Stringer's conduct. Mr. Mengarelli then consulted with Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Orr and sent out notices calling for a special Council meeting on 12/5/2018 to address the matter. Ms. Orr and Mr. Mengarelli prepared written statements for the meeting in which they called for Mr. Stringer's resignation.

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The Prescott City Council held the special meeting on 12/05/2018 during which councilmembers and many public attendees called for Mr. Stringer's resignation. The Council voted 6/1 in favor of Mr. Stringer's resignation and the meeting concluded with a standing ovation by the majority of the participants, a photo of which was posted on Facebook.

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Prescott Mayor Pro-Tem, Dr. Billie Orr.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/06/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Prescott Mayor Pro-Tem, Dr. Billie Orr, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Dr. Orr reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed she understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Dr. Orr has spent the majority of her career as an educator and advocate for public education. Dr. Orr began her teaching career in Arizona in 1970. Among other things, Dr. Orr was the Deputy Superintendent of Public Education in Arizona, and Principal of Kiva School in Scottsdale, AZ.

Dr. Orr has lived in Prescott for seven years where she has been involved in politics and education advocacy. Dr. Orr is a registered Republican and former Vice President and President of the Republican Women of Prescott (RWOP).

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Dr. Orr was elected as the member of the Prescott City Council in 2015 and became Prescott Mayor Pro-Tem in 2017.

## **Interactions with David Stringer**

Dr. Orr first met Mr. Stringer about four years ago at an annual ROWP meeting held at Embry Riddle University. Mr. Stringer and Dr. Orr discussed the issue of legalizing marijuana at the meeting. Mr. Stringer was pro-legalization and Dr. Orr and the ROWP were against it. Mr. Stringer was rude and dismissive to Dr. Orr during their conversation and she opted to never meet with him alone again from that point forward.

In February 2017, Dr. Orr attended a political forum at the Las Fuentes Retirement Village hosted by the RWOP to address Proposition 443. Dr. Orr was one of the keynote speakers at the event. Mr. Stringer attended the forum but was not an invited speaker. While Dr. Orr was speaking over a microphone addressing the audience, Mr. Stringer took the microphone from her hand and began addressing the crowd.

When the event was over, RWOP members Pam Jones and Phyllis Robinson confronted Mr. Stringer regarding his unprofessional conduct and Dr. Orr witnessed the conversation. Ms. Jones addressed Mr. Stringer in a calm voice, and Mr. Stringer instantly became angry, got within 12 inches from Ms. Jones, and began berating her with a raised voice while shaking his fingers in her face. Prescott E-News owner Lynn LaMaster was present and recorded the incident.

In November 2018, Dr. Orr and Mayor Mengarelli learned about the audio recorded comments Mr. Stringer made to ASU students that were published by the Phoenix New Times and other news media outlets. Dr. Orr and Mayor Mangarelli made Facebook postings in which they denounced Mr. Stringer's conduct. Mr. Mengarelli called for a special council meeting on 12/5/2018 to address the matter, and Dr. Orr and Mr. Mengarelli prepared written statements for the meeting in which they called for Mr. Stringer's resignation.

The Prescott City special council meeting was held on 12/05/2018 and the councilmembers voted 6/1 in favor of Mr. Stringer's resignation.

Dr. Orr provided this investigator with a copy of the 12/05/2018 special council meeting minutes in a follow-up email (Attachment 9).

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In Re: Representative David Stringer Investigation

### PREDICATION

Interview with Prescott Unified School District Assistant Superintendent Mardi Read.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/05/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) Assistant Superintendent Mardi Read, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Ms. Read reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed she understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Ms. Read has resided in Prescott for 21 years.

Ms. Read has been employed as an educator her entire career. Commencing in 2001, Ms. Read taught fourth and eighth grade elementary school for approximately six years. In 2008, Ms. Read became the Assistant Principal at Granite Mountain Middle School and served in that position for two years. Ms. Read was the Principal at Chino Valley Heritage Middle School for two years and has been the Assistant PUSD Superintendent since August 2015.

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Ms. Read is a registered Democrat, and a member of the Democratic Women of the Prescott Area (DWPA). Ms. Read served as Campaign Manager for her daughter, Alexa Scholl, when she ran for Prescott City Council. Ms. Read is also affiliated with the Prescott Education Advocacy Council, a nonpartisan group supporting education and education funding.

### Interactions with David Stringer

Between August 2015 and November 2015, Ms. Read spoke with Mr. Stringer on approximately three occasions at Prescott political forums. These forums were opportunities for the community to hear about the bond override initiatives. These were attended by governing board candidates and it gave attendees an opportunity to hear their views on education. Mr. Stringer was running for one of the elected positions and was one of the candidates who attended these functions.

Ms. Read had one-on-one discussions with Mr. Stringer regarding education and education funding at these events. Ms. Read recalls that Mr. Stringer referred to indigent students and English language learners as “*those kids*” and asserted they were costly to educate and a burden on the public-school system. Mr. Stringer was rude when speaking with Ms. Read and dismissive of her point-of-view during these discussions.

In late 2016 or early 2017, Ms. Read attended a Family Resource Center Parent Outreach night at Taylor Hicks School, which was also attended by Mr. Stringer who had recently been elected as an LD1 House Representative. The event was an opportunity to connect families and students in need with government resources, and Ms. Read engaged Mr. Stringer in a conversation regarding the same. During the conversation, Mr. Stringer opined that “*Government schools*” were best suited for the poor and special ed students, and that charter schools were the best option for others who could afford them. Ms. Read expressed her concerns about charter schools and opined that they are a “*Veiled form of segregation*” because poor families cannot afford transportation, meals and the fees involved. In response, Mr. Stringer said families who can afford to send their children to charter schools are entitled to do so because they pay more taxes. Ms. Read and Mr. Stringer also discussed the assimilation of immigrants and minorities into the United States. Mr. Stringer opined that minorities could assimilate if there were enough persons in the “*Dominant culture.*” Ms. Read wasn’t certain what Mr. Stringer was referring to at the time until she heard about the comments he made concerning immigration and assimilation during a June 2018 speech in Prescott when he said, “*There aren’t not enough white kids...*”

In approximately January 2017, Ms. Read accompanied Rosemary Agnessens and a few others to meet with Mr. Stringer, Noel Campbell and Karen Fann at the state capital. During their meeting with Mr. Stringer, Ms. Read opined that funding and supporting education would help “*Break the cycle of poverty.*” In response, Mr. Stringer said, “*Why would you want to do that?*” Ms. Read felt disgusted and disappointed about this comment.

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In Re: Representative David Stringer Investigation

### PREDICATION

Interview with Daniel Rubio.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/13/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Daniel Rubio at Arizona State University (ASU). Prior to the interview, Mr. Rubio reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Rubio is an ASU student majoring in Political Science.

Mr. Rubio is a registered Democrat and is affiliated with the ASU Young Democrats organization.

#### **Interactions with David Stringer**

On November 19, 2018, Mr. Rubio and fellow ASU students Stephen Chmura and Sam Thiele attended a Political History and Leadership lecture given by Professor Donald Critchlow. The



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lecture was held on the third floor of ASU Coor Hall and was attended by approximately 20-30 students.

Mr. Stringer arrived shortly after the lecture commenced and was introduced by Professor Critchlow as an Arizona House Representative. Mr. Rubio and his colleagues were unfamiliar with Mr. Stringer and did Google research and learned that he made controversial statements at a June 2018 Prescott speech concerning immigration, and that Governor Ducey called for his resignation.

Professor Critchlow's lecture focused on the recent midterm election results during which he opined that the Republican Party needed to appeal to Hispanic voters. Mr. Stringer interjected and said Republicans would never appeal to Hispanic voters because they wanted unfettered immigration and opposed immigration control.

Mr. Rubio commenced recording the lecture with his cell phone at or about this time.

When the lecture concluded, Mr. Stringer asked Mr. Rubio and his friends for directions out of the building, and Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thiele, and Mr. Chmura got into the elevator alone with Mr. Stringer to assist him. While in the elevator, Mr. Stringer intimated that the midterm election results were favorable for Mr. Rubio and his colleagues, after which Mr. Rubio sarcastically said "*George Soros*" bought minority votes to win the election. This appeared to agitate Mr. Stringer and he replied, "*You will be sorry when they get in power, I hope they treat you well.*"

Mr. Rubio believes that Mr. Thiele started recording Mr. Stringer on his cell phone after they exited the elevator, after which Mr. Stringer made several disturbing comments about immigration and assimilation. At the conclusion of the conversation, Mr. Rubio and his friends shook hands with Mr. Stringer, and they parted company.

Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thiele, and Mr. Chmura went to Mr. Chmura's ASU dorm room that day to consult about the situation, and they unanimously agreed to go public with the audio recordings of Mr. Stringer. Mr. Chmura had media connections so it was decided that he would lead the effort, and Mr. Rubio and Mr. Thiele sent the original recordings to Mr. Chmura via their cell phones.

Mr. Chmura was interviewed by a Phoenix New Times reporter and he provided the reporter with the two complete audio recordings of Mr. Stringer. The reporter did not interview Mr. Rubio or Mr. Thiele.

The Phoenix New Times article was published on 11/30/2018, after which Channel 12 News contacted Mr. Chmura and arranged a televised interview with Mr. Chmura, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Thiele that evening. A televised interview with Channel 5 was also set up to follow.

The televised interviews were done at the ASU Memorial Union Building on 11/30/2018.

Mr. Rubio believes the Phoenix New Times published the complete recordings of Mr. Stringer, and that the other news outlets used audio clips of the recordings.

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Mr. Rubio received backlash on Twitter following the news media reports, as did Professor Critchlow. Mr. Rubio and Mr. Chmura discussed this with Professor Critchlow, and he intimated that Mr. Stringer was “*Anti-American.*”

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Humboldt Unified School District Superintendent Daniel Streeter.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 02/27/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) Superintendent Daniel Streeter, in Prescott Valley, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mr. Streeter reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Interactions with David Stringer**

Mr. Streeter has interacted with Mr. Stringer on three or four occasions. The most recent instance occurred in the spring of 2018 during a tour of the Lake Valley Elementary School for Mr. Stringer, Representative Noel Campbell, and Senator Karen Fann, which was hosted by Principal Aimee Fleming. Mr. Streeter does not recall any offensive or disconcerting comments made by Mr. Stringer during the tour. Mr. Streeter remembers being questioned by someone in the group about the school lunch program for indigent students, and having to defend the program, but doesn't remember who asked the question.

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Mr. Streeter has never received any complaints from students, teachers, faculty members, board members or others about Mr. Stringer's conduct.

Mr. Streeter became aware of offensive comments made by Mr. Stringer from news media reports which led to the House Ethics Committee's investigation. The Governing Board members and school principals sought guidance from Mr. Streeter on how to deal with the situation moving forward regarding Mr. Stringer. Mr. Streeter then authored and disseminated an internal memorandum, cosigned by Governing Board President Mr. Richard Adler, condemning Mr. Stringer's comments. The memo also stated that Mr. Stringer would no longer be welcome on any school campuses or permitted to participate in any school functions.

Mr. Streeter reviewed Attachment 10 and confirmed that this was the internal memo he authored on 12/5/2018, which was also signed by Mr. Adler.

The 12/05/2018 internal memo was subsequently leaked to the press by person/s unknown and published in a Washington Post article in December 2018 (Attachment 11). Additionally, the New York Times called Mr. Streeter's office inquiring about the memo.

Since the internal memo was made public, Mr. Streeter has received positive and negative feedback from parents of students and others. Some praised Mr. Streeter's actions and others condemned him for making a "*Political statement.*"

A HUSD Governing Board Meeting was held on 12/11/2018 (Tuesday). During the public participation portion of the meeting, a Prescott Valley citizen identified as Karen Hunt submitted a written statement inquiring about HUSD policies and criteria for banning students, parents, members of the public, and public officials from school campuses. Ms. Hunt did not specifically name Mr. Stringer or reference the 12/05/2018 internal memo.

Mr. Streeter wrote a response letter to Ms. Hunt, dated 12/21/2018, which summarized HUSD expectations regarding conduct by students and others, and the criteria and authority for removal of students and others from school campuses (Attachment 14).

At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Streeter affirmed that the basis for the 12/05/2018 internal memo was information reported by the news media concerning Mr. Stringer's conduct and not from complaints he received about Mr. Stringer, or personal interactions he had with Mr. Stringer.

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Clark Tenney.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 02/26/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Prescott High School Assistant Principal, Clark Tenney, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mr. Tenney reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Tenney and his family have lived in Prescott since 1983.

Mr. Tenney graduated from Brigham Young University and has been an educator since that time.

Mr. Tenney first taught school in Utah and Japan after graduating from college, then moved back to Prescott in 2007 where he was a middle school teacher from 2007-2013. Mr. Tenney was the Principal at Abia Judd Elementary School from 2014-2018 and is currently the Assistant Principal at Prescott High School.

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Mr. Tenney is a registered Republican but has never been a candidate for a political office and doesn't intend to do so. Mr. Tenney is affiliated with the Prescott Education Advocacy Council (PEAC), a non-partisan local education advocacy group.

## **Interactions with David Stringer**

Mr. Stringer was a candidate for the Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) Governing Board in 2014-2015 but lost the election. Mr. Tenney disagreed with Mr. Stringer's political views on education and education funding and did not support him.

Mr. Tenney had about eight to ten brief discussions with Mr. Stringer in 2014-2015 at Prescott political forums focusing on education in which Mr. Stringer was an attendee along with several other candidates running for the PUSD Governing Board at that time. Mr. Tenney does not recall the names of the other candidates or attendees. Mr. Tenney's discussions with Mr. Stringer occurred in small group settings following these forums, but Mr. Tenney does not recall the names of the other persons who were present. Mr. Stringer made disconcerting, offensive comments during these conversations, paraphrased as follows.

- Minorities and immigrants negatively impact public schools.
- Minorities and immigrants are a drain on society.
- Hispanics and other minorities achieve lower test scores than white students.
- Asian students tend to be an exception and receive higher test scores.
- Minority students are more difficult and challenging to deal with.

During one of the abovementioned conversations, Mr. Tenney and Mr. Stringer discussed the Abia Judd Elementary School, which predominantly consists of affluent white students, and has very few minority students. Mr. Tenney recalls Mr. Stringer opining that this lack of diversity was a good thing because Abia Judd experienced fewer problems, difficulties and challenges.

In the spring of 2016, Mr. Tenney and his wife, Sonya, attended a Prescott political forum focusing on education which was held at the Las Fuentes Retirement Village. The forum was arranged by PEAC leader, Rosemary Agneessens, and set up by Tom Benson. There were approximately 50 attendees at the event which included a panel of candidates for the fall elections. Mr. Stringer and Noel Campbell were among the candidates who participated in the forum. Mr. Tenney also believes PUSD Assistant Superintendent, Mardi Read, and PEAC affiliate, JoAnne Chaffeur attended the event. The format was similar to a debate, whereby the candidates were asked questions by a moderator and given a specific time to answer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tenney had a conversation with a small group of attendees following the forum and Mr. Stringer approached and joined the group. Mr. Stringer engaged Mr. Tenney in a discussion about education in which the topic of ethnic diversity came up. During the conversation, Mr. Stringer asserted that ethnic diversity in schools created difficulties and

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negatively impacted student achievement. Mr. Tenney disagreed with Mr. Stringer and shared his positive experience with ethnic diversity as an educator and principal in Prescott, such as increased statewide test scores and no increase in disciplinary issues.

The following evening, Mr. and Mrs. Tenney attended an awards banquet for the Prescott Area Leadership (PAL) organization, which was attended by Mr. Stringer. Mr. and Mrs. Tenney's son, Nathan, was a Prescott High School (PHS) student at the time and a finalist for a Youth Leader Scholarship Award. Nathan was the PHS Student Body President and very involved in the community and local politics. Mr. Stringer previously asked Nathan to work on his 2016 campaign for the Arizona House of Representatives, and Nathan declined.

Nathan's friend and fellow PHS senior, Brandon Nguyen, and his parents attended the awards banquet, as Brandon was also a finalist for the Youth Leadership scholarship award. Brandon and his parents are of Vietnamese descent. Brandon was a very accomplished PHS student, Captain of the PHS tennis team, a leader of the PHS National Honors Society, and very involved in the local community.

Mr. and Mrs. Tenney and Nathan sat at the same table with the Nguyen's and had dinner together. The awards ceremony took place after the dinner and Brandon Nguyen received the top Youth Leadership scholarship award and Nathan Tenney received a secondary scholarship.

After the awards banquet concluded and the guests were leaving the facility, Mr. Stringer approached Mr. Tenney and said, "*There's diversity for you,*" and immediately walked away. Mr. Tenney recalls that Mr. Stringer had a very sarcastic tone when he made this statement. Mr. Tenney was shocked and disappointed and immediately reported Mr. Stringer's comment to his wife, Sonya.

Mr. Tenney is aware of the controversial statements made by Mr. Stringer which led to the House Ethics Committee investigation reported by the news media, and believes they are racist, unprofessional, and offensive.

Consequently, Mr. Tenney wrote an email to Representative Karen Fann and JoAnne Chaffeur on 02/11/2019 in which he summarized his encounters with Mr. Stringer and his offensive comments. Mr. Tenney reviewed Attachment 15 and verified this was the email he sent to Ms. Fann and Ms. Chaffeur on that date.

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### PREDICATION

Interview with Sonya Tenney.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 02/26/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Prescott High School teacher, Sonya Tenney, in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mrs. Tenney reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed she understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mrs. Tenney is a teacher at Prescott High School, and has lived in Prescott with her husband, Clark Tenney, for several years.

