emails, included below, the matter went cold. I saw Mr Osborne on multiple occasions and asked him about the inquiry. I got the usual dismissive reason, "We're in the midst of the Budget" or "I'm in the middle of revising a statute" or "My dog ate my keyboard".

During the months of delay on the simple request of what is the zoning of the Mustang Ranch, I decided to stroll into the Community Development Department and ask them. Within 5 minutes I was holding the printout containing the zoning of the Mustang Ranch.

Nowhere on Mustang property is it zoned residential. So nobody can live there. And nobody can claim they live there. In order to live there, the property must be zoned..... residential.

### Six months later...

On the six month anniversary of the initial, unfilled, public record request The Teller filed a criminal complaint with Storey County District Attorney Anne Langer and Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt. DA Langer advised me that since I was making a criminal complaint I needed to file the complaint with the Sheriff's Office before she could proceed.

The purpose of this complaint is to hold accountable County Commissioner Gilman and Planning Commissioner Thompson for committing perjury when they filed paperwork claiming to live somewhere it is illegal to live. Since they took office illegally and since they don't actually live at Wild Horse Canyon Drive (or anywhere else in the county for that matter) and can't legally reside where they claimed they did, we conclude and insist they be prosecuted for perjury and removed from office.

My complaint also charged that Mr Thompson was most likely in violation of county ordinance 5.16.220 which reads in part:

5.16.220 Work card registration required.

A. It is unlawful for any person to work as an independent contractor or be employed or for a licensee to employ or allow a person on the premises of a licensed operation, unless the person is the holder of a valid current work card issued by the sheriff. Customers of the brothel are exempt from this requirement.

Because brothel work cards are not public record, I can only make the claim without actual proof. The Sheriff's Office issues the work cards so they will immediately know if Mr Thompson holds one.

Once the Criminal Complaint is completed I will share the results with you, kind reader.

Below, find the public documents and emails filed with DA Langer, AG Laxalt and Sheriff Antinoro.

Stay Tuned...

September 28th, 2017

Ms. Anne Langer Storey County District Attorney 205 South C Street P.O. Box 496 Virginia City, NV 89440 Mr. Paul Laxalt Nevada Attorney General

100 North Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701Subject: Public Records Request and Obstruction Complaint against Storey County

I am writing to you today on the six month anniversary of a public records request whose purpose is to verify the status of the residences of two Storey County Officials. I have attached the email correspondence between myself and Storey County regarding the zoning of the addresses supplied by Lance Gilman when he submitted required documents to run for County Commissioner and Kris Thompson to confirm his residence to qualify for being appointed to serve on the Storey County Planning Commission.

According to various NRS statutes and Storey County Code, in order for an elected or appointed official to hold office or be appointed to a board in Storey County, the elected official or appointed board member must reside in Storey County.

The purpose of my query was to confirm that the residence addresses supplied by Mr. Gilman and Mr. Thompson, two sides of a small double wide mobile home, located behind the swimming pool at the Mustang Ranch Brothel, are zoned as legal residence addresses by Storey County Statute.

This request now has collected six months worth of dust and remains unanswered.

According to Mr. Austin Osborne, assistant Storey County Manager, when I asked him about it he claimed "the matter was still under investigation'.

Yet when I went into the Storey County Community Development Department several weeks after the last email communication from Storey County on this matter, I was able to leave with the zoning status of the property in less than 5 minutes. I discovered that there is no place on Mustang Ranch parcel zoned residential, not even a watchman's residence.

In other words neither 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive are legal residences; nobody can legally reside there or claim either address as their legal residence.

It is my contention that by supplying this address, both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gilman appear to be guilty of perjury.

Further, as they do not reside in Storey County, they are exempt and prohibited from holding office of any kind in Storey County.

I further contend that by stonewalling this public records request, Storey County, Mr. Pat Whitten and Mr. Austin Osborn are obstructing justice.

It is common knowledge to anyone paying attention that Lance Gilman, who has multiple residence properties in Washoe county and is extremely wealthy, does not bunk with Kris Thompson in a doublewide trailer. I respectfully request an immediate investigation into this matter in an effort to restore integrity in our elected and appointed officials and look forward to the fair and just application of law by removing these men from office.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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From: Editor [mailto:editor@thestoreyteller.online] Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 12:35 PM To: Austin Osborne Subject: Public Records Request

Greetings Mr. Osborne

This email represents a public records request for the zoning of two Storey County addresses. I was advised that your office handles this request from Cynthia at Community Development

These addresses are 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive and 5 Wild Horse Canyon Drive, Sparks

