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To: Town clerk, town mayor and town manager

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I can no longer go along with an incredibly corrupt town government in my life so I am resigning effective upon your receipt of this letter. The lies and the corruption are so deep and figure prominently within key members of town governance that I can't stand to be on the dais anymore. The only trustworthy person on the dais is Fatima Fernandez and I will miss her professionalism and staff, and I can say the same of Neil Wadsworth.

We all know the history of Kell Palguta... we know he was a bad cop we know his supervisors wrote disciplinary letters that several of us have copies of, declaring that he lacks judgment and he lacks leadership. And since he persuaded three doctors to write letters declaring he got post-traumatic stress disorder from being a cop, and gets lots of money per month from the Public Employees Retirement System for his PTSD care... how in the world can we trust him with PTSD, lack of leadership and lack of judgment to lead this town?

The more I know Davidson the more I believe that he doesn't speak truth and you know what that really means and it's a word that starts with L. Davidson is what we call a municipal job hopper from Wilcox to Marana to the governor's office to Prescott Valley ...he probably has one leg out the door on his way to a larger town for \$200,000 more per year. Some of the people who he has hired at six digit salaries are the same municipal job hopper types so there's no security/stability for the residents of this town.

We have no idea how much water is underneath us in the aquifer but all of those mentioned in this letter keep feeding the residents a line of hooey about water. And those on the dais are content with allowing thousands more homes to be built with no legitimate source of water, except the fictitious water certificates which as we know are worth nothing.

The town will raise taxes or a bond to buy back or lease water rights from the water company in New York that bought our water rights under Skoog and Legler's leadership. And the town will raise taxes or get a bond to pay for a library, no matter which choice is made – YMCA or straight up town build to suit. But you see, no object, no glitter ball is too expensive when irresponsible leaders decide they want it at all costs. I thought I could stand up to the stupidity but stupidity won.

Davidson is not working in the best interests of this town he might as well call himself "Davidson Incorporated"... he's working for himself and nobody else. It became very apparent during the Glassford Dell's open house when I challenged him for not honoring the IGA that was involving multiple governments when he said to me (and we were surrounded by six witnesses when he said) I signed off on it in order to get money to buy the land on the hill, that was the only reason to join the IGA and when I said 'so that means you don't believe in passive recreation' he bristled and his tone of voice changed, his posture changed and for the first time I saw evil in him which means I cannot be around him any longer.

The same can be said of Ivan Legler who has been awful for this town for 34 years cutting incredible deals with developers including his embarrassing writing of contracts for the event

center many years ago. Hundreds of people have expressed to me that they do not trust the mayor the town manager and the town lawyer. I cannot trust anyone on the dais except Fatima Fernandez who is an outstanding clerk; all others sitting on the dais have truth problems. The three people who are driving our truck in the ditch are the mayor the town manager and the town lawyer and for driving our town into the ditch they should have their licenses taken away from them.

Davidson has surrounded himself with the largest communications division possible but they still make mistakes; I pleaded with him to send a news release about saving \$700,000 per year on the bus system by turning it over to CYMPO and tried to tell him it could make the front page of the Hurting Tribune as a positive article; when Mr Wadsworth and Jacobs Engineering came up with a solution for some PFAS issues, I GAVE that positive article to Prescott Enews without charging them my usual free-lance wage. It was POSITIVE news.

I did not participate in the town's recent video production because the script was so amateurish, I did not want to read my part on camera. We have videos being shown around town that also have horrible audio and video like the one about the waste water treatment plant where machine noise drowns out the presenters. Have I been a stickler for good quality audio and video? of course. I learned it from 14 years in broadcast news but the town manager does not trust my opinion. In fact he said "maybe we can repair the audio track on that water video." Laughable. It has to be re-shot and re-edited. I guess that would put a dent in this \$190 million. I wonder if Ryan Judy could get a grant. Here is good audio and video and it won a bronze Telly Award for best government relations videos nationwide. (I was the writer and producer and we had perfectionists running the audio and video):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ih1bkS4FKwo>

Things are starting to wear me down and make me second guess if anyone can save this town; and contrary to what Lori and Janelle and Zurcher were saying in our debates otherwise known as forums ...when they said "we don't know what these signs are about with verbiage about saving the town..." The town needs saving; it is obvious to hundreds of us and it represents thousands of people in these groups that have come together ...multiple activist groups coming together to recognize the problems I am identifying in this resignation letter.

So, town electeds and appointeds, you can assume the position of the three monkeys ...you can hear no evil, see no evil and speak no evil, or you can recognize the truth. And the truth is most on the dais want a population of 70 to 80,000 and a tourism trap but this will never be a tourist town yet they continue to try to make it so. Electeds who had a position against development on Glassford Hill as they were campaigning, have flipped 180 degrees and have acquiesced and they've buddied up with those advocating for putting anything on the mountain. One councilwoman used to carry a map of the proposed development around town and give speeches against Dells Park, and now she wants the whole enchilada. Two council members I spoke to at the Glassford Dells park meeting, where some guy with an Eric PV name tag (no last name) who got in my face demanding answers as to why I can't support the amusement on the hill... were the two council members whose spines have turned from bone to rubbery worm material.