#### **Interactions with David Stringer**

Mr. and Mrs. Tenney attended a Prescott political forum focusing on education which was held at the Las Fuentes Retirement Village in the Spring of 2016. Mr. Stringer was one of several candidates who participated in the forum preceding the fall elections who answered questions



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posed by a moderator. Ms. Tenney does not remember Mr. Stringer's exact words when answering the questions but recalls he implied that Prescott should remain a predominantly white retirement community.

Peter Pierson was a guest at the forum and spoke with Mrs. Tenney following the event. Mrs. Tenney and Mr. Pierson discussed Mr. Stringer's disconcerting comments during the forum and Mr. Pierson said he was going to run against Mr. Tenney in the 2016 Arizona House of Representatives race.

At the conclusion of the forum, Mr. and Mrs. Tenney engaged in conversation with a small group of attendees and Mr. Stringer joined the group. Mrs. Tenney does not recall the names of the others who were present. Mr. Stringer joined the discussion which turned to the topic of education and ethnic diversity. Mrs. Tenney does not recall Mr. Stringer's exact words but remembers he implied that education funding should primarily focus on affluent white students and not Hispanics and other minorities. Mr. Stringer referred to Hispanics and other minorities as "*Those kids*" and said he didn't know what could be done for them.

The following evening, Mr. and Mrs. Tenney attended an awards banquet for the Prescott Area Leadership (PAL) organization, as their son, Nathan, was a Prescott High School (PHS) student and a finalist for a Youth Leader Scholarship Award at that time. Nathan's friend, Brandon Nguyen, a Vietnamese student at PHS, was also a finalist for the Youth Leadership Scholarship Award and attended the banquet with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Tenney and Nathan had dinner with the Nguyen's at the banquet, after which Brandon Nguyen received the top scholarship award at the awards ceremony and Nathan received the secondary scholarship.

After the awards banquet was over, Mr. Tenney told Mrs. Tenney that Mr. Stringer approached him as they were leaving the building and sarcastically said, "*There's diversity for you.*" Mr. and Ms. Tenney were upset and saddened by this comment.

Mrs. Tenney was present at other Prescott political forums that Mr. Stringer attended but does not recall any specific comments he made during these events.

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## INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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Date: 03/15/2019

To: Joseph Kanefield  
Roy Herrera  
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From: J. Swain Granieri

In Re: Representative David Stringer Investigation

### PREDICATION

Interview with Sam Thiele.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/13/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Sam Thiele at Arizona State University (ASU). Prior to the interview, Mr. Thiele reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Thiele is an ASU student majoring in Political Science.

Mr. Thiele is a registered Democrat.

#### **Interactions with David Stringer**

On November 19, 2018, Mr. Thiele and fellow ASU students Stephen Chmura and Daniel Rubio attended a Political History and Leadership lecture given by Professor Donald Critchlow on the fourth floor of ASU Coor Hall. The lecture was attended by approximately 20 students.

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Mr. Stringer arrived shortly after the lecture started and was introduced by Professor Critchlow as an Arizona House Representative. Mr. Thiele and his colleagues had never heard of Mr. Stringer so they Google researched his name and discovered he made controversial statements at a June 2018 Prescott speech about immigration, and that Governor Ducey asked for his resignation.

Professor Critchlow's lecture primarily focused on the recent midterm election results, during which he suggested that the Republican Party should appeal to Hispanic voters. Mr. Stringer interjected and said Hispanics would always vote for Democrats because they are pro-immigration and want to bring their families to the United States.

Mr. Rubio started recording the lecture with his cell phone at or about this time.

When the lecture was over, Mr. Stringer asked Mr. Thiele and his colleagues for directions out of the building, and Mr. Thiele, Mr. Rubio and Mr. Chmura got into the elevator alone with Mr. Stringer to assist him. While in the elevator, Mr. Stringer engaged the students and asked how the midterm elections turned out for them. Mr. Rubio sarcastically replied that "***George Soros***" bought minority votes and they won the election. This seemed to agitate Mr. Stringer and he said, "***Just wait to see how they treat you when they are in power.***"

The conversation continued as they exited the elevator and Mr. Stringer said, "***Name any successful multicultural nation,***" to which they responded, "***America and Canada.***" Mr. Stringer then proceeded to opine why America was failing because of ethnic diversity at which time Mr. Thiele started recording the conversation with his cell phone. Mr. Stringer then made several disconcerting recorded comments about immigration and assimilation. After the conversation was over, Mr. Thiele and his friends shook hands with Mr. Stringer, and they parted company.

Mr. Thiele, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Chmura went to Mr. Chmura's ASU dorm room that day where they discussed the matter and unanimously agreed to go public with the audio recordings of Mr. Stringer. Mr. Chmura knew someone with media connections, so he was tasked with spearheading the effort, and Mr. Thiele and Mr. Rubio sent the original recordings to Mr. Chmura via their cell phones.

Mr. Chmura was later interviewed by a Phoenix New Times reporter and provided the reporter the two complete audio recordings of Mr. Stringer. Mr. Thiele and Mr. Rubio were not interviewed by the reporter.

The Phoenix New Times article was published on 11/30/2018, after which back-to-back televised interviews with Channel 12 and Channel 5 were arranged with Mr. Thiele, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Chmura that evening at the ASU Memorial Union Building.

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Date: 03/12/2019

To: Joseph Kanefield  
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From: J. Swain Granieri

In Re: Representative David Stringer Investigation

### PREDICATION

Interview with Alex Vakula.

### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On 03/06/2019, this investigator and Investigator Mike Torres interviewed Alex Vakula in Prescott, AZ. Prior to the interview, Mr. Vakula reviewed Attachment 1 and affirmed he understood the content of the disclosure and agreed to the interview.

The following is a summary of this interview.

#### **Background**

Mr. Vakula has been an Arizona attorney for 31 years and has practiced law in Prescott for 21 years.

Mr. Vakula is the Immediate Past President of the Arizona State Bar, and the President Elect for the Western States Bar Conference.

Mr. Vakula is a member of the Yavapai County Bar Association (YCBA).

Mr. Vakula is a registered Republican.

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Mr. Vakula has been involved in state and local politics, and assisted Governor Ducey with his campaign and fundraising.

## Interactions with David Stringer

Mr. Vakula briefly interacted with Mr. Stringer in 2013-2014 when he was a candidate for the Prescott Union School District Governing Board but doesn't recall any specific comments made by Mr. Stringer.

Mr. Stringer is a former member of the Yavapai County Bar Association and Mr. Vakula has occasionally interacted with Mr. Stringer at YCBA meetings and functions.

On June 18, 2015, Mr. Vakula attended an open house for BloomTree Real Estate in Prescott. Mr. Stringer also attended the event and engaged in a conversation with Mr. Vakula. Mr. Stringer discussed the upcoming Prescott County Attorney election in which Sheila Polk was a candidate. Mr. Stringer intimated that they needed to find a candidate other than Ms. Polk because she was a "**Mormon.**"

In August 2016, when Mr. Stringer was a candidate for the Arizona House of Representatives, Mr. Vakula invited Mr. Stringer to lunch at the Thai House restaurant in Prescott. During this meeting, Mr. Stringer discussed his tenure as a criminal defense attorney in the state of Maryland. Mr. Stringer intimated that he represented "**black**" clients on felony charges and asserted he could win at least half of the time if the jury consisted of some or all "**black jurors.**"

In or about May 2017, Mr. Vakula attended a YCBA luncheon and brought Greg Mengarelli as a guest, who was a candidate for Prescott Mayor at that time. Mr. Stringer arrived at the luncheon, walked up to Mr. Vakula and started berating him for bringing Mr. Mengarelli to the function. Mr. Stringer asserted that the YCBA luncheon was not the venue to bring a political candidate. Mr. Stringer was visibly upset and agitated, got very close to Mr. Vakula, and physically poked Mr. Vakula in the chest several times with his finger while scolding him.

On July 8, 2017, Mr. Vakula attended the YCBA picnic at Watson Lake. Mr. Stringer came to the event with Mary Beth Hrin, who was a candidate for Prescott Mayor at the time. Mr. Vakula later learned that Mr. Stringer had an altercation with Jonathan and Allison Conant at the event, after which he read a Facebook posting Mrs. Conant made about what occurred.

Mr. Vakula became aware of news media reports about the November 2018 comments Mr. Stringer made to ASU students concerning the assimilation of minority immigrants. Mr. Vakula was also aware of past, similar comments made by Mr. Stringer at a June 2018 speech to the Yavapai County Republicans Men's Forum. Consequently, Mr. Vakula sent an email to the YCBA Board and suggested that they look into the matter.

Mr. Vakula also circulated a petition amongst lawyers and constituents of Legislative District 1 requesting that Mr. Stringer either resign or be expelled from office and obtained 45 signatures (Attachment 12).

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Mr. Vakula wrote a letter to Arizona House of Representatives Speaker Elect Russell “Rusty” Bowers, dated 12/10/2018, along with the petition requesting that Mr. Stringer resign or be expelled. Mr. Vakula did not receive a response from Speaker Bowers (Attachment 13).

# ATTACHMENT 1

We have been retained to assist the Arizona House of Representatives Ethics Committee in its investigation regarding complaints against Rep. David Stringer. We are gathering facts and evidence that will be part of a public process. Because of its public nature, we cannot guaranty confidentiality or anonymity. Because of the importance of sharing accurate information with the Committee as it determines how to proceed, we would appreciate your cooperation and assistance in this investigation.



# ATTACHMENT 2

Conversations with David Stringer over the last 3 years.

### **Meetings at Legislature:**

#### **Red for Ed Walk Out / In the House Lobby of 3<sup>rd</sup> floor** (possibly late April or early May 2018)

-- Our team was waiting for our meeting with Noel Campbell. As we were waiting for our meeting time, a group from a Prescott – charter school (I believe Sky View) was exiting. Ashley Fine was escorted out of DS's office. Due to some of his remarks, she asked that he not be derogatory in his comments and tone. Ashley's daughter was quite upset but stayed in the office after her Mom was escorted out. Our group spoke with them for a while.

#### **Meeting with DS in his Legislative Office**

(Possibly Fall 2017 or early 2018)

Lisa Groves – PUSD / Mile High

JoAnne Chauffer – Active with area PTA

Rosemary Agneessens – Organizer

--DS was talking about his internship at ASU Preparatory Academy / 735 E. Fillmore / 602-257-4843.

He was working in either a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> ELL classroom.

His statement was something like:

I enjoy working with the ELL students and especially that I can be a Daddy figure for the little girls when they sit on my lap.

We were stunned. If DS was just talking, his comment is of great concern. If he actually did that in the classroom, the supervising teacher would have had to say something to him directly and if continued, it would have to be reported.

His supervising teacher should know something. Phoenix New Times journalist was called stating the need to touch base with that teacher.

Another issue about the Internship – how did he fill out his paperwork for the internship? There's always a question regarding legal charges in the past.

#### **Meeting with several Superintendents in David Stringer's Legislative Office**

(Legislative session possibly 2017)

Angela Jangula – Black Canyon City

Bryan Bullington – Bagdad

Dean Slaga – Mayer

Rosemary Agneessens - Organizer

His statement was something like:

--Education funding should focus on elite students and provide what they need. Public Schools will deal with the Special Ed and the Mexicans; they will never amount to providing anything to our communities, economy.

--The poor and Mexicans should not be educated past the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. That is a waste of funding.

### **Meeting at Aspire Accommodation High School at YCESA in Prescott**

After a RASC meeting with Superintendents, Representatives N. Campbell and D. Stringer stopped in for a conversation. (Possibly 2017)

Dean Slaga – Mayer Superintendent

John Scholl – Chino Valley Superintendent

Joe Howard – Prescott Superintendent

Tim Carter – Yavapai County Superintendent

Rosemary Agneessens - Organizer

His statement was something like:

--Public Schools need to deal with the Special Ed, the poor and kids of color. Our focus needs to be the students who will make a difference. Those kids won't/don't make a contribution.

--Noel and David were also very concerned about transportation cost and wanted consolidation until they found out that the cost is only about 7% of the budget.

### **David Stringer meeting at Chino Valley High School**

(Possibly 2017)

Teachers and Principal were in the conversation; I was definitely told about it.

His statement was something like:

Transportation issue – you don't need buses, your kids can drive themselves.

However, the majority of cars in the parking lot belong to teachers and a few students. Transportation is definitely needed for these rural areas.

Others to connect with:

Tim Carter

Dean Slaga

Bryan Bullington

John Scholl

# ATTACHMENT 3

February 8, 2019

To whom it may concern on the Ethics Committee at the Arizona Legislature,

This letter is in reference to Representative David Stringer and how strongly I feel as a LD 1 registered Republican constituent that he be expelled from the House of Representatives in the State of Arizona.

Before I ever heard Dave's comments about our white, black, Asian, and brown children (Dave's words not mine), or the records from 1983 that just recently came out in the news I always came away from meetings with him feeling uneasy. Since these events occurred in the last 8 months, I started recalling my meetings with him and have several concerns about how he will not be able to represent me in LD 1.

I first met Dave Stringer in 2014 as he was running for a position on the Prescott Unified School District School Board. I was the President of the Prescott High School PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) 2011-16. Just for the record, I am a 61 year old woman, who has been an involved parent in the PUSD for 13 years as a PTA President, Public Education Advocate, worked on our bonds and overrides, Booster Mom to two children for 5 sports. I held several forums for the school board candidates in the spring of 2014. When I first met Dave it was over the phone, he wanted to control the whole forum (content and format). I told him I would be running the forum and send him the agenda for the meeting and the questions. He always gave me the impression he did not like women, and I remember feeling from him that he was not listening to a word I said nor did he respect me. The only thing I remember from that meeting was that Dave was very dismissive, walked around our high school said it was okay for a "government school". These were the comments he made as he walked past the buckets holding rain water coming from the ceiling. He noted that this school was much better than the school he attended.

The following year, Dave attended the Prescott Unified School District Bond and Override community forum which the PTSA hosted, and made crude comments about the information we were sharing. David would say things like: **my white kids were privileged** (Dave had no idea if our family was a mixed family), government schools were for the poor, and the Asian and white kids attend Basis.

After that incident, I met Dave for a forum in March 2016, at Las Fuentes in Prescott when he ran for the 2016 representative seat along with Noel Campbell. After the forum on education issues, Dave came over to a group of us that gathered. Dave got in my face about some comments, pointing his finger at me. I asked him to take three steps back when talking to me. He was argumentative and dismissive. Dave said he was sure that the white and Asian kids were doing better at the charter schools and we as a group didn't know what we were talking about regarding public district education versus for profit charters. After he got elected, all of my meetings with him at the legislature were the same, very uncomfortable.

In the spring of 2018, a group of us including parents, teachers, and advocates for education asked for a meeting with Dave. As we entered his office the creep meter went up when we sat down on his couch. He did not have a desk, only had a recliner that he promptly sat down and popped up the foot rest in front of our faces, it was so uncomfortable we did not stay for very long.

On another visit last spring, a group of us were waiting to visit Noel Campbell and Dave Stringer. A young mom with a daughter about 12 years old had just left the office of Dave Stringer. The daughter was emotional and crying; the mom told us in the stairwell that Dave was rude and yelled at her and her daughter. At our meeting with Dave and Noel, they told me to take a valium and calm down, we were talking about funding for public district education and I got a little emotional. Certainly, this is not a way to talk with your constituents.

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Finally, on December 6, 2018 I attended the Prescott Valley City Council Meeting. The reason I attended was I had written a statement asking the city council to ask David Stringer to resign. I was allowed to be on record but only at the end of the meeting. The meeting was originally for our LD1 representatives, Noel Campbell, David Stringer, and President of the Senate, Senator Karen Fann. Before the meeting Dave came in and saw a group of us sitting in the front rows of the event. About 12 teachers and education advocates most wearing red (Red for Ed) from Prescott and Prescott Valley. Dave said to our group how happy he was that the Bond didn't pass in Humboldt Unified School District. During the meeting David said the statement again. I would suggest getting that tape of the City Council Meeting. After the meeting, Noel and Karen left quickly, and then Dave approached our group. He told us again how happy he was that the bond didn't pass, he claimed he didn't know any of us, that we all looked the same, then he said he knew me, told my friend he recognized her but she was heavier than the last time he saw her. He was rude, unprofessional, and completely out of line. I was so surprised at his actions that I could barely talk after he left. A police officer escorted Dave out.

Truthfully, I don't know why our legislature wants to deal with this mess. He will continue to be an embarrassment and will be a lame duck while in office. I am deeply concerned for the safety of our children and would not let my children be near him. His behavior concerns me and I don't want to continually be wondering what kind of history will creep out about David's life. We deserve better, all of us.

Thanks for taking the time to listen to my story. Please contact me with any questions

Respectfully,

JoAnne Chaffeur

[REDACTED]

Prescott, AZ 86305 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

From: JoAnne Chaffeur [REDACTED]

Date: Dec 6, 2018, 3:20:54 PM

To: JoAnne Chaffeur [REDACTED]

*SKOOOG*  
**Mayor Skoog, Vice Mayor Nye, and  
Prescott Valley City Council  
Members,**

*I Am JoAnne Chaffeur ✓*

**Thank you for allowing me to speak  
today. I am a 13 year resident of  
Prescott,**

**I did not support David Stringer's run  
for the Prescott Unified School Board  
in 2014,  
nor did I support his run for State  
Representative of LD1 in 2016 and  
2018.**

**I was the Prescott High School PTSA  
President from 2011-16 and helped  
Prescott  
Unified School District hold forums  
to teach our community about the**



**issues of  
our school district, including, school  
funding, school board candidates,  
bond  
and overrides, state senator, and  
representative forums. As a public  
district  
school education advocate, I have  
worked with a group of people who  
put on  
candidate forums, and supported  
voter registration efforts, and  
encouraged  
my community to vote.**

**I was recently asked by a reporter if I  
thought Dave was a racist. I don't  
know  
if he is a racist. I feel he  
doesn't know how to gauge his**

**words, therefore he is  
offensive to many people. He loves  
to call Public District Schools,  
"government schools", referencing  
that public schools are less than. He  
refers  
to our children as "the whites, the  
Asians, the brown, the blacks, or  
African Americans", his words not  
mine. I have been to the state  
legislature  
many times and each time I have met  
with Dave each meeting has been  
difficult  
and painful due to his comments and  
rudeness to me and the other  
constituents  
with me. We as a community  
deserve to have representatives that  
have an open**

**mind and remember that they serve at the pleasure of the people.**

**I am grateful for the Prescott City Council, Prescott GOP, HUSD, Senator Fann, Speaker Mesnard, Speaker Elect Bowers, Governor Ducey, PUSD, The Daily Courier, and many others for their statements saying that this is not the representation that our county wants, needs, or with settle for.**

**I believe that Dave has spoken his truth many times and we need to believe him when he tells us who he is.**

**I support the calls for David**

**Stringer's resignation. If he does not  
resign,  
I will support a recall effort.**

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**JoAnne Chaffeur**



# ATTACHMENT 4

The following post was written on July 8, 2017. This encounter with David Stringer was published in the Phoenix New Times but was not referenced in the official Ethic Complaint against him. It's a perfect example of typical interactions between Mr. Stringer and constituents.