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

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Hello Sam, I am still looking into the matter and will get you an answer. We have a lot on our plate right now, so thank you for your patience. Please direct your follow up questions directly to me so that Kathy can focus on her other priorities. Thank you for your understanding and have a good day. Austin From: Editor [mailto:editor@thestoreyteller.online] Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:57 PM To: Kathy Canfield Cc: Austin Osborne Subject: Fwd: Emailing: NVSTOR15 (15) Kathy, Have you been able to uncover the disposition of residential zoning on the parcel APN 04-161-2. I have highlighted in red the area identified by the assessor as the location of 5, 5B and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. Sam Begin forwarded message: From: Editor <editor@thestoreyteller.online> Subject: Re: Emailing: NVSTOR15 (15) Date: March 31, 2017 at 10:47:13 AM PDT To: Kathy Canfield <kcanfield@storeycounty.org> Kathy, Thank you for your prompt reply, Yes that is the location, APN 04-161-21 (detail of the Mustang Ranch Complex below via google earth). Somewhere in that complex there are two physical addresses; 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive. Road on what I lower the antien excent is mond Co normini/Tendnoteini Dasce on what I know, the child parce is zones commercial investion.

Are there any nooks and crannies somewhere in there designated residential; specifically 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive?

According to public documents there are two residences located somewhere in the Mustang Ranch complex (5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive) and if so, they would require residential zoning.

That is the focus of my query; is there any location within that parcel that is zoned residential and is legally approved for people to reside?

I appreciate your time and effort on this inquiry.

Respectfully,

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## Lance Gilman's Proof of residency on file with Clerk Stephens





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I love you! Be prepared for some weird government thing to arrive at your door. Rich cheaters do not like publicity. Hillary Clinton for example. Best of luck getting something accomplished, get rid of thieves like Denny Dotson, the political kickback meter from Virginia city, NV and his family taking money under a promotions scam called liquid blue. Is there any honest people willing to stand up to these money hungry clods? Enough!

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People warn me to check my lug nuts and watch my back. Both Heckler & Koch and Mossberg are my co-pilots so I worry very little about my back.

Your point about government arriving at my door is more like it. Thank goodness we elected a Sheriff that will not be their intimidation department. Instead they will have to resort to using county code to hassle me and since that won't work, they'll just have to sit and spin.

I plan on busting out a piece about the VCTC and the graft that goes on there, asking the question why do we spend 10% of our budget on 100 businesses in the County, many of whom don't live or own property in Storey County.

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October 18, 2017 Susan Stubbs (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/16/tellerfiles-criminal-complaint-storey-county-da-sheriff/#comment-379) What is "At a the brothel"? Unbelievable that you will report on the violation of this law, yet say nothing about the criminal you have for a sheriff. I have, in my hands, a rape report from 2014 involving the sheriff and Deputy Tony Docen. Sparks criminal report number 14-430. You can get your own intriguing copy for only \$5.00. The sheriff is also guilty of a class D felony; that of assisting in the concealment of a child from her biological father. I have documentation of this as well. At least the Mustang is contributing to the community. What is the sheriff doing for the community other than getting charged with ethics violations and sexual harassment? Why aren't you reporting on any of this? Sounds to me that you're pretty biased in your reporting and are not taking a non-biased, third person point of view; something that all seasoned reporters do. Oh, and it may behoove you to take a grammar class or two to brush up on your writing skills. I guarantee you'll hear nothing but crickets from the direction of Anne Langer's office. Good luck with that!

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I have read the Sparks Police report. The entire county read similar things when Lance Gilman sent us the smeary stuff and dropped \$ 160,000 on the Recall Effort. All the charges in the world have yet to result in arrest or conviction. I have read the Family Court Custody Documents. It's pretty hard to conceal a child from a father who abandoned the child and fled the state. The father is concealing himself from his responsibility while imposing a hardship on the child's mother by not fulfilling his child support responsibility.

Interestingly, this matter has nothing to do with the fact that the County Commissioner doesn't live in the county and committed perjury.

If you'd like you can report me to Sheriff Antinoro.

He has an entire Internet division of grammar police standing at the ready to correct and serve.

I called them on you for not capitalizing the proper noun "Sheriff"... 😑

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Susan Stubbs (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/16/teller-October 19, 2017 files-criminal-complaint-storey-county-da-sheriff/#comment-388) Wow...you are obviously reading the smear campaign against my husband. Your 'facts' are incredibly skewed. The fact that you've "read the family court documents" tells me you're in bed with the sheriff as well and much of the rest of Storey County. As for "sheriff" being a proper noun, the word is only capitalized if it is followed by a proper noun; for example the name of the sheriff himself. I dusted off my master's degree in English and clarified this rule. Truth be told there is nothing proper about your sheriff, therefore