This was a great town until Palguta, Davidson and Legler made it something worse and unrecognizable. Growing up as a child in the 1960s in North Phoenix we recognized a few things... it was ironic because we would drive up to Prescott or Payson to beat the heat - get away from the Phoenix heat. We have seen little old Prescott Valley explode before our eyes literally.

It is now an out of control village with bad leaders and bad governance, where consultants go

to fleece residents of their money. . They refused to hire a hydrologist to determine how much water is under our feet because they know there's not enough there to support 70 to 80,000 and everything they're doing is lip service about water and preparing for water, but when you're a job hopping municipal agent you don't have to worry about a consistent water supply because you have one leg out the door.

We have some fabulous staff members and we have some horrible staff members but the good ones can't save the town or find enough water, or prepare a habitat for the wild animals, or do the things that most of the average citizens want government to do, like create an environment that would help improve on unattainable and unaffordable housing. The current plan, a \$500,000 grant funded program is allowing staff to take 2 years to figure out the problem while bringing in consultants. When I offered my proposal, copies were taken across town to other municipalities and county folks, without any sort of strategy. I worked hard on that and hard on Save the PV Pronghorn Antelope, a non-profit on facebook. I did not wait around for 5 months to be sworn in; I used that 5 months to work on town issues.

Here's an observation; we did see one councilman go on vacation for two months it seemed and try to join council meetings by audio hookup. It was excruciating audio because he would telephone the clerk who would put her phone on speaker and set it next to a microphone; but when I asked if I could take time off, and join by audio or video hookup, I was told they only have one audio or video path so I could not. One of my supporters said "he could run a "Teams type" program and join ten people at once – audio and video." But then town leadership said we cannot handle a teams, zoom or other such system, which was a lie because one of Davidson's high dollar consultant buddies from another town relationship, joined us by zoom call, from I think Tucson to describe changes in land use policies. He had one of those year-long contracts and he was an attorney.

Because my values won't let me be in the middle of people who are challenged by truth and have no values in truth, I can no longer stay in this awful circle of negativity. I can't even find it within myself to end this letter wishing the town well, or wishing council well because as I said they are driving the truck into the ditch. They have no foresight; they have no vision they latch on to the most recent glass glitter ball and say "no matter how much it costs we want that glitter ball" without looking ahead to costs to be incurred down the road; all they want is immediate gratification of the glitter ball; it's probably not good for the town they know in their heart but they want the glitter ball anyway.

Davidson has the history of hiring friends as consultants Legler hired his friend as a paralegal; six emails between Legler and me show he knew the woman's husband, all of their recent addresses and their recent bankruptcy – hardly something other than a friend, right? In addition, Legler has had to hire his lawyer friends, sometimes at hundreds of dollars per hour to represent the town in lawsuits filed against PV, and together they keep losing and losing and losing; the town has paid out a lot of money because of Legler Losses over the years. At one trial, he was surrounded by two lawyers at his table and they still lost the case.

I wonder what his win/loss ratio is; as a paralegal, I have sued 8 times and won 6 cases without an attorney. Two were against the federal government, and in one of those I secured \$34,000 in damages – without a lawyer. 6 out of 8 is about a 75% win ratio. What is Legler's? I say this because I cannot stomach being around losers; I am a winner and I seek out winners as co-workers. Can't find that here.

we don't hire friends in America; we do that in corrupt towns like Chicago, so because of this I can't wish the council good luck, because they aren't going to fix the things that need to be fixed in this town; and it doesn't matter who wins the next round of council races in this town

because Davidson has set himself up as the leader of his own fiefdom making sure he has millions and there is about \$200 million in seven different accounts; 80,000 in the rainy day fund and the savings account but they insist on applying for a grant here a grant there; all of the grants are from the feds or from the statehouse in Phoenix, but that will be drying up; we already know some of them are drying up; blame it on Doge, but it doesn't matter who you blame it on; Davidson's favorite funding stream is going away which means he's going to have to tap into the 190 to 200 million and he doesn't want to do that because that ruins his model of Davidson Incorporated.

Davidson is not the image he's trying to portray; he's not the Boy Scout turned father who has sunk roots in the community because he has a child in school and the family goes to church on Sunday; some of the biggest con men call themselves Christians and members of the Christian church, and Davidson is one of those con men.

I tried to tell Palguta during his rant and rave that went on for hours from his phone to mine in nonstop texts, that I have a rich life and he said well you don't have money you don't have a \$1,000,000 house and he totally missed the point. A rich life is a baseball game with a friend I met in 3rd grade in Phoenix; it's a date at the Phoenix Symphony; it is day trips to see sites or a family member. It's Sunday worship. It is a concert with my best friend in State Farm Stadium, or it is walking along side various streams and lakes in Northern Arizona. It has nothing to do with riches; in one of his texts Palguta said to me "You live in a shanty and you drink rolling rock beer." I guess he or his friends have been watching my house, or my grocery shopping or where I set the beer in my carport. Sad – for them; not me. It is with outright joy that I resign and leave the council to wallow in their sick, sad doodoo.

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