Ali Conant [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[Ali Conant](#)

July 8, 2017 · Dewey ·

Today I was racially profiled by Representative David Stringer.

This is not OK.

Short version of the story. Today I was at a picnic at Watson Lake for one of my husband's association events. Representative Stringer showed up with a current individual running for mayor. He approached our table and introduced himself and the candidate for mayor. At our table were 6 individuals...all professionals working in and around our county. At this point I engaged Representative Stringer in a discussion surrounding education. If you know anything about me you know I am very passionate about the public-school education system, and the lack of respect we as educators receive. I'm not even going to bring in to this story the MANY uninformed statements Representative Stringer brought up. Too many to list. It is what happened next that was hurtful, surprising, infuriating, and simply NOT OK.

As our education conversation continued, someone at the table said, "You really don't know who you are speaking to (referring to me)." At this point Representative Stringer looked directly at me and said, "I know exactly who I am speaking to. I see the San Francisco t-shirt with the peace sign and that.... that.... that...Star of David. Oh, I know exactly who I am speaking to. She's advertising it!" At which point my husband became upset and told him to stop disrespecting his wife, and Representative Stringer looked at my husband and called him a "radical liberal."

I am still in a state of shock. I am hurt. I am angry. Explain to me how someone who is obviously bias, one-sided, closed-minded, and prejudiced is good representation for our state? I thought that individuals in our government were "about the people and for the people.... all people." I thought part of a Representative's job is to "listen" to his constituents...not "judge" them based on what they are wearing. Representative Stringer's actions were scary. Representative Stringer's actions were unprofessional. Representative Stringer's actions were NOT OK.

From today forward, I will do my best to keep individuals such as David Stringer away from making any decisions that will impact our future. Please consider doing the same. Possibly start by sharing this post if you are comfortable doing so.

# ATTACHMENT 5



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## Prescott [REDACTED] Grader Meets with LD1 Rep. Stringer, #RedforEd March on the Capitol, April 30



- May 05, 2018



This is my story of what happened at the Capitol on Monday....I think that this is important for voters especially to hear!

My name is Sedona Ortega and I am [REDACTED] years old. I am writing because I want to shed some light on what happened on the third floor of the House of Representatives when I went to share my opinions with our State Representative David Stringer about the #RedforEd movement and education funding.

Our conversation began with Mr. Stringer asking me questions about what sustainable education funding meant to me. He was referring to a handwritten letter we had left for him. This was fine, however he kept referring to our letter and the meeting we were having with him as "little". At that point, my mother (an elementary teacher who is one of the hardest working people I know) kindly asked that he not use the adjective "little" to describe our meeting because it felt belittling, and made it seem like what we were there to talk to him about, wasn't important. He stood up and told her to leave his office and that she was being disrespectful. She explained that she was not trying to disrespect him, but that she was a strong, educated woman who wanted to have an opportunity to continue the conversation. For this he said she was combative and militant and even called for security.

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My mother and two other educators from Tucson (who were already in the room) stepped out. Everyone else I was with decided to stay, in hopes of telling the stories of our teachers, how much we love and appreciate their hard work and how they deserve more. Mr. Stringer told us that he “didn’t want to hear stories”. I thought that the job of a representative was to listen to the people and consider, or at least respect, their opinions.

The rest of the conversation was difficult. He kept interrupting us and gave many revealing comments showing his true standpoint on education and teaching.

He emphasized how teachers get summers off and a lot of paid vacation time. As a daughter of a teacher, I tried my best to tell him that teachers definitely don’t get summers off, but he was not willing to listen. If you do the math, I can assure you that my mom works approximately a 70 hour work week when school is in session and that is not counting the incredible amount of time she puts in over breaks. If you average out the amount of hours she works over a whole year, she works an approximate 50 hour work week year round. So, Mr. Stringer don’t you dare say that teachers simply get summers off.

We told him that teachers often don’t make enough money to care for many personal needs. He replied by stating his belief that most teachers have “significant others” that bring in additional incomes. That is so disrespectful and a huge assumption. Many teachers are single and even single parents. Teachers deserve to make a livable wage, period. We tried to explain to him that even on two incomes, families like ours live simple lifestyles. He said that living simply is a “virtue”, suggesting that teachers are benefitting from living paycheck to paycheck.

He argued that teachers had signed contracts at the beginning of the school year and asked why teachers were complaining about their pay now. He fails to recognize that educators are protesting for future generations of students and for keeping highly-qualified teachers in the classrooms. Stringer went on to say that people are “flocking to Arizona” to teach, coming from higher paying classrooms in other states. However, there is a major teacher shortage in Arizona. In fact, there are almost 2,000 teaching jobs that are not filled by certified teachers. When Arizona teachers know that they make less money than almost all teachers in the country (factoring in the cost of living), they have the right to demand more. To this Stringer commented that Arizona’s teachers are not among the lowest paid. I don’t know where he is getting his facts, but I have not heard that anywhere.

We agreed with Stringer on one point, and that is that people don’t decide to become teachers for the money. However, I believe that teachers deserve to make a livable wage and be respected for the important work they do. At this point, he

made an interesting comparison, stating that he didn't become a lawyer for the money, but for justice. While this may be true, I've never heard of a lawyer who makes the same amount of money as a teacher. Is this a fair comparison?

We asked Stringer where the school funding, proposed in the new budget, is going to come from. We wanted to be sure that the money wasn't being taken from other important social services. Rather than giving us an answer, he complained that we were asking for "everything" and accused us of saying "no to a yes". I don't think it is acceptable to take money away from people with disabilities or from those who also need it. I wonder why the legislature thinks it is okay to take from the needy, but not from wealthy business owners and corporations, who they continue to give tax breaks to.

I left his office with tears in my eyes because I was incredibly disappointed by the person who is supposed to be representing us. Stringer was disrespectful and not willing to listen to anything we had to say.

I am grateful that after our meeting with Stringer, we were able to meet Athena Salman, District 26 Representative who reassured me that the way Stringer treated us was not normal or acceptable. She thanked my friends and me for our bravery and encouraged us to not be silent about things that we believe in. This gave me hope and inspired me to maybe even run for office one day.

I may not be able to vote yet, but Mr. Stringer, I hope that you will be remembered in November.

[Sedona Ortega is currently in the [REDACTED] grade at [REDACTED] School. In granting Why I March permission to share her story she wrote: "I am the daughter of a teacher. I am grateful for an education from incredible, hardworking teachers and believe that students, classrooms, and teachers all across Arizona deserve more."



Sedona Ortega

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# ATTACHMENT 6

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February 10, 2019

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1700 W Washington  
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Sincerely,

Ashley Fine



Sedona Ortega

# ATTACHMENT 7

From: Pamela Jones [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fwd: Friday's Disagreement  
Date: March 5, 2019 at 11:15 AM  
To:



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lynne LaMaster <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Friday's Disagreement  
**Date:** February 18, 2017 at 7:13:28 AM MST  
**To:** Lynne LaMaster <[REDACTED]>

Hello, Pam, Dr. Hess and Representative Stringer,

I understand that you all may have an interest in the recording of your conversation after the RWOP forum was completed.

First of all, at this point, I do not intend to publish any articles regarding this incident at this time. I reserve the right to do so in the future should it be, in my judgment, contextually appropriate.

It is my current conclusion that this is not news. This is an unfortunate disagreement between two people. I fear that publication of this information could do more harm in the community than good. I see no compelling reason that the public needs to know about this. Unless I determine that for some reason it is imperative for the recording to be published, it will remain a private file.

Please understand. I believe my role in the community is to be a partner and to tell the truth. I am not a vacuum cleaner seeking to find only dirt. I am also not interested in being the National Enquirer of Prescott.

However, this incident could be judged either way. Any journalist could make a convincing argument that it is news, due to your public profiles. I would recommend that public decorum be foremost in the future.

I would suggest, Representative Stringer, that the fallout of publishing this incident would be much costlier to you than it would Pam. If something like this were to occur again, and any other media representatives were present, it is highly doubtful that they would display the same discretion that I am showing. If it occurs again in my presence, I will be unable to ignore it, because at that point, it becomes less of an unfortunate disagreement, and begins to resemble evidence of a pattern of unprofessional behavior.

I urge all of you to remember the greater good. There is much opportunity right now to do important things for our community, our state and our country. Let us not squander such an opportunity over incidents like this.

I am enclosing a transcript of the recording, as well as the audio file of the

recording for all of you. I ask that you extend the courtesy of respecting or the following:

1. Neither the transcript or the audio may be republished in any format or in any media outlet (radio, print, online, television) without my written consent.
2. I have added copyright information to the files - please honor that.
3. I prefer that it not be widely disseminated.
4. It may not be altered, changed or edited.

Other information:

The transcript may be slightly off in some places. Frequently, there were several people talking at once, and deciphering that was tricky.

If you see "f\*\*\*" - the actual word was used by the speaker. If you see "f-word" the phrase was used in place of the word by the speaker.

(Soapbox: I lament the loss of pristine language in our society today. Swearing is so unnecessary. Long, multi-syllable words are much more effective. End of soapbox.)

The video of the forum presentation is at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgvCryLYN5s>

I recorded the YouTube video on my phone, and, twice during the forum, I had to decline phone calls. That resulted in a slight glitch in the video in two different places. It was nothing intentional.

For the record, I have accepted no money or any other type of remuneration from either party in return for whether or not I publish the materials.

I am retaining the originals in my possession. I make no promises regarding confidentiality. The story is already in the wind, I assure you. I may or may not share the information if I think it is appropriate.

Alright. Go forth and do Good,

Lynne LaMaster



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Jones.pdf

Lynne

On Feb 18, 2017, at 9:42 AM, Pamela Jones  
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Lynne:

Very well said.

First, I want to apologize for what happened yesterday. In no way did I expect that 'dust up' to happen. My intention was just to express the feeling, that many people agreed upon, that Rep. Stringer should be more cautious when addressing other elected officials, in this case, Councilwoman Billie Orr. Many of us felt that he was condescending, disrespectful, and rude when he took the microphone from her and answered her question. I really just wanted to express that to him and really did not expect his reaction to my comment to him.

Second, I am embarrassed that I said the "f" word that I did as that is very atypical of me to do that and I totally agree with your 'soapbox' . There is no excuse except that I was very shocked and stressed at his fingers jabbing at me. To be honest, I have had very few interactions with him, only one that I can honestly recall, and those were all civil. Therefore, I was totally blindsided and astonished by his reaction.

Thank you and we will abide by your email as outlined below.

From: Pamela Jones [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fwd: Friday's Disagreement  
Date: March 3, 2019 at 12:49 PM  
To:



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lynne LaMaster <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Friday's Disagreement  
**Date:** February 18, 2017 at 11:21:54 AM MST  
**To:** Pamela Jones <[REDACTED]>

No apologies needed. I don't like being treated that way, either, which is something I am struggling with in another situation. (Not with Lewis, of course. He's the nicest guy in the world.)

My concern in this situation is that I not appear biased one way or another. That's why I decided to send it to both of you at the same time. That seemed very fair to me.

My biggest concern is that it will just give the "enemy" ammunition. And that's unnecessary. So, I decided it should not be published.

I really, really hope that he understands what a gift of grace it is not to publish this story. I could get huge readership from it, it would probably go statewide if not national. Any other journalist would publish in a heartbeat.

Hopefully he takes this to heart.

In the meantime, stay strong. You do not need to ever cower to bullies. I was kind of proud of you, actually - you didn't give an inch.

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# ATTACHMENT 8



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**From:** RUTH LAMBERT <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 5:16 PM  
**To:** Swain Granieri  
**Subject:** Mr. Stringer docs.  
**Attachments:** lttr and Dox..pdf

Mr. Granieri,

Thank you for your call a little earlier.

I am sending the packet that was delivered to T.J. Shope's office on Monday Feb. 11. My understanding was that he would forward it to the appropriate people at Ballard Spahr. It appears you may have just received the cover letter.

The last document in the PDF was sent to me after the packet had just been sent to Mr. Shope, Chair of House Ethics Committee but is included here to be complete and up to date. It was originally sent to the author of another attached letter and Karen Fann, President of the AZ Senate.

I do not have copies but understand that the League of Women Voters, Yavapai Co. had also sent correspondence to Mr. Shope as they have sponsored Forums attended by Mr. Stringer.

As stated on the phone, I have no idea if the documents are helpful. Since people felt a need to be heard and I ended up being a point person I did feel compelled to get them to someone who could weigh their worth.

Thank you.

Ruth Lambert

Ruth Lambert  
[REDACTED] home

[REDACTED] cell  
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[REDACTED], AZ 85086

T.J. Shope, Chair House Ethics Committee  
AZ House of Representatives  
1700 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Representative Shope,

Some of us in LD1 are concerned that the scope of David's Stringer's conduct toward his constituents is not contained in the current two complaints against him, but we believe it is a part of the whole picture and may prove helpful. Three of the documents attached to this cover letter depict his offensive behavior toward his constituents. Two of these speak to the racial bias he displays when addressing constituents. This is a pattern.

The evidence given in the two Ethics Complaints already filed reference the newspaper reports of comments Mr. Stringer has made that became public. His constituents know the pattern of awful, hostile behavior is far more extensive. Some constituents are however afraid to come forward and we understand that this is problematic for the Committee as Committee members can only address the evidence they are presented. It is unfortunate that official reports were not made but that does not lessen the behavior they would have documented. I repeat, constituents are afraid.

The fourth document is the letter written to Humboldt School personnel. If a School District is willing to take the fallout of actions necessary to protect not only their students but their staff, there is something very wrong with the whole situation. There have been threatening repercussions to people involved in school and civic decisions. Since reporting this behavior incites those to retaliate even further, difficult decisions have been made to defuse the situation with silence.

Mr. Stringer has incited a few very hostile people who tend to follow him. They have written vile letters (plural) and have presented what looks like aggressive behavior. These may seem vague accusations, but please understand some of his constituents who live in close proximity to these emboldened individuals are afraid. Constituents may not agree with their representatives but they should not be fearful of them or those that do their bidding.

Being in LD1 Maricopa I have the advantaged position of being able to speak with some sense of being removed from some of the behaviors faced by my Yavapai friends. Yet I have also had calls from Maricopa constituents after they have visited Mr. Stringer asking why his behavior is allowed to continue. Many of these people know that I am at the Legislature most days when you are in Session making me a point person, of sorts. Sadly, I have had to reply that none of us have spoken up so most of what happens when constituents approach him is not known to the greater electorate. It has been known to his colleagues and for that I have no response. We are encouraging anyone to come forward and are seeking ways to ensure those verbally abused by Mr. Stringer are protected.

There are additional letters I will be forwarding to you and I ask that you get them to the Ballard Spahr office after your review. I am in contact with a para-legal from that office.

I encourage you to consider the offered information seriously and follow up where appropriate.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Lambert LD1, Anthem

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Stringer\_524**

The following post was written on July 8, 2017. This encounter with David Stringer was published in the Phoenix New Times but was not referenced in the official Ethic Complaint against him. It's a perfect example of typical interactions between Mr. Stringer and constituents.

Ali Conant [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

### [Ali Conant](#)

July 8, 2017 · [Dewey](#) ·

Today I was racially profiled by Representative David Stringer.

This is not OK.

Short version of the story. Today I was at a picnic at Watson Lake for one of my husband's association events. Representative Stringer showed up with a current individual running for mayor. He approached our table and introduced himself and the candidate for mayor. At our table were 6 individuals...all professionals working in and around our county. At this point I engaged Representative Stringer in a discussion surrounding education. If you know anything about me you know I am very passionate about the public-school education system, and the lack of respect we as educators receive. I'm not even going to bring in to this story the MANY uninformed statements Representative Stringer brought up. Too many to list. It is what happened next that was hurtful, surprising, infuriating, and simply NOT OK.

As our education conversation continued, someone at the table said, "You really don't know who you are speaking to (referring to me)." At this point Representative Stringer looked directly at me and said, "I know exactly who I am speaking to. I see the San Francisco t-shirt with the peace sign and that.... that.... that...Star of David. Oh, I know exactly who I am speaking to. She's advertising it!" At which point my husband became upset and told him to stop disrespecting his wife, and Representative Stringer looked at my husband and called him a "radical liberal."

I am still in a state of shock. I am hurt. I am angry. Explain to me how someone who is obviously bias, one-sided, closed-minded, and prejudiced is good representation for our state? I thought that individuals in our government were "about the people and for the people.... all people." I thought part of a Representative's job is to "listen" to his constituents...not "judge" them based on what they are wearing. Representative Stringer's actions were scary. Representative Stringer's actions were unprofessional. Representative Stringer's actions were NOT OK.

From today forward, I will do my best to keep individuals such as David Stringer away from making any decisions that will impact our future. Please consider doing the same. Possibly start by sharing this post if you are comfortable doing so.

February 8, 2019

To whom it may concern on the Ethics Committee at the Arizona Legislature,

This letter is in reference to Representative David Stringer and how strongly I feel as a LD 1 registered Republican constituent that he be expelled from the House of Representatives in the State of Arizona.

Before I ever heard Dave's comments about our white, black, Asian, and brown children (Dave's words not mine), or the records from 1983 that just recently came out in the news I always came away from meetings with him feeling uneasy. Since these events occurred in the last 8 months, I started recalling my meetings with him and have several concerns about how he will not be able to represent me in LD 1.

I first met Dave Stringer in 2014 as he was running for a position on the Prescott Unified School District School Board. I was the President of the Prescott High School PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) 2011-16. Just for the record, I am a 61 year old woman, who has been an involved parent in the PUSD for 13 years as a PTA President, Public Education Advocate, worked on our bonds and overrides, Booster Mom to two children for 5 sports. I held several forums for the school board candidates in the spring of 2014. When I first met Dave it was over the phone, he wanted to control the whole forum (content and format). I told him I would be running the forum and send him the agenda for the meeting and the questions. He always gave me the impression he did not like women, and I remember feeling from him that he was not listening to a word I said nor did he respect me. The only thing I remember from that meeting was that Dave was very dismissive, walked around our high school said it was okay for a "government school". These were the comments he made as he walked past the buckets holding rain water coming from the ceiling. He noted that this school was much better than the school he attended.

The following year, Dave attended the Prescott Unified School District Bond and Override community forum which the PTSA hosted, and made crude comments about the information we were sharing. David would say things like: my white kids were privileged (Dave had no idea if our family was a mixed family), government schools were for the poor, and the Asian and white kids attend Basis.

After that incident, I met Dave for a forum in March 2016, at Las Fuentes in Prescott when he ran for the 2016 representative seat along with Noel Campbell. After the forum on education issues, Dave came over to a group of us that gathered. Dave got in my face about some comments, pointing his finger at me. I asked him to take three steps back when talking to me. He was argumentative and dismissive. Dave said he was sure that the white and Asian kids were doing better at the charter schools and we as a group didn't know what we were talking about regarding public district education versus for profit charters. After he got elected, all of my meetings with him at the legislature were the same, very uncomfortable.

In the spring of 2018, a group of us including parents, teachers, and advocates for education asked for a meeting with Dave. As we entered his office the creep meter went up when we sat down on his couch. He did not have a desk, only had a recliner that he promptly sat down and popped up the foot rest in front of our faces, it was so uncomfortable we did not stay for very long.

On another visit last spring, a group of us were waiting to visit Noel Campbell and Dave Stringer. A young mom with a daughter about ■ years old had just left the office of Dave Stringer. The daughter was emotional and crying; the mom told us in the stairwell that Dave was rude and yelled at her and her daughter. At our meeting with Dave and Noel, they told me to take a valium and calm down, we were talking about funding for public district education and I got a little emotional. Certainly, this is not a way to talk with your constituents.

Page 3, Stringer

Finally, on December 6, 2018 I attended the Prescott Valley City Council Meeting. The reason I attended was I had written a statement asking the city council to ask David Stringer to resign. I was allowed to be on record but only at the end of the meeting. The meeting was originally for our LD1 representatives, Noel Campbell, David Stringer, and President of the Senate, Senator Karen Fann. Before the meeting Dave came in and saw a group of us sitting in the front rows of the event. About 12 teachers and education advocates most wearing red (Red for Ed) from Prescott and Prescott Valley. Dave said to our group how happy he was that the Bond didn't pass in Humboldt Unified School District. During the meeting David said the statement again. I would suggest getting that tape of the City Council Meeting. After the meeting, Noel and Karen left quickly, and then Dave approached our group. He told us again how happy he was that the bond didn't pass, he claimed he didn't know any of us, that we all looked the same, then he said he knew me, told my friend he recognized her but she was heavier than the last time he saw her. He was rude, unprofessional, and completely out of line. I was so surprised at his actions that I could barely talk after he left. A police officer escorted Dave out.

Truthfully, I don't know why our legislature wants to deal with this mess. He will continue to be an embarrassment and will be a lame duck while in office. I am deeply concerned for the safety of our children and would not let my children be near him. His behavior concerns me and I don't want to continually be wondering what kind of history will creep out about David's life. We deserve better, all of us.

Thanks for taking the time to listen to my story. Please contact me with any questions

Respectfully,

JoAnne Chaffeur

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Prescott, AZ 86305 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Ashley Fine



Sedona Ortega

I believe this letter, which should already be a part of your investigation paperwork, shows the impact Mr. Stringer's words and actions have on our community.



**The Humboldt Schools.**  
*Motivating achievement since 1906.*

December 5, 2018

Dear Humboldt Unified School District Administrators, Faculty, and Staff:

Our faculty and staff have set a standard of excellence based upon critical core values that include an unwavering belief in all of our students, high expectations and high levels of support for all, and that all of our actions are based on what's best for students.

The recent comments made by Representative David Stringer do not reflect these core values. Mr. Stringer has demonstrated a pattern of unacceptable public comments that confirm that he is unable to meet the minimum expectations that our administrators, board members, teachers, support staff, and families have set for participants in our educational community. Viewed in the best light these comments can be understood as incredibly insensitive but a plain reading reveals blatant racism.

It is important for us to have a positive working relationship with our state and local government representatives. We hope to continue to work closely with Representative Noel Campbell and Senator Karen Fann on key educational issues that impact our 5,700 students.

However, due to the continued inappropriate commentary exhibited by Representative Stringer, he can no longer be welcomed on any of our school campuses or permitted to participate in any school-related functions. It is terribly disappointing and disheartening for us in the Humboldt Unified School District that someone with such an out of touch perspective on reality is a part of any decision-making process that will have an impact on all of our students.

Sincerely,

Mr. Daniel Streeter  
Superintendent

Mr. Richard Adler  
Governing Board President

This email was received after the previous packet was sent to Mr. Shope.

From: **Clark Tenney** <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 11:26 AM  
Subject: documentation of encounter with D. Stringer  
To: JoAnne Chaffeur <[REDACTED]>, Karen Fann <[kfann@azleg.gov](mailto:kfann@azleg.gov)>

Hello JoAnne and Karen,  
Thank you for inquiring if I have anything I would like to have shared with the Arizona House of Representative Ethics Committee as they investigate David Stringer's unfortunate pattern of racist comments during his time in Prescott. As a long-time Republican voter from Prescott, Mr. Stringer's public comments denigrating ethnic minorities is of particular concern to me.

In spring 2016, Mr. Stringer and I were both among many people who attended a local forum at Las Fuentes retirement village here in Prescott. Support on the state level for public education was a prominent topic of discussion during the forum. Afterwards, knowing that I was a principal at one of our local elementary schools, Mr. Stringer engaged me in conversation about public schools in Arizona. He asserted that an ethnically diverse student body is negative for school achievement and for school discipline. I shared my experience that the opposite is true in our school. Since we changed school boundaries and increased ethnic diversity in our student body, our statewide test scores had gone up, we had no increase in discipline issues, and students benefited from broader points of view on a number of issues. I let Mr. Stringer know that diversity is definitely a strength in our public school.

The next evening, I happened to attend an awards banquet for the Prescott Area Leadership organization, as my son Nathan had been named a finalist for a Youth Leader scholarship they present annually. Mr. Stringer attended the awards ceremony as well. My son Nathan was at the time the Student Body President of Prescott High School, and very involved both in community service and in local politics. Mr. Stringer knew Nathan well, and expressed that Nathan was a strong candidate for the top scholarship award.

Among the other finalists was a friend of my son, fellow PHS Senior Brandon Nguyen. Brandon's father is a respected local physician, and his mother wonderful lady who is a strong community advocate for education. Brandon was one of the top students at Prescott High School, the captain of our PHS tennis team, a leader in our PHS National Honors Society, a concert pianist, and also very involved in community service. He was also an excellent candidate for the top award. Brandon also happens to be of Vietnamese heritage.

My wife and I and Nathan had a lovely dinner and conversation with the Nguyen family as we anticipated the awards session. After dinner, the awards were presented. Our son Nathan received a generous scholarship as the runner-up for the Youth Leadership award, and Brandon deservedly received top honors. Both the Nguyens and my wife and I were thrilled for both young men. I was in no way disappointed that Brandon had won, and our son had earned runner up. Brandon is a fantastic young man, and totally deserved the honor.

As folks were filtering out of the room to head home, Mr. Stringer found me by myself, stopped me, and said in an obviously sarcastic tone of voice, "There's diversity for you." He walked away before I could respond. I was shocked and saddened that Mr. Stringer apparently thought:

- 1) That Brandon won the award only because he is of Vietnamese Heritage, and not because he deserved it on his merits.
- 2) My son (who is of European heritage) lost because his primary competition happened to be an ethnic minority.
- 3) That by pointing this out to me, I would perhaps be upset enough to change my mind about "diversity."

Having had a number of interactions with Mr. Stringer where he has insinuated that non-white people are a drain on society, I am pleased that light is being shined on this, and that people are finally questioning if this is the type of person who should be representing the people of LD1.

Thank you,  
R. Clark Tenney  
Prescott, Arizona

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# ATTACHMENT 9

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**From:** Rush,Michelle <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** Swain Granieri  
**Cc:** Orr,Billie  
**Subject:** FW: DEC. 4, 2018 LINK TO SPECIAL MEETING BELOW:  
**Attachments:** 120418 Special Voting Meeting - Minutes.pdf

Mr. Granieri,

Good afternoon. I apologize that the first video did not work. Below is a link to a better video.

Thank you,

**Michelle Rush**  
*Executive Assistant*  
*City Manager's Office*



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**From:** Rush,Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 07, 2019 8:09 AM  
**To:** Orr,Billie <billie.orr@prescott-az.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk Staff <City.Clerk@prescott-az.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: DEC. 4, 2018 LINK TO SPECIAL MEETING BELOW:

Mayor Pro Tem Orr,

Good morning. Attached is a PDF of the minutes from the December 4<sup>th</sup> Special City Council Voting Session and below is a link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLdt3ZLIZxY&list=PLxDD77-seQkPqID0WQvew4a58AtzYIz2j&index=21&t=0s>

Please let me know if there is anything else I can help you with.

Thank you,

**Michelle Rush**  
*Executive Assistant*  
*City Manager's Office*



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**From:** Beegle, Francis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 5:30 PM  
**To:** Rush, Michelle <michelle.rush@prescott-az.gov>  
**Subject:** DEC. 4, 2018 LINK TO SPECIAL MEETING BELOW:

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Get sound, but no picture...thanks Michelle!

**Francis L. Beegle**  
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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

## SPECIAL VOTING MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018, 10:30 AM**

Council Chambers, 201 South Cortez Street  
Prescott AZ 86303  
(928) 777-1272

Greg Mengarelli, Mayor

Billie Orr, Mayor Pro Tem

Steve Blair, Councilman

Phil Goode, Councilman

Jim Lamerson, Councilman

Alexa Scholl, Councilwoman

Steve Sischka, Councilman

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL VOTING MEETING OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2018, in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Mengarelli called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Greg Mengarelli | Mayor         |
| Billie Orr      | Mayor Pro Tem |
| Steve Blair     | Councilman    |
| Phil Goode      | Councilman    |
| Jim Lamerson    | Councilman    |
| Alexa Scholl    | Councilwoman  |
| Steve Sischka   | Councilman    |

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Goode

**4. Regular Agenda**

1. City Council Statement on Representative Stringer

Mayor Mengarelli recognized several people who were present at the meeting: Yavapai County Attorney Sheila Polk; Former Mayor and Chairman of the Board of Supervisor Rowle Simmons; Supervisor Craig Brown; Former Councilman Chris Kukyno; Yavapai County Administrator Phil Bourdon; and former Senator Linda Gray.

Mayor Mengarelli stated that the meeting was being convened to discuss and vote on a statement concerning State Representative David Stringer and his recently published remarks. Mayor Mengarelli said that it is very important for everyone to use their own platform and to take their own position in the community.



Mayor Mengarelli read the following statement:

As a city council, we request David Stringer resign his position as state representative, immediately. He can no longer effectively represent Prescott and Yavapai County and must step aside to allow for a suitable replacement prior to the 2019 legislative session. His abhorrent words do not reflect our city or our community and while we condemn them, that word - any word - is not strong enough to express our disdain.

As proud members of this community, we are horrified that the opinions expressed by Mr. Stringer exist. Prescott prides itself on respect, honor, tradition and the physical embodiment of the spirit of Christmas. Mr. Stringer's misguided, outdated and offensive opinions reflect poorly and inaccurately on all of us. Our front porches don't discriminate based on the color of someone's skin. Neighbors are neighbors, visitors are visitors, and friends are friends. Clearly, Mr. Stringer does not represent these foundational values.

Mayor Mengarelli shared his comments:

- Today, I am before you wearing three different hats; first, as the Mayor of Prescott, secondly as a resident of Prescott, and finally, as a father.
- As the Mayor of our great city, let me begin by saying: that the Constitution of the United States of America gives David Stringer and all of us the right to speak our beliefs whatever those might be.
- However, as one of our elected representatives to the state legislature, Mr. Stringer's beliefs should be in keeping with those he represents and should not be detrimental to our community.
- By emails, texts, phone calls, and personal interactions, I have been inundated by Prescott residents who are outraged by Mr. Stringer's recent comments as recorded in the local and Phoenix press. I believe most would agree that Mr. Stringer's comments do not represent who we are as a community.
- For more than two decades, Prescott has been rated as one of the best places in America to live and retire. Our economy depends on this constant influx of new residents and tourists to be vibrant and diverse. In addition, our city has an active program to bring high tech companies and new businesses to the area-the latest example being the Israeli company, Eviation.
- Mr. Stringer's recent comments have caught the attention of the media, casting a dark shadow on our great city. Yesterday, I was made aware of an article that has even appeared in the British press...the media reach on this is worldwide. Although Mr. Stringer is entitled to his opinions in his recent remarks, those opinions are harmful to the image of our community and those who work and live here.

- Speaking to you as someone who has lived in Prescott for many years, Mr. Stringer's comments do not represent my values nor the values of my family. Each person has a unique value in this world of ours, and that value is not determined by the color of their skin, their religious belief, how they look, or their country of origin.
- Lastly, speaking to you as a father: two of my children are Native Americans-one of whom has severe hearing and speech disabilities. Although Mr. Stringer might consider her someone who does "not blend in" with our community, my family considers her a treasure.
- By his own words, Mr. Stringer has defined himself as someone who is out of step with our community. He has mortally wounded himself and disqualified himself to the point that he will be ineffective representing our issues at the state legislature. He has forgotten the moral compass of our great country that was so eloquently memorialized by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence: "we hold these truths to be self-evident, **that all men are created equal...**"
- Some might question the validity of this governing body taking this kind of stance...this is a unique situation that calls for unique action, I hope today's action gives others courage to stand up and tell their stories if they have been discriminated against or trodden upon. This is not a partisan or non-partisan issue...this is a moral issue that needs to be addressed by all of our leaders in our city and in the greater region.
- I ask the city council to join me in adopting a statement demanding that Mr. Stringer resign his position as a representative of LD 1 immediately.

Mayor Mengarelli asked for a statement from each councilmember.

Mayor Pro Tem Orr

Mayor, thank you for your leadership on this matter.

When I first heard about Representative Stringer's remarks, I was very disappointed and thought to myself, here we go again, another black eye for the City of Prescott, Yavapai County, and LD1. Then I read the remarks several times, listened to the recording several times, and came to the conclusion, along with Mayor Mengarelli, that our City Council could no longer remain quiet silent. We needed to make a statement against these disgusting words. Silence is complicit.

The Mayor & I spoke late Friday evening and early Saturday morning. We decided to consider taking a stand against Representative Stringer's racial rants and make a statement. I contacted my fellow council members and told them of our decision and asked if they would support a statement coming from the Council. The contents of the

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statement were not discussed except with 2 members, Lamerson & Goode.

Immediately following these brief conversations, I called Jon Paladini so that he would be aware of our desire to come forward publicly with some sort of statement. I wanted his advice on how to proceed. He informed me that I may have inadvertently created a potential open meeting law violation. That certainly was not my intent as the need for an immediate response to Mr. Stringer's remarks was my only concern. I saw my conversations with my fellow council members as a coordination, simply leading the effort to get something done as soon as possible on a weekend.

Once Mr. Paladini told me that my coordination of a question about a possible statement could be perceived as a violation, I requested that we hold this public meeting so that the Prescott City Council go on our record with our fundamental disapproval of Representative Stringer's remarks.

Mayor, I agree 100% with your statement and would like to expand on the economic impact concerns caused by this situation. Prescott usually gets many accolades for our welcome, friendly city and tourist attractions. Today and this past weekend, we are in local, state, national and international publications, television news reports and radio. Jim Robb, our Economic consultant has reported that he has received many emails, texts and phone calls from his contacts and friends from Fortune 100 Companies, national and State Organizations, Venture Companies, Cyber Companies in Boston, Austin, Seattle, New York, Washington D.C., Phoenix and Tucson. These companies have to be very careful when it comes to these types of comments, especially by gov't officials they take seriously. Basic question "what the Hell is going on in Prescott?"

The City has worked hard with our colleges and Universities. Bringing 22 cyber companies from Israel to Embry Riddle. Having a Aircraft company from Israel locate their U.S. Headquarters to Prescott. We partner with ERAU and their students from around the Nation and World. We as a City have National and International citizens of the World in our community. These comments are not reflective of who we are. I want to assure our business partners that we welcome their business and partnerships.

Finally, it is a sad comment that we sit at the dais two days after celebrating Christmas Lighting at the Courthouse Plaza and lighting of the Menorah on Sunday.

Prescott is Everybody's Hometown, emphasis on everybody. After all, we are all created in God's image.

#### Councilman Sischka

This is not my favorite thing. If it weren't for Mr. Stringer, we wouldn't be here. I read a book when I was in my early twenties and it talked about the messenger being a strong part of the message and I think Representative Stringer has gotten to a point now where he is a huge part of the message he tries to portray. One of the things that has stifled at the legislative level is people trusting his credibility because he is the messenger. We need a strong representative down in Phoenix that is going to reflect our values and the

city of Prescott. His district is a lot bigger than the city of Prescott. In the news reports that he read, it talks about Representative Stringer as a Prescott home town boy. This is a huge part of Prescott. When Billie called me up the other day, I was really hesitant because I didn't want to make Representative Stringer a martyr. I also didn't want the equivalent arguments to be dealt with on a consistent basis. I do think we are approaching this in the right way. I don't feel that Representative Stringer can effectively represent us in the legislature.

#### Councilwoman Scholl

I have experienced a lot of consternation over this for the past few days, and I'm disappointed that David Stringer has put us in this position. It is not fair to us or the people of Prescott and Legislative District 1.

As stewards of this city we not only have a responsibility to lead this city into the future, but we have a responsibility to protect our city from threats, and David Stringer is a threat to our community. He is a threat to our moral being, to our reputation, and to our ability to be economically competitive.

Mr. Stringer's words about race and ethnicity are NOT representative of the Prescott I know and represent. I have long thought that Mr. Stringer is morally flawed and not fit for office not only because of his words caught on tape, but also from my own personal experiences with him. What Mr. Stringer has said is racist, ignorant, and no longer tolerated.

David Stringer has damaged our community's reputation, and it is embarrassing. People not only in Arizona, but throughout the nation and across the world think that Mr. Stringer is representative of the people of Prescott. Prescott has a reputation of being "Everybody's Hometown." We work hard to be a city that welcomes any and all, and Mr. Stringer's racist words and behaviors are not illustrative of our community.

Lastly, this city and community has worked tirelessly to attract diverse industry, and with diverse industry comes diversity in people. Mr. Stringer has threatened that through his racist and exclusive words. We are excited to welcome new industry and people into our wonderful city regardless of their race or ethnicity.

With that being said, I will support a resolution by this Council condemning Representative Stringer's words and asking for his resignation.

#### Councilman Lamerson

When I was originally approached on this whole topic, I said in no way was I going to ask for David Stringer's resignation. Having reflected back on my family and who we are, most of you know that I am not medically able to serve the country voluntarily but my whole family has. My whole family has put themselves in harms way for everybody in this great country regardless of who they are. As a matter of fact, my sister-in-law is Japanese/Philipino. My nephew is native Hawaiian. At the end of the day, President Lincoln in 1864 designated Prescott as the first territorial capital. It was President Lincoln that led us into the war to separate us from the discriminatory actions of slavery. I will at this time support the resolution put forward by the Mayor.

Councilman Goode

I believe this issue is not within the scope of responsibilities that this non-partisan council body should be involved in. Although we, as elected officials, share a constituency with Mr. Stringer, we as a council did not vote to elect him. He is directly responsible to the voters and they have the responsibility to recall him over this issue if they choose. They reelected him by a large margin with an understanding of his concerns about assimilation of immigrants that were widely published last June prior to his November election. I know David reasonably well and I believe he is not likely to resign due to this council's action. He didn't last June when the Governor and the Chairman of the Arizona State Republican party asked for his resignation at that time so he's not likely to do so now. Make no mistake. I do not condone his statements or beliefs as expressed in the ASU student comments regardless of the unethical way they were surreptitiously recorded. Even if Stringer's effectiveness as our state representative is diminished, we will most likely lose any support we might need from him during the next two years of his term in the legislature by taking this action and that will damage our ability, as a council, to do the best for our city and its citizens. Consequently, I choose not take a position on this issue for those reasons and would prefer to abstain from a vote on it. However, since an abstention vote must be recorded as an affirmative vote according to our city charter my only option is to vote no. I hope that my vote will not be interpreted in any way as approving or condoning his comments.

Councilman Blair

The only comment I will make will be shared in my vote.

**MAYOR MENGARELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL STATEMENT;  
SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM ORR: PASSED [6 TO 1], COUNCILMAN  
GOODE DISSENTING.**

**5. Adjournment**

Mayor Mengarelli read a quote from Edmund Burke. "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Mengarelli adjourned the Special Voting Meeting at 10:53 a.m.

ATTEST:

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GREG MENGARELLI, Mayor

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MAUREEN SCOTT, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Voting Meeting of the City Council of the City of Prescott, Arizona held on the 4th day of December, 2018. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

AFFIX  
CITY SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maureen Scott, City Clerk

# ATTACHMENT 10

I believe this letter, which should already be a part of your investigation paperwork, shows the impact Mr. Stringer's words and actions have on our community.



December 5, 2018

Dear Humboldt Unified School District Administrators, Faculty, and Staff:

Our faculty and staff have set a standard of excellence based upon critical core values that include an unwavering belief in all of our students, high expectations and high levels of support for all, and that all of our actions are based on what's best for students.

The recent comments made by Representative David Stringer do not reflect these core values. Mr. Stringer has demonstrated a pattern of unacceptable public comments that confirm that he is unable to meet the minimum expectations that our administrators, board members, teachers, support staff, and families have set for participants in our educational community. Viewed in the best light these comments can be understood as incredibly insensitive but a plain reading reveals blatant racism.

It is important for us to have a positive working relationship with our state and local government representatives. We hope to continue to work closely with Representative Noel Campbell and Senator Karen Fann on key educational issues that impact our 5,700 students.

However, due to the continued inappropriate commentary exhibited by Representative Stringer, he can no longer be welcomed on any of our school campuses or permitted to participate in any school-related functions. It is terribly disappointing and disheartening for us in the Humboldt Unified School District that someone with such an out of touch perspective on reality is a part of any decision-making process that will have an impact on all of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Streeter".

Mr. Daniel Streeter  
Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Adler".

Mr. Richard Adler  
Governing Board President



# ATTACHMENT 11

## An Arizona school district banned a state representative from its campuses after he said that African Americans ‘don’t blend in’

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By [Antonia Noori Farzan](#)

December 7, 2018

An Arizona legislator who suggested that only white immigrants have been successfully assimilated into American society has been banned from the largest school district in the community that he represents, according to a letter sent to parents and teachers on Wednesday.

State Rep. David Stringer (R) has been facing calls to resign since last Friday, when the Phoenix New Times published [an audio recording](#) of him talking with a group of Arizona State University students who had approached him after a lecture. The Republican lawmaker had commented that “diversity in our country is relatively new,” prompting one student to remind him about early waves of immigration from Italy and Ireland.

“They were all European,” [Stringer countered](#). “So after their second or third generation, everybody looks the same. Everybody talks the same. But that’s not the case with African Americans and other racial groups because they don’t melt in. They don’t blend in. They always look different.”

Later, when a student pointed out that Polish immigrants had faced discrimination when they first arrived in the United States, Stringer replied: “The difference between the Polish-American immigrant and the immigrant from Somalia is the second-generation Polish immigrant looks like the Irish kid and the German kid and every other kid. But the immigrant from Somalia does not.”

Those comments didn’t sit well with the Humboldt Unified School District, which serves about 5,700 students in rural, conservative Yavapai County. According to [the Daily Courier](#), superintendent Dan Streeter sent a letter to parents, faculty and administrators saying that Stringer would no longer be welcome at any of the district’s 10 campuses, and had been barred from attending school-related forums and other events.

“Mr. Stringer has demonstrated a pattern of unacceptable public comments that confirm that he is unable to meet the minimum expectations that our administrators, board members, teachers, support staff, and families have set for participants in our educational community,” he wrote. “Viewed in the best light, these comments can be understood as incredibly insensitive, but a plain reading reveals blatant racism.”

Stringer could not be reached for comment but defended his remarks during a Thursday night [town council meeting](#) in his legislative district. “I believe that everything I’ve said — if you look at what I actually said — is defensible, that it is truthful, that it is factually accurate, that it can be supported by academic research,” he said.

Pointing out that he had [received 67,023 votes](#) in the November election, the second-highest of any member of the Arizona House of Representatives, Stringer said that he had “no intention of resigning.”

“I am not going to disenfranchise the thousands and thousands of people who just returned me to office a month ago,” he said.

Stringer, who worked as an attorney in the Washington, D.C., area before relocating to Arizona and was first elected to the state legislature in 2016, has repeatedly lamented America’s changing demographics. Speaking at a public forum as a candidate in 2016, [he said](#), “I think immigration is a huge problem, it is destroying our country, it is tearing us apart, it will inevitably — if we don’t do something about it — result in some kind of civil disorder and a dissolution of the United States as we know it.” The following year, he published an opinion column in the Prescott eNews, an online publication whose parent company he co-owns, which [concluded](#): “The United States may be the first nation in history to voluntarily surrender its traditional culture and national identity to other peoples. We are only beginning to experience the consequences.”

In June, the Republican lawmaker made national headlines when he described immigration as an [“existential threat to the United States.”](#) Arizona Republican Party Chairman Jonathan Lines demanded his resignation, as did [Gov. Doug Ducey](#) (R), who said that Stringer had “basically disqualified himself to lead at the state level.” Stringer ignored their calls to step down and instead doubled down on his remarks in an interview with [Capitol Media Services](#), where he said that Asian Americans “still have a sense of maybe not fully participating in American life” and African Americans “have not been fully assimilated into American culture.”

This week, Ducey and Lines once again renewed their requests for Stringer's resignation and were joined by [other prominent Republican leaders](#). Meanwhile, a local branch of the NAACP threatened to boycott the city of Prescott, where the lawmaker lives.

"Until Rep. Stringer is removed from office, the NAACP will recommend a travel advisory on the City of Prescott advising our members, supporters and allies to discontinue any shopping, travel, and lodging in hotels in Prescott, AZ effective immediately," Roy Tatem Jr., president of the NAACP's East Valley chapter, wrote in [a letter](#) to State Rep. Rusty Bowers (R), the incoming speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives.

But Prescott — a city of roughly 40,000 people that elected President Trump by a [14-point margin](#) and is known for its annual Christmas parade — has also repudiated Stringer. On Tuesday, the same day that the NAACP's letter was sent, the city council held a special meeting and voted to request Stringer's immediate resignation, saying that he could no longer effectively represent them.

"As proud members of this community, we are horrified that the opinions expressed by Mr. Stringer exist," the [resolution](#) approved by the council said. "Prescott prides itself on respect, honor, tradition and the physical embodiment of the spirit of Christmas. Mr. Stringer's misguided, outdated and offensive opinions reflect poorly and inaccurately on all of us."

On Thursday night, Martin Grossman, a council member in the neighboring town of Prescott Valley, made a similar appeal to the embattled lawmaker, telling him that his effectiveness as a representative for the area was "minus zero."

"I think the best thing you could do for this community — if you really do love this community as you say you do — is to resign," he said.

### **More from Morning Mix:**

[When punk rock raged, Pete Shelley of Buzzcocks stuck with love songs and changed musical history](#)

['It's funny cuz it's true': Donald Trump Jr. trolls Ocasio-Cortez with meme implying socialists eat dogs](#)

### **Antonia Noori Farzan**

Antonia Noori Farzan is a reporter on The Washington Post's Morning Mix team. She previously worked at the Phoenix New Times. Follow 

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# ATTACHMENT 12

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TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

December 10, 2018

## Via Federal Express

Russell "Rusty" Bowers, Speaker Elect  
ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Arizona State Capital Complex  
1700 West Washington Street, Room 226  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

*Re: David Stringer / Petition for Resignation*

Dear Speaker Elect:

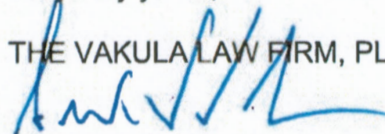
Enclosed please find several petitions signed by about 45 Prescott-area lawyers requesting the resignation of David Stringer or, if that doesn't occur, requesting that the House take other action. Most of these signatures were obtained in just two days and many of the lawyers who have signed are also Republicans and attorneys concerned about Arizona's business environment. We have more signatures coming in, but these signatures constitute about 25-30% of the active Prescott bar. I am also involved in circulating a separate petition in the community at large, and in just a few days we have over 500 signatures and growing.

The statements by Mr. Stringer not only are hurtful to those he disparages, but his prior and continuing statements are also bad for the business environment of Prescott and Arizona. I also strongly believe his remaining in place for two more years is bad for the Republicans in 2020. My hope is that you and the leadership can convince Mr. Stringer that he needs to resign. Our district and elected leadership are also taking steps to support this course of action. Absent Mr. Stringer's resignation, I would ask that the House take appropriate steps to remove Mr. Stringer from office.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

THE VAKULA LAW FIRM, PLC



Alex B. Vakula

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Enclosures

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# ATTACHMENT 13



**Petition by lawyers and constituents of Legislative District 1 to the Speaker-Elect Russell Bowers and the leadership of the Arizona House of Representatives requesting that Representative David Stringer resign his position immediately or that he be expelled from office.**

The undersigned lawyers of Yavapai County, who are also constituents of Legislative District 1, hereby request that Representative David Stringer resign or be expelled from office due to his racist and bigoted statements and views that are not reflective of his constituents, the legal profession in Yavapai County, nor common decency of all citizens of Yavapai County and the State of Arizona.

Mr. David Stringer has been observed and reported to have made denigrating remarks concerning race, religion, gender and ethnicity on a number of occasions which have reflected poorly on the citizens of Legislative District 1, the State of Arizona, and the legal profession (of which he is a member). His actions and statements are abhorrent and must be condemned in the harshest of terms. Mr. Stringer's lack of understanding after each incident confirms that his statements are not simply misstatements or a poor choice of words, but a lack of decency and a deeply held belief system which do not reflect the good people of Legislative District 1, Yavapai County, or Arizona and can no longer be tolerated.

We, the undersigned, call upon David Stringer to resign immediately. If he chooses not to do so, we respectfully ask that the Arizona House of Representatives take immediate action to vote to expel Mr. Stringer from the body. Arizona cannot afford to allow Mr. Stringer the platform from which to espouse his hateful views.



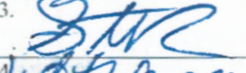
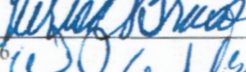

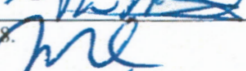
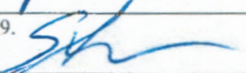
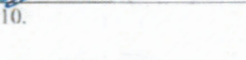
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| 2.  |           | Andrew Bedec            | [REDACTED] FF [REDACTED]               | 25362          | 12/4        |
| 3.  |           | KESTYME M. SCHMAR-OLSON | [REDACTED] AL                          | 32767          | 12/4        |
| 4.  |           | Robert E. Schnitt       | [REDACTED]                             | 3585           | 12/4        |
|     |           | Michael R. Murphy       | [REDACTED]                             | 03261          | 12-4        |
| 6.  |           | Milton Hawthorn         | [REDACTED]                             | 005442         | 12/5        |
| 7.  |           | Thomas E. Polk          | [REDACTED] PC [REDACTED]               | 007462         | 12/5        |
| 8.  |           | Sean Phelan             | [REDACTED]                             | 024805         | 12/5        |
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| 2.    | Andrea Carman    | [REDACTED]                             | 021448         | 12/5/18     |
| 3.    | Stephen Pok      | [REDACTED]                             | 035215         | 12/6/18     |
| 4.   | Nancy H. Tatrok  | [REDACTED]                             | 033496         | 12/4/18     |
| 5.  | Terese Bruce     | [REDACTED]                             |                | 12/6/18     |
| 6.  | William R. Wilby | [REDACTED]                             |                | 12-6-18     |
| 7.  | Grant Hammond    | [REDACTED]                             | 018383         | 12-6-18     |
| 8.  | Mark A. Kille    | [REDACTED]                             | 024441         | 12-06-18    |
| 9.  | Bryan Snow       | [REDACTED]                             | 030228         | 12-6-18     |
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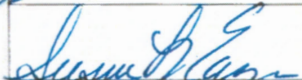

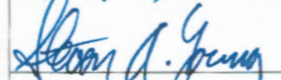
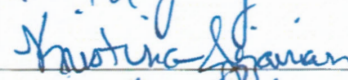
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|   | Susan Eazer        | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/6/18         |
|  | Michael M. Gill    | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/6/18         |
|  | Steve Young        | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12-6-18         |
|  | Kristina Jezairian | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12-6-18         |
|  | Stephanie Sankoy   | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/6/18         |
|  | Carol Kennedy      | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/6/2018       |

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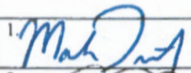

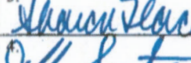

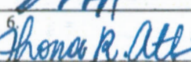
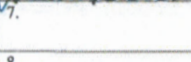
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|           | Mark U. - [unclear] | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/6/18         |
|           | Dan Furlong         | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12.6.18         |
|           | Vicki Gocer         | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/6/18         |
|           | Dennis M. McGee     | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/6/18         |
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| 3.  | Sharon Flack     | [REDACTED] Prescott                    | 021590         | 12-5-18     |
|     | Jeffrey Gustre   | [REDACTED] Prescott                    | 023104         | 12-5-18     |
|     | Andrew J. Diemel | [REDACTED]                             | 029298         | 12-5-18     |
| 5.  | Thomas R. Atkins | [REDACTED] 86327                       | 034790         | 12-5-18     |
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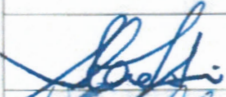




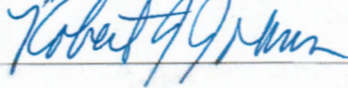
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|  | Benjamin Krutzberg | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/6/18         |
|  | Sheila Polk        | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/6/18         |
|  | Martin Coleman     | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/6/18         |
|  | Robert Johnson     | [REDACTED]                                                                                                         | 12/06/18        |
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# ATTACHMENT 14



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EXHIBIT

PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW /  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Note:** It is not required by law that this form be filled out by a person requesting public records. The District may request the document be filled out or the District may use the document internally as documentation of public records requests.

Name J. SWAN GRANIERI Date 02-28-19

Address 2303 N. 44TH ST STE. 14-1162 PHOENIX, AZ 85008  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work 602-799-3734

E-mail address SWAN@GRANIERIPRIVATEINVESTIGATIONS.COM

Nature of request:

- Opportunity to review records (no original record may leave the custodian's office)
- Copies of records.

Please read and sign the following statement:

I have requested public records of the School District for a noncommercial purpose. I understand that if the records should be used for a commercial purpose, a verified statement of the purpose must be submitted per A.R.S. 39-121.03.

02-28-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Signature)

Notice: A fee will be charged for copying based upon actual cost for providing the information.

Records requested (please be as explicit as possible as to the records you desire):

SEE ATTACHED  
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### **Public Records Request**

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Date: 02/28/2019

Becky Cooley  
Secretary to the Superintendent & Governing Board  
Humbolt U.S.D. #22  
6411 N. Robert Road  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Please provide the following documents.

Humbolt U.S.D. #22 policies & procedures

December 21, 2018 response letter to Ms. Hunt

Respectfully,

  
J. Swain Granieri  
Granieri Private Investigations  
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Phoenix, AZ 85008  
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December 21, 2018

Ms. Karen Hunt

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], AZ 86314

Dear Ms. Hunt,

This letter is in regards to your request for a written response concerning your public comments made during the Public Participation portion of the Governing Board Meeting of the Humboldt Unified School District on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. As noted in Governing Board Policy BEDH, "The Board invites the viewpoints of citizens throughout the District, and considers the responsible presentation of these viewpoints vital to the efficient operation of the District." I would like to express my appreciation for your attendance at the meeting as well as your thoughtful comments made during the public participation.

During the meeting you provided the Governing Board with a written statement that supported your comments made during the open session. The written statement requested, "...the policy regarding how people are banned from HUSD campuses." Additionally, you requested the criteria regarding the banning of students, parents, the public at large, and public officials.

Governing Board Policy KFA outlines the expectations regarding the conduct of the public, this includes a definition of the public, and Governing Board Policy JA outlines the responsibility of establishing an environment conducive to learning. Policy KFA addresses interferences and disruptions of an educational institution which would include HUSD campuses and explains the considerations and procedures that must be followed by anyone who visits a school campus or property including, "Any member of the general public considered by the Superintendent, or a person authorized by the Superintendent, to be in violation of these rules shall be instructed to leave the property of the District." Policy JA addresses the duty to guard the health and safety of students, "To enhance the self-image of individual students through helping them feel respected and worthy, and through a learning environment that provides positive encouragement."

Further, Arizona Revised Statute 13-2911 states, "The chief administrative officer of an educational institution or an officer or employee designated by the chief administrative officer to maintain order may order a person to leave the property of the educational institution if the officer or employee has reasonable grounds to believe...any person has entered on the property of



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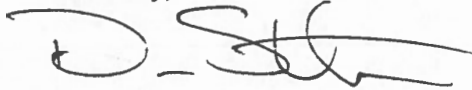
an educational institution for the purpose of committing any act that interferes with or disrupts the lawful use of the property by others at the educational institution.”

With regards to students, it is important to note that policies, rules, and regulations regarding the governance of their conduct exceed in the scope and in the detail of the laws and policies that apply to members of the public. However, Governing Board Policy JKD addresses student suspensions and the temporary removal from school and Governing Board Policy JKE addresses the expulsion of students. Each policy addresses the criteria for removal from a HUSD campus.

Policy JKD states, “The authority to suspend a student for up to ten (10) days, after an informal hearing is held, rests with the Superintendent. This authority may be delegated to other administrators.” Student handbooks outline the specific offenses that would warrant a suspension. Policy JKE describes the process for the expulsion of a student, “A recommendation to expel shall be by the Superintendent. The authority to expel rests only with the Board. All expulsions requested shall have supporting data indicating the required due process procedure provided at the time of recommendation.” Again, offenses warranting an expulsion are outlined in student handbooks.

The policies included provide the specific information that you requested including the criteria for removal from a school campus. Additionally, the policies spell out the authority of the District and circumstances in which a removal may be enforced. If you feel that any of your questions have been left unanswered, please contact my assistant, Mrs. Rebecca Cooley, at 928-759-5007 to set up a meeting to discuss any outstanding concerns. Again, I want to thank you for your inquiry and engagement with the Humboldt Unified School District.

Sincerely,



Mr. Daniel Streeter  
Superintendent

Enclosures:

- Governing Board Policy BEDH
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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public.

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A. Any individual desiring to address the Board shall complete a form (Request to Address Board) and give this form to the Superintendent prior to the start of the Board meeting.

B. The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing speakers, maintaining proper order, and adhering to any time limit set. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the Superintendent for later report to the Board. Questions or comments on matters that are currently under legal review will not receive a response.

C. If considered necessary, the President shall set a time limit on the length of the comment period. In order to ensure that each individual has an opportunity to address the Board, the President may also set a time limit for individual speakers.

D. Personal attacks upon Board members, staff personnel, or other persons in attendance or absent by individuals who address the Board are discouraged. Presenters are cautioned that statements or representations concerning others that convey an unjustly unfavorable impression may subject the presenter to civil action for defamation. Policies KE, KEB, KEC, and KED are provided by the Board for disposition of legitimate complaints, including those involving individuals. Upon conclusion of the open call to the public, individual members of the Board may respond to any criticism made by an individual who has addressed the Board.

The Superintendent shall ensure that a copy of this policy is posted at the entrance to the Board meeting room, and that an adequate supply of forms is available.

Adopted: April 12, 2016

LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

38-431.01

CROSS REF.:

BDB - Board Officers

BHC - Board Communications with Staff Members

BHD - Board Communications with the Public

KEB - Public Concerns/Complaints about Personnel

## PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

No person shall engage in conduct that may cause interference with or disruption of an educational institution. Interference with or disruption of an educational institution includes any act that might reasonably lead to the evacuation or closure of any property of the educational institution or the postponement, cancellation or suspension of any class or other school activity. For the purposes of this policy, an actual evacuation, closure, postponement, cancellation or suspension is not required for the act to be considered interference or disruption.

A person commits interference with or disruption of an educational institution by doing any of the following:

- Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly interfering with or disruption of the normal operations of an educational institution by either:
  - Threatening to cause physical injury to any employee or student of an educational institution or any person on the property of an educational institution.
  - Threatening to cause damage to the District, the property of the District, or the property of any person attending the District.
- Intentionally or knowingly entering or remaining on the property of an educational institution for the purpose of interfering with or denying lawful use of the property to others.
- Intentionally or knowingly refusing to obey a lawful order given by the Superintendent or a person designated to maintain order.

The above identified acts need not be directed at a specific individual, the District, or specific property of the District to constitute a violation of this policy.

Restitution for any financial loss caused by a violation of the policy may be required. Furthermore, an individual who interferes with or disrupts an educational institution is subject to misdemeanor or felony charges as provided in A.R.S. 13-2911.

A person may also interfere with or disrupt the District function by committing any of the following:

- Any conduct intended to obstruct, disrupt, or interfere with teaching, research, service, administrative, or disciplinary functions or any activity sponsored or approved by the Board.

- Physical or verbal abuse or threat of harm to any person on property owned or controlled by the District or at supervised functions sponsored by the District.
- Forceful or unauthorized entry to or occupation of District facilities, including both buildings and grounds.
- Illicit use, possession, distribution, or sale of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, other controlled substances, or other illegal contraband on District property or at school-sponsored functions.
- Use of speech or language that is offensive or inappropriate to the limited forum of the public school educational environment.
- Failure to comply with the lawful directions of District officials or of District security officers or other law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties, and failure to identify oneself to such officials or officers when lawfully requested to do so.
- Knowing violation of a District rule and regulation. Proof that an alleged violator has a reasonable opportunity to become aware of such rules and regulations shall be sufficient proof that the violation was done knowingly.
- Any conduct constituting an infraction of any federal, state, or city law or policy or regulation of the Board.
- Carrying or possessing a weapon on school grounds unless the individual is a peace officer or has obtained specific authorization from the appropriate school administrator.

#### **Additional Requirements of the General Public**

The definition of *general public* is anyone who does not come under the definition of student, faculty member, staff member, or employee.

- No person shall visit or audit a classroom or other school activity, nor shall any person come upon or remain upon school premises, without approval by the principal or the principal's authorized representative. Nor shall any person conduct or attempt to conduct any activity on school premises without prior approval by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's authorized representative.

- Any member of the general public considered by the Superintendent, or a person authorized by the Superintendent, to be in violation of these rules shall be instructed to leave the property of the District. Failure to obey the instruction may subject the person to criminal proceedings pursuant to A.R.S. 13-2911 and to any other applicable civil or criminal proceedings, or to tribal ordinance.
- Persons attending special functions shall confine themselves to the specific part of the facility assigned in the permit.
- Persons who engage in disorderly conduct of any kind may be subject to removal and exclusion from the facility.
- The use of facilities shall be granted only for legitimate purposes. Therefore, the permit holder shall assume full responsibility for any unlawful act committed during the exercise of the permit.
- No person shall possess or engage in the use of medical marijuana on District property, at a District event, or in a District vehicle.

*Adopted:* October 16, 2012

LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 13-2905  
13-2911  
13-3102  
15-341  
15-507  
36-2801 *et seq.*  
36-2802

CROSS REF.: GBEB - Staff Conduct  
GCQF - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of  
Professional Staff Members  
GDQD - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of  
Support Staff Members  
JIC - Student Conduct  
JK - Student Discipline  
KFAA - Smoking on School Premises at Public Functions



## STUDENT POLICIES GOALS / PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

The Superintendent will establish an environment conducive to the best learning achievement for each student through meeting the following goals:

- To individualize the learning program in order to provide appropriately for each student.
- To protect and observe the legal rights of students.
- To enhance the self-image of individual students through helping them feel respected and worthy, and through a learning environment that provides positive encouragement.
- To provide an environment of reality in which students can learn personal and civic responsibility for their actions through meaningful experiences as school citizens.
- To deal with students in matters of discipline in a just and constructive manner.
- To provide, in every way feasible, for the safety, health, and welfare of students.
- To promote regular attendance and good work.

*Adopted:* date of Manual adoption

## STUDENT SUSPENSION

A student may be removed from contact with other students as a temporary measure.

The authority to suspend a student for up to ten (10) days, after an informal hearing is held, rests with the Superintendent, principal, or other school officials granted this power by the Governing Board of the School District. If a danger to students or staff members is present, the Superintendent may immediately remove the student from school, with prior contact with the parents and with a notice and hearing following as soon as practicable. Each suspension shall be reported to the Governing Board, within five (5) days, by the person imposing it. [A.R.S. 15-843]

In all cases, except summary suspension where a clear and present danger is evident, the student shall remain in school until applicable due process procedures are instituted. In no instance shall students be released early from school unless parents have been notified.

The Superintendent may designate a hearing officer for suspension hearings.

### Regular Education Students

#### Suspension for ten days or less:

A. Step 1: The student will receive notice, written or oral, of the reason for suspension and the evidence the school authorities have of the alleged misconduct.

1. After having received notice, the student will be asked for an explanation of the situation.
2. The authorized District personnel shall make reasonable efforts to verify facts and statements prior to making a judgment.

B. Step 2: Following Step 1:

1. Provided that a written record of the action taken is kept on file, authorized District personnel may:

- a. Suspend the student for up to ten (10) days.
- b. Choose other disciplinary alternatives.
- c. Exonerate the student.
- d. Suspend the student for ten (10) days pending a recommendation that the student be given a long-term suspension or expulsion or both.

2. When suspension is involved:

- a. A parent must be notified before the student is allowed to leave campus. If no parent contact can be made, the student may be isolated until dismissal time and then given a written message to the parents.
  - b. A letter to the parents will be written within a reasonable time to explain the terms (including the possibility that a long-term suspension and/or expulsion is being recommended) and reasons for the suspension and to request a meeting to solicit their help.
3. No appeal is available from a short-term suspension.

**Suspension for over ten days:**

A. Step 3: If the offense is one that could result in a suspension of over ten (10) days, in addition to Step 1 and Step 2 a formal hearing will be arranged and conducted by a hearing officer or by the Superintendent.

B. Step 4: A formal letter to the responsible parent or guardian will be mailed by certified mail with return receipt requested or delivered by hand (with an adult witness present) at least five (5) working days prior to the formal hearing. A copy of this letter will remain on file, and the letter should contain the following information:

1. The charges and the rule or regulation violated.
2. The extent of the punishment to be considered.
3. The date, time, and place of the formal hearing.
4. A designation of the District's witnesses.
5. That the student may present witnesses.
6. That the student may be represented by counsel at student's expense.
7. If a hearing officer has been designated, the name of the hearing officer.

C. Step 5: A formal hearing will be held, during which the student will be informed of the following:

1. Nothing in these procedures shall be construed to prevent the students who are subject to the action and their parents or legal guardians and legal counsel from attending any executive (closed) session pertaining to the proposed disciplinary action, or from having access to the minutes and testimony of such session or from recording such a session at the parent's or legal guardian's expense.
2. The student is entitled to a statement of the charges and the rule or regulation violated.
3. The student may be represented by counsel, without bias to the student.

4. The student may present witnesses.
5. The student or counsel may cross-examine witnesses presented by the District.
6. The burden of proof of the offense lies with the District.
7. Either the hearing must be recorded on tape or an official record must be kept in some other appropriate manner. In addition, parents are to be allowed to tape-record the hearing at their own expense.
8. The District has the right to cross-examine witnesses, and may be represented by an attorney.

D. Step 6: The decision and appeal procedure, if applicable, upon the conclusion of the hearing will be as follows:

1. Upon the conclusion of a hearing by a hearing officer in which a decision of long-term suspension is made, the decision may be appealed to the Board. To arrange such an appeal, the parent(s) of the suspended student or the student must deliver to the Superintendent a letter directed to the Board within five (5) days after receiving written notice of the long-term suspension. The letter must describe in detail any objections to the hearing or the decision rendered.
2. The appeal to the Board will be on the record of the hearing held by the hearing officer. If the Board determines that the student was not afforded due process rights or that this policy was not followed in all substantive respects, the student shall be given another hearing. If the Board determines that the punishment was not reasonable, they may modify the punishment.
3. The decision of the Board is final.

### **Special Education Students**

#### **Suspension for ten days or less.**

Short-term suspension (ten [10] days or less) may be used for special education students for disciplinary reasons on the same basis as for a regular education student. (It is not considered a change of placement.)

A. Step 1: The student will receive notice, written or oral, of the reason for suspension and the evidence the school authorities have of the alleged misconduct.

1. After having received notice, the student will be asked for an explanation of the situation.
2. The authorized District personnel involved shall make reasonable efforts to verify facts and statements prior to making a judgment.

B. Step 2: Following Step 1:

1. Provided that a written record of the action taken is kept on file, authorized District personnel may:
  - a. Suspend the student for up to ten (10) days.
  - b. Choose other disciplinary alternatives.
  - c. Exonerate the student.
  - d. Suspend the student for ten (10) days pending a recommendation that the student be given a long-term suspension or expulsion or both.
2. When suspension is involved:
  - a. A parent must be notified before the student is allowed to leave campus. If no parent contact can be made, the student may be isolated until dismissal time and then given a written message to the parents.
  - b. A letter to the parents will be written within a reasonable time to explain the terms (including the possibility that a long-term suspension and/or expulsion is being recommended) and reasons for the suspension and to request a meeting to solicit their help.
3. No appeal is available from a short-term suspension.

#### **Suspension for over ten days**

If a special education student is recommended for a suspension of more than ten (10) days during the school year (a possible change in placement), a manifestation determination conference must be held.

A. Step 3: A recommended suspension of a special education student for more than ten (10) consecutive days, or a series of suspensions totaling more than ten (10) days, may constitute a change of placement and shall require a manifestation determination conference. Such a conference shall be for the purpose of determining whether or not the offense is a manifestation of the student's disability.

B. Step 4: If the offense is not a manifestation of the disability of the student, the student may be suspended by following the District policies for students in general, provided that educational services are continued during the period of disciplinary removal for a student with a disability qualified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). A student with a disability qualified for educational services under the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and not qualified under IDEA, may be suspended or expelled from school, and educational services may be ceased, if nondisabled students in similar circumstances do not continue to receive educational services.

C. Step 5: If the behaviors are a manifestation of the disability of the student, the District may not extend the suspension of the student beyond the initial ten (10) school days.

An exception to the above allows for an IDEA qualified student to be given a change in placement to an interim alternative educational setting for not more than forty-five (45) days, in accord with federal law and regulation, if the removal is for IDEA defined drug or weapons offenses or is based upon a due process hearing officer's determination that injury to the child or another is substantially likely if current placement is maintained.

Any interim alternative educational setting must be selected so as to enable the child to continue to progress in the general curriculum, although in another setting, and to continue to receive those services and modifications, including those described in the child's current IEP; and include services and modifications which are designed to prevent the behaviors for which the placement was made from recurring. (Caution: refer to IDEA statutes and regulations before implementing the exception.)

### **Alternative to Suspension**

Students meeting the following requirements may participate in an alternative to suspension program described below at the determination of the Superintendent:

- A. Suspension from school has been determined as the punishment for an offense and any appeal has been denied.
- B. The immediate suspension was not due to:
  - 1. Fighting or engaging in violent behavior
  - 2. Threatening an educational institution
  - 3. Selling, using or possessing weapons, firearms, explosives, or dangerous instruments
  - 4. Making a bomb threat
  - 5. Engaging in arson
- C. The student has not served more than one (1) short-term suspension or alternative to suspension of ten (10) days or less during the current academic year.
- D. The student has admitted to or taken responsibility for the act upon which suspension was imposed in a written statement signed by the student and attested to by the student's parent or guardian.
- E. The student and parent or guardian has received a written admonition that the suspension as originally determined will be imposed summarily and in its entirety should the student violate the conditions or requirements of the Alternative to Suspension Program. (Note: Follow appropriate dismissal procedures.)
- F. Parent(s) or guardian(s) shall agree to participate by:

1. Providing transportation as necessary to and from the program location.
2. Furnishing meals prepackaged or purchasing same for the student.
3. Establishing and monitoring in consultation with the school a supervisory routine limiting the student's contact to that which is necessary with other students and friends during the program.

The Alternative to Suspension Program is to be one of social isolation. It shall be discipline intensive, requiring academic work and as determined may involve community service, groundskeeping, and litter control. Parents will participate by providing support and supervision.

A. Students will be isolated from others by means of barriers or distance at a location determined by the District. No participation in any school sponsored activity will be permitted during the program.

B. Communication by students with others will be limited to adult District staff or as directed by the adult supervisor on duty.

C. Ordered study time will be established for each student consistent with the number of classes in which the student is enrolled, divided proportionately through the academic day.

D. Students are confined to their assigned areas and seats except as designated by the supervisor. All personal maintenance will be planned and approved by the supervisor.

E. Students are to bring all books, workbooks, paper and necessary instruments for each class in which they are enrolled to the program daily and take the same material home each day of the program.

F. Protocols for implementation of the Alternative to Suspension Program following the requirements above may be established by the administrator at each location.

**Procedures and Conditions for  
Readmission of Students Suspended  
for More Than Ten Days**

**Early readmission procedures**

The Superintendent may authorize early readmission of a student suspended for more than ten (10) days. The student shall be considered for readmission only upon completion of the major portion of the suspension (usually one [1] day more than half [1/2] with consideration for the grading period or academic division as necessary). The following conditions must be met:

A. A written request must be submitted to the Superintendent on behalf of the student by the student's parent or guardian asking for readmission and requesting a meeting to determine any requirements.

B. Accompanying the written request shall be a summary of the student's activities and accomplishments during the suspension period written and signed by the student and signed and attested to by the parent or guardian. (Parents of elementary grade students may prepare the summary.)

C. The request shall include a signed statement from local law enforcement officials that there have been no infractions of local or state codes for which the student could have been charged during the period of the suspension.

D. At the time of the meeting to review the request the student may be required to explain the incident or incidents leading up to the suspension.

E. The determination to allow readmission may be based on, but not limited to, the following elements:

1. The age of the student.
2. The frequency, type, and relative magnitude of previous misbehavior by the student.
3. The relative severity of the event(s).
4. Whether the student's behavior violated civil or criminal laws.
5. The degree to which the incident(s) interfered with the educational process.
6. The extent to which the event created endangerment to the student, others or property.
7. Special intellectual, psychological, emotional, environmental and physical characteristics of the student.
8. The student's attitude concerning the event(s).
9. The expressed intent concerning the student's future behavior.

F. Should early readmission be granted, the student, with parent or guardian affirmation, shall agree to the following conditions:

1. Regular attendance—no unexcused absences.
2. No violation of school rules or policies.
3. Attendance at after school events for the remaining term of suspension only with prior approval of the administration.
4. Completion of all class tasks in timely fashion, as directed.



5. Student will receive supervision before and after school by parental arrangement, travel directly to school and from school, and report immediately to a supervisor for the balance of the term of the suspension.

G. The student and parent or guardian shall receive a written admonition that failure in the conditions required for early readmission will mean summary imposition of the remainder of the suspension, and additional punishment if indicated by the disciplinary policies and procedures of the District.

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LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

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I78-103

I78-218

I80-055

I84-036

20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

20 U.S.C. 7151 et seq., The Gun-Free School Act of 1990

29 U.S.C. 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (Section 504)

CROSS REF.:

IHB - Special Instructional Programs

JR - Student Records

## EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

A recommendation to expel shall be by the Superintendent. The authority to expel rests only with the Board. All expulsions requested shall have supporting data indicating the required due process procedure provided at the time of recommendation.

The Governing Board directs all expulsions hearings to be conducted by a hearing officer selected from a list of hearing officers approved by the Board.

### Expulsion

#### *Regular Education Students*

Expulsion is the permanent exclusion of a student from school and school activities, unless the Governing Board reinstates the student's privileges to attend school.

- *Step 1:* Each recommendation for expulsion shall be delivered to the Superintendent. A recommendation for expulsion may be made before, after or in conjunction with a long-term suspension hearing, if one is to be held.
- *Step 2:* If the Superintendent concurs with the recommendation, the Superintendent shall present the recommendation for expulsion to a hearing officer selected from a list of hearing officers approved by the Board.
- *Step 3:* In each case in which a recommendation for expulsion receives approval by the Superintendent, (*and the Board has not determined that all expulsion hearings are to be conducted by a hearing officer*), the Governing Board will meet in executive session:
  - to determine whether the nature of the accusations against the student justify an expulsion hearing,
  - to determine whether the hearing will be held before the Governing Board or before a hearing officer,
  - to designate a hearing officer if one will be used, and
  - if the hearing will be conducted by the Governing Board to determine whether the hearing will be conducted in executive session. Under normal circumstances, the Governing Board will not review any documents or other pertinent evidence during the initial executive session.

- *Step 4:* The expulsion hearing should be scheduled so it may be resolved, if reasonably possible, during the period of any suspension.
- *Step 5:* A formal letter to the responsible parent or guardian will be mailed by certified mail with return receipt requested or delivered by hand (with an adult witness present) at least five (5) working days prior to the formal hearing. A copy of this letter will remain on file, and the letter should contain:
  - A statement of the charges and the rule or regulation violated.
  - The extent of the punishment to be considered.
  - The date, time, and place of the formal hearing.
  - A designation of the District's witnesses.
  - That the student may present witnesses.
  - That the student may be represented by counsel at the student's expense.
  - If a hearing officer has been appointed, the name of the hearing officer and how the hearing officer may be contacted, or a statement that the Governing Board will preside at the hearing.
  - Copies of this policy and A.R.S. 15-840 and 15-843 unless previously provided in connection with the same infraction.
- *Step 6:* The parent, guardian or emancipated student shall be informed of the following:
  - Nothing in these procedures shall be construed to prevent the students who are subject to the action and their parents or legal guardians and legal counsel from attending any executive (closed) session pertaining to the proposed disciplinary action, or from having access to the minutes and testimony of such session or from recording such a session at the parent's or legal guardian's expense.
  - The student is entitled to a statement of the charges and the rule or regulation violated.
  - The student may be represented by counsel, without bias to the student.
  - The student may present witnesses.

- The student or counsel may cross-examine witnesses presented by the District.
  - The burden of proof of the offense lies with the District.
  - Either the hearing must be recorded on tape or an official record must be kept in some other appropriate manner. In addition, parents are to be allowed to tape-record the hearing at their own expense.
  - The District has the right to cross-examine witnesses, and may be represented by an attorney.
  - If the hearing is held before a hearing officer, the hearing will be conducted in private with the attendance of only the hearing officer, administrative representatives, the student and parent(s), counsel for the parties, and witnesses necessary to the proceedings, unless the parent(s), guardian(s) or emancipated student requests in writing that the hearing be open to public attendance.
  - If the hearing is held before the Governing Board the Board will conduct the hearing in executive session with the attendance of only the hearing officer, administrative representatives, the student and parent(s), counsel for the parties, and witnesses necessary to the proceedings, unless the parent(s), guardian(s) or emancipated student requests in writing that the hearing be open to public attendance.
- *Step 7:* A formal hearing will be held:
    - When a parent or legal guardian has disagreed that the hearing should be held in executive (closed) session, it shall be held in an open meeting unless:
      - ▲ If only one (1) student is subject to the proposed action, and disagreement exists between that student's parents or legal guardians, then the Board (hearing officer), after consultation with the student's parents or legal guardians, shall decide in executive (closed) session whether the hearing will be in executive (closed) session.
      - ▲ If more than one (1) student is subject to the proposed action and disagreement exists between the parents of different students, then separate hearings shall be held subject to the provisions of A.R.S. 15-843.

- *Step 8:* The decision and appeal procedure, if applicable, upon the conclusion of the hearing will be as follows:
  - Upon conclusion of a hearing conducted by a hearing officer, if a recommendation for expulsion is made, the decision may be appealed to the Board at the time the Board considers the recommendation. A formal letter to the responsible parent or guardian will be mailed by certified mail with return receipt requested or delivered by hand (with an adult witness present) indicating the recommendation that will be made to the Board. A copy of this letter will remain on file, and the letter should explain:
    - ▲ The time and place of the Board meeting at which the recommendation will be made.
    - ▲ That the recommendation may be appealed at the time the recommendation is made to the Board.
    - ▲ That the appeal shall be in writing delivered to the Superintendent prior to the time of the Board meeting.
    - ▲ That the written appeal shall indicate a spokesperson on behalf of the student.
    - ▲ That the spokesperson will be given time to speak to the Board on appeal.
    - ▲ The Board may accept the hearing officer's recommendation or reject the recommendation and impose a different disciplinary action including assignment to an alternative educational program. The Board may grant a new hearing, take the matter under advisement, or take any further action deemed necessary. If the Board decides to expel the student the expulsion shall become effective the day after the Board's decision. The decision of the Board is final.
  - Upon conclusion of a hearing on expulsion conducted by the Board, the decision of the Board is final.

### **Special Education Students**

A student qualified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as revised in 2004 may not be expelled from school, unless as a result of a manifestation determination it has been determined that the student's behavior is unrelated to the child's disability. The manifestation determination must be held within ten (10) school days of any decision to change the placement of a child with a disability because of a violation of a code of student conduct. In compliance with federal law and regulation, the student may be given a change in placement in lieu of expulsion. Expulsion may not result in termination of educational services for a student qualified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The individualized education program (IEP) team generally determines a change in placement of an IDEA qualified student. During any change in placement the school must provide services to the extent necessary to enable the child to appropriately progress in the general curriculum and appropriately advance toward achieving the goals set out in the child's individualized education programs.

A student with a disability qualified under the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and not qualified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as revised in 2004, may be suspended or expelled from school and education services may be ceased, if nondisabled students in similar circumstances do not continue to receive education services.

#### ***Readmittance procedure:***

- A student expelled from the District may request readmittance by making a written application to the Board. Readmission is at the discretion of the Governing Board. In addition, it is the prerogative of the Board to stipulate appropriate conditions for readmittance. The application for readmittance shall occur no less than nine (9) months after the date of the expulsion; however, the student may not be readmitted until at least two (2) complete semesters have passed (the remainder of the semester in which the violation has occurred and two [2] additional semesters). The application must:
  - Be written and be directed to the attention of the Governing Board.
  - Contain all information that the student and parent(s) consider relevant to the Governing Board's determination as to whether or not to readmit the student. This should include information indicating:

- ▲ An appreciation by the student of the severity and inappropriateness of the student's prior misconduct.
  - ▲ That such misconduct or similar misconduct will not be repeated.
  - ▲ A description of the student's activities since the expulsion.
  - ▲ Support of the student's application for readmission.
- Be filed in the Superintendent's office.
- The Governing Board shall meet in executive session to consider an initial application for readmission. The student and parents have the right to be present in the executive session but do not have the right to make a presentation or address the Governing Board unless they are asked to do so by the Governing Board. For this reason, it is important that the application for readmission contain all information that the Governing Board may deem important in determining whether to readmit the student. The Governing Board, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether the student should be readmitted, and, if so, under what restrictions and conditions. The burden is on the student and parent(s) to convince the Governing Board that readmission is appropriate considering the interests of the expelled student, the District, and the interests of the other students and staff members. The Governing Board's decision is final.
  - A student may file more than one (1) application for readmission. Applications subsequent to an initial application, however, may not be filed more frequently than every ninety (90) days, and the Governing Board shall meet to discuss and consider the application only if at least two (2) members of the Governing Board ask that the matter be placed on an agenda for discussion in executive session.

### ***Readmittance conditions***

As a condition for readmission from an expulsion, the student, with parent(s) or guardian affirmation, shall agree to the following conditions:

- Regular attendance – no unexcused absence.
- No violation of school rules or policies.
- Completion of all classroom tasks in a timely fashion, as directed.





13-2911. Interference with or disruption of an educational institution; violation; classification; definitions

A. A person commits interference with or disruption of an educational institution by doing any of the following:

1. Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly interfering with or disrupting the normal operations of an educational institution by either:

(a) Threatening to cause physical injury to any employee or student of an educational institution or any person on the property of an educational institution.

(b) Threatening to cause damage to any educational institution, the property of any educational institution or the property of any employee or student of an educational institution.

2. Intentionally or knowingly entering or remaining on the property of any educational institution for the purpose of interfering with the lawful use of the property or in any manner as to deny or interfere with the lawful use of the property by others.

3. Intentionally or knowingly refusing to obey a lawful order given pursuant to subsection C of this section.

B. To constitute a violation of this section, the acts that are prohibited by subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section are not required to be directed at a specific individual, a specific educational institution or any specific property of an educational institution.

C. The chief administrative officer of an educational institution or an officer or employee designated by the chief administrative officer to maintain order may order a person to leave the property of the educational institution if the officer or employee has reasonable grounds to believe either that:

1. Any person or persons are committing any act that interferes with or disrupts the lawful use of the property by others at the educational institution.

2. Any person has entered on the property of an educational institution for the purpose of committing any act that interferes with or disrupts the lawful use of the property by others at the educational institution.

D. The appropriate governing board of every educational institution shall adopt rules pursuant to title 41, chapter 6 for the maintenance of public order on all property of any educational institution under its jurisdiction that is used for educational purposes and shall provide a program for the enforcement of its rules. The rules shall govern the conduct of students, faculty and other staff and all members of the public while on the property of the educational institution. Penalties for violations of the rules shall be clearly set forth and enforced. Penalties shall include provisions for the ejection of a violator from the property and, in the case of a student, faculty member or other staff violator, the violator's suspension or expulsion or any other appropriate disciplinary action. A governing board shall amend its rules as necessary to ensure the maintenance of public order. Any deadly weapon, dangerous instrument or explosive that is used, displayed or possessed by a person in violation of a rule adopted pursuant to this subsection shall be forfeited and sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to section 13-3105 and chapter 39 of this title. This subsection does not do either of the following:

1. Preclude school districts from conducting approved gun safety programs on school campuses.

2. Apply to private universities, colleges, high schools or common schools or other private educational institutions.

E. An educational institution is not eligible to receive any state aid or assistance unless rules are adopted in accordance with this section.

F. This section does not prevent or limit the authority of the governing board of any educational institution to discharge any employee or expel, suspend or otherwise punish any student for any violation of its rules, even

though the violation is unlawful under this chapter or is otherwise an offense.

G. This section may be enforced by any peace officer in this state wherever and whenever a violation occurs.

H. Restitution under sections 8-341, 8-345 and 13-603 applies to any financial loss that is suffered by a person or educational institution as a result of a violation of this section.

I. Notwithstanding section 15-341 and subsection D of this section, the governing board of an educational institution may not adopt or enforce any policy or rule that prohibits the lawful possession or carrying of a deadly weapon on a public right-of-way by a person or on or within a person's means of transportation.

J. Interference with or disruption of an educational institution pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section is a class 6 felony. Interference with or disruption of an educational institution pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 2 or 3 of this section is a class 1 misdemeanor.

K. For the purposes of this section:

1. "Educational institution" means, except as otherwise provided, any university, college, community college, high school or common school in this state.

2. "Governing board" means the body, whether appointed or elected, that has responsibility for the maintenance and government of an educational institution.

3. "Interference with or disruption of" includes any act that might reasonably lead to the evacuation or closure of any property of the educational institution or the postponement, cancellation or suspension of any class or other school activity. For the purposes of this paragraph, an actual evacuation, closure, postponement, cancellation or suspension is not required for the act to be considered an interference or disruption.

4. "Property of an educational institution" means all land, buildings and other facilities that are owned, operated or controlled by the governing board of an educational institution and that are devoted to educational purposes.

5. "Public right-of-way" means any highway, street, road, thoroughfare, path, alley or other right-of-way that is publicly accessible and that is established and maintained by this state or a political subdivision of this state. Public right-of-way does not include property of an educational institution.

## HUSD K-12 DISCIPLINE MATRIX

| VIOLATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Range of Consequences                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Aggression</b><br>Verbal Provocation<br>Minor Aggressive Act<br>Disorderly Conduct<br>Recklessness<br>Endangerment<br>Fighting<br>Assault<br>Aggravated Assault                                                                                                                                                                           | Detention, ISS, Work Detail, OSS, Discipline Hearing, Police Referral                                                                                    |
| <b>Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs</b><br><i>(sale/distribution or intent to sell/distribute; use; possession; or share)</i><br>Alcohol Violation<br>Tobacco Violation<br>Drug Violation                                                                                                                                                    | OSS, Discipline Hearing, Police Referral                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Arson</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | OSS, Discipline Hearing, Police Referral                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Attendance Policy Violation</b><br>Tardy<br>Leaving School Grounds without Permission<br>Unexcused Absence<br>Truancy                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Classroom Intervention, Warning, Detention, Saturday School, ISS, OSS, Discipline Hearing, Loss of Credit, Truancy Citation, Work Detail                 |
| <b>Harassment, Threat and Intimidation</b><br>Harassment, Nonsexual<br>Bullying<br>Threat or Intimidation<br>Hazing                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ISS, OSS, Discipline Hearing, Police Referral                                                                                                            |
| <b>Lying or Forgery</b><br>Cheating, Plagiarism - See Ethics Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Detention, ISS, OSS, Discipline Hearing, Police Referral                                                                                                 |
| <b>School Policies, Other Violations of</b><br>Combustible<br>Contraband<br>Defiance, Disrespect towards Authority, and Non-Compliance<br>Disruption<br>Dress Code Violation<br>Gambling<br>Language, Inappropriate<br>Negative Group affiliation<br>Parking Lot Violation<br>Profanity<br>Public Display of Affection<br>No Student ID card | Warning, Classroom Intervention, Detention, Work Detail, Car Booted, Car Towed, Loss of Parking Privilege, ISS, OSS, Discipline Hearing, Police Referral |
| <b>School Threat</b><br>Bomb Threat<br>Chemical or Biological Threat<br>Fire Alarm Misuse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | OSS, Discipline Hearing, Police Referral                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Sexual Offenses</b><br>Pornography<br>Indecent Exposure or Public Sexual Indecency<br>Harassment, Sexual<br>Harassment, Sexual with Contact                                                                                                                                                                                               | ISS, OSS, Discipline Hearing, Police Referral                                                                                                            |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b><i>Technology, Improper Use/Possession</i></b><br>Computer<br>Network Infraction<br>Electronics                                   | Confiscate, Parent Pick-up, Detention, Loss of Computer Privilege, Work Detail, ISS, OSS, Police Referral |
| <b><i>Theft</i></b>                                                                                                                  | OSS, Work Detail, Discipline Hearing, Police Referral                                                     |
| <b><i>Trespassing</i></b>                                                                                                            | Police Referral                                                                                           |
| <b><i>Vandalism or Criminal Damage</i></b><br>Graffiti or Tagging<br>Vandalism of Personal Property<br>Vandalism of School Property  | Detention, Work Detail, ISS, OSS, Discipline Hearing, Restitution, Police Referral                        |
| <b><i>Weapons and Dangerous Items</i></b><br>Firearms<br>Other Destructive Device<br>Other Weapons<br>Dangerous<br>Simulated Weapons | OSS, Discipline Hearing, Police Referral                                                                  |

Offenses may be reported to AZ Department of Education and/or law enforcement.

Be aware of the following:

1. The administration reserves the right to circumvent the discipline matrix when deemed necessary.
2. Frequency and/or severity of any act will lead to immediate reclassification of the consequence.
3. Any continuing offense may be considered incorrigible behavior and will be taken to a discipline hearing.
4. Life Coaching can be used as an intervention.
5. Referrals will be sent home with the student and placed in student discipline file; parent will be contacted by phone or in person when a student is found to be in violation of an offense that merits Suspension.
6. Discipline hearings could result in Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion, Alternative to Suspension or an Alternative Placement.
7. Students reasonably suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs are subject to passive alcohol sensors, screening and/or wellness checks. Law enforcement may be notified.
8. Any violation of local, state, or federal law could result in a discipline hearing with a recommendation for Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion, or an Alternative Placement.

# ATTACHMENT 15

This email was received after the previous packet was sent to Mr. Shope.

From: **Clark Tenney** <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 11:26 AM  
Subject: documentation of encounter with D. Stringer  
To: JoAnne Chaffeur <[REDACTED]>, Karen Fann <[kfann@azleg.gov](mailto:kfann@azleg.gov)>

Hello JoAnne and Karen,  
Thank you for inquiring if I have anything I would like to have shared with the Arizona House of Representative Ethics Committee as they investigate David Stringer's unfortunate pattern of racist comments during his time in Prescott. As a long-time Republican voter from Prescott, Mr. Stringer's public comments denigrating ethnic minorities is of particular concern to me.

In spring 2016, Mr. Stringer and I were both among many people who attended a local forum at Las Fuentes retirement village here in Prescott. Support on the state level for public education was a prominent topic of discussion during the forum. Afterwards, knowing that I was a principal at one of our local elementary schools, Mr. Stringer engaged me in conversation about public schools in Arizona. He asserted that an ethnically diverse student body is negative for school achievement and for school discipline. I shared my experience that the opposite is true in our school. Since we changed school boundaries and increased ethnic diversity in our student body, our statewide test scores had gone up, we had no increase in discipline issues, and students benefited from broader points of view on a number of issues. I let Mr. Stringer know that diversity is definitely a strength in our public school.

The next evening, I happened to attend an awards banquet for the Prescott Area Leadership organization, as my son Nathan had been named a finalist for a Youth Leader scholarship they present annually. Mr. Stringer attended the awards ceremony as well. My son Nathan was at the time the Student Body President of Prescott High School, and very involved both in community service and in local politics. Mr. Stringer knew Nathan well, and expressed that Nathan was a strong candidate for the top scholarship award.

Among the other finalists was a friend of my son, fellow PHS Senior Brandon Nguyen. Brandon's father is a respected local physician, and his mother wonderful lady who is a strong community advocate for education. Brandon was one of the top students at Prescott High School, the captain of our PHS tennis team, a leader in our PHS National Honors Society, a concert pianist, and also very involved in community service. He was also an excellent candidate for the top award. Brandon also happens to be of Vietnamese heritage.

My wife and I and Nathan had a lovely dinner and conversation with the Nguyen family as we anticipated the awards session. After dinner, the awards were presented. Our son Nathan received a generous scholarship as the runner-up for the Youth Leadership award, and Brandon deservedly received top honors. Both the Nguyens and my wife and I were thrilled for both young men. I was in no way disappointed that Brandon had won, and our son had earned runner up. Brandon is a fantastic young man, and totally deserved the honor.

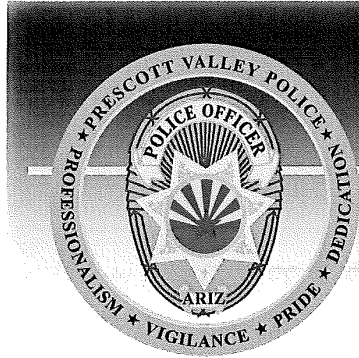
As folks were filtering out of the room to head home, Mr. Stringer found me by myself, stopped me, and said in an obviously sarcastic tone of voice, "There's diversity for you." He walked away before I could respond. I was shocked and saddened that Mr. Stringer apparently thought:

- 1) That Brandon won the award only because he is of Vietnamese Heritage, and not because he deserved it on his merits.
- 2) My son (who is of European heritage) lost because his primary competition happened to be an ethnic minority.
- 3) That by pointing this out to me, I would perhaps be upset enough to change my mind about "diversity."

Having had a number of interactions with Mr. Stringer where he has insinuated that non-white people are a drain on society, I am pleased that light is being shined on this, and that people are finally questioning if this is the type of person who should be representing the people of LD1.

Thank you,  
R. Clark Tenney  
Prescott, Arizona

# ATTACHMENT 16



# PRESCOTT Valley Police DEPARTMENT

7601 E. Civic Circle - Prescott Valley, AZ 86314  
Phone: 928.772.9261 • Fax: 928.772.2700

March 15, 2019

Re: David Henry Stringer  
DOB: [REDACTED]  
SSN: [REDACTED]

To Whom it May Concern:

A search of our records this date has been made and ***the following criminal history was found:***

|                 |                      |                  |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Citation</b> | <b>Traf/Speeding</b> | <b>8/29/2007</b> |
| <b>DRVR</b>     | <b>Non-Injury</b>    | <b>8/29/2007</b> |

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the records department at 928-772-5165.

Sincerely,

Theresa Striedieck  
Records Technician  
Prescott Valley Police Department

Revised copy

**PROFESSIONALISM**

**VIGILANCE**

**PRIDE**

**DEDICATION**

**Stringer\_594**



# ATTACHMENT 17



**AccTrak** Card Number: [REDACTED] M. PCN: [REDACTED] Name: **STRINGER, DAVID** Process Complete

**Applicant Information**  
 02-22-2017 [REDACTED] IVP069070 STRINGER DAVID H ps10361 02-22-2017  
 Date Rcvd PCN Application # Last Name First Name MI Badge Date Entrd  
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 SSN Phone Ext Birthdate Race Sex Hgt Wgt Eyes Hair POB  
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 Mailing Address [REDACTED]  
 Street [REDACTED]  
 Street 2 [REDACTED]  
 City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] ZIP [REDACTED]  
 Email [REDACTED]

**Identity Verification**  
 VAN RODRIGUEZ URQUIE  DOE Certification ARN 2A60434371  
 Technician  Tutors/Teachers Prep Master IVP  
 AZDPS  Charter School Instructor IVP069070  
 Company  Pub/Chtr Sch Non-Cert Name Search Pending  
 Pub/Chtr Sch Vendor  
 Bus Driver  
 LICENSE  2/22/2017 6 months pend. Reprint  
 Photo Id Type Date

**Current Employer Information**  
 Employer / Contact [REDACTED]  
 Street [REDACTED]  
 Street 2 [REDACTED]  
 City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] ZIP [REDACTED]  
 Phone [REDACTED] Copy To List [REDACTED]  
 Badge [REDACTED] Date Chngd [REDACTED]

| Deposit # | Deposit Date | Recan # | Recan Date | Fee Date   |
|-----------|--------------|---------|------------|------------|
| DA170266  | 02-23-2017   | 59846   | 02-22-2017 | 02-22-2017 |

| Fee Type | Fee Amt | Amt Due | Amt Paid | E-Trans                  | Disable                  |
|----------|---------|---------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| STANDARD | 67      | 67.00   | 67.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Name        | No #    | Date       | Amt     |
|-------------|---------|------------|---------|
| US POST OFC | 2425580 | 02-22-2017 | \$67.00 |

PCN List [REDACTED]  
 Extra FP Card(s) w/App  
 Applicant can not be FP  
 Multiple  
 Mail Addr.  
 Same Employer  
 Bypass Rep Back

Buttons: Applicant Address Updated Comment, Applicant Employer Updated Comment, Save, New, IVP Renewal

Comments for STRINGER, DAVID App #: IVP0659070

[ExtraCard] 2/22/2017 Exactly 1 extra FP card(s) submitted with app. ps10351

[Email] 2/22/2017 Notification sent to applicant stating application received and is in process. ps10351

2/22/17: Mr. Stringer left his yellow copy of the application. Will mail to the address of: [REDACTED]

2/22/17 [REDACTED]

7171

AccTrak Card Number: M. PCN: Name: **STRINGER, DAVID** Process Complete

**State Offenses**

- Recordable AZ Criminal Hist
- Non-Recordable AZ Criminal Hist
- No Criminal History

SID

SOPN

Date Rcvd 02-22-2017

Date Sent 02-22-2017 to FBI

✓ **DONE** State Entered by PSAFRP

| Offense            | Arrested |
|--------------------|----------|
| No records to view |          |

Add Edit Delete

No records to view

**FBI Offenses**

- Recordable FBI
- FBI Same as State
- Non-Recordable FBI
- No FBI Criminal History

FBI ID

Date Rcvd 02-22-2017

✓ **DONE** FBI Entered by PSAFRP

Process Completed by ps10277

| Offense            | Arrested |
|--------------------|----------|
| No records to view |          |

Add Edit Delete

No records to view

Print Letters:  On  Off Save

Name Search Pending

Bypass Rep Back ✓

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March 26, 2019

### **Report of Investigation**

On 2-18-19 I entered into a contract agreement with Spaulding Intelligence Group, LLC based in Skaneateles, NY 13152. The agreement was to obtain police reports, records and corresponding information regarding David Henry Stringer, DOB [REDACTED] who was allegedly arrested in Baltimore City by the Baltimore Police Department in 1983. I was provided with a document, via email, that was 6 pages in length. This document printed out as 3 pages with information on front and back. The top line on these documents read, "Job Number CRM752-Case History-Microfilm-Date 8-4-87." These documents named a defendant David H. Stringer, DOB [REDACTED], residence of [REDACTED]. Also, Arrest Numbers 3AR48603, 3AR48604, 3AR55076,77,78,79,80,81,82,83, and Complaint Number 2H74246. Names of victims and/or witnesses had been redacted from these documents.

Beginning on 2-20-19 I made calls to the Baltimore Police Department to both learn of their procedures for obtaining records and also to inquire about the Detectives listed on the Case History Microfilm. I did not receive any information regarding the retired Detectives but was directed to call the Baltimore P.D. Records office. The number I was given was actually the Circuit Court Records office. I called that office and gave information off the Microfilm. I was told the records were available for my review and purchase. On 2-27-19 I visited the Circuit Court Records office at 100 N. Calvert St, Baltimore, MD 21202. Upon my arrival I was told the case files I was requesting were archived in Annapolis, MD. I contacted the Archives office by telephone and made a request to review the files. I was told the files were kept off site and they would retrieve the files and mail same to me. A credit card was required to start this process. The next day, the Archives office called me and told me the box labeled for this case file was empty but there was no "ticket" on the box indicating who removed the files or why. I again contacted the Circuit Court Records office and was told by a different clerk that the files associated with the case numbers I gave him were not available.

On 3-11-19 I mailed, on a BPD downloaded form, a request for a police report including the arrest numbers and police report number. Per their instructions, I included a cashier's check from PNC Bank for \$10.00. Check No. 01350724.

On 3-15-19 I contacted the Records office by phone and was told my request had not yet been received. I was told it could be there but their turn around time is 3-5 weeks due to the volume of requests. When I explained I had a deadline I was told to fax the request and proof of

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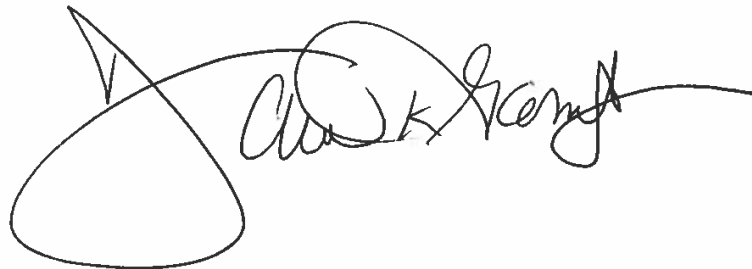
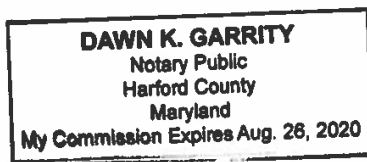
payment directly to their office. I did so that day. On 3-25-19 I received copies of the police report I requested, via USPS, and forwarded same to client Spaulding. Information is currently being developed regarding the Detectives involved in this case. Nothing further.

Ronald P. Troutman  
Owner, R.P. Troutman & Associates, Inc.

I, Ronald P. Troutman, do affirm under penalties of perjury that the information in this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 3/28/19

State of Maryland, County of Harford  
This 28th day of March 2019 personally  
appeared Ronald P. Troutman



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To: Ms. Cooper  
Baltimore Police Records Department

Fax: 1-410-539-8745

Ms. Cooper,

Per our conversation, I am trying to obtain copies of a police report from 1983 (Report # 2B74246, Arrest # 3AR55076 thru 3AR55083). Your request form is page two of this fax. Also attached is a copy of the bank check made out to your Department. I have a deadline of March 27, 2019 to produce this form for a legal inquiry in another state. I will gladly pick up this report in person if allowed to do so, and pay any additional fees required by your office. Please call with any questions and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Regards,  
Ron Troutman  
MSP (Ret.)  
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Fax Confirmation Report

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# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE REPORT REQUEST FORM

DATE  
3-8-19

FORM 378

| CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Requestor Name:<br>Ronald Troutman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                     |
| Address:<br>[REDACTED]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     |
| Phone #:<br>410-688-3164                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Email Address:<br>MSP3274@gmail.com |
| Date & Time Frame of Incident:<br>8-30-83 - Report taken 9-16-83                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                     |
| Type of Report:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Offense <input type="checkbox"/> Accident                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                     |
| Baltimore Police Report Number (CC#):<br>2H74246      83H74246                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                     |
| Location of Incident:<br>[REDACTED]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                     |
| Victim Name:<br>[REDACTED]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                     |
| Any additional details that may aid in processing your request:<br>Accused: David Henry Stringer, W, M, [REDACTED]<br>Arrest #s: 3AR55076 thru 3AR55083                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                     |
| <p><b><u>Mail your requests with a non-refundable search fee of \$10.00 to:</u></b></p> <p>Baltimore Police Department<br/>Attention: Community Correspondence Unit<br/>242 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street<br/>Baltimore, Md. 21211</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                     |
| <p>The certified check or money order must be made out to the Director of Finance. These are the only forms of payment that will be accepted.</p> <p>Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope to return the response to this request.</p> <p>Accident Reports occurring on or after January 1, 2011 are <u>only</u> available online at <a href="https://policereports.lexisnexis.com/">https://policereports.lexisnexis.com/</a>. For any accident report occurring prior to 2011 you may make your request using this form. For assistance, call (410) 396-2222, 7 AM – 3 PM, Monday through Friday. Please allow at least 10 business days from the accident date for reports to be available online.</p> |                                     |

3/18/19  
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Revised 08/17



\* Mailed  
3-11-19  
By RPT

3-8-19

**BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE REPORT REQUEST FORM**

FORM 276

Requestor Name: Ronald Troutman

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: 410-658-2164 Email Address: [REDACTED]

Date & Time Frame of Incident: 8-30-83 - Report taken 9-16-83

Type of Report:  Offense  Accident

Baltimore Police Report Number (CR): 2474246

Location of Incident: 1740 Eastern Ave, Balt, md

Victim Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional details that may aid in processing your request:  
Accused: David Henry Stringer, W, M, [REDACTED]  
Arrest #: 3AR55076 thru 3AR55083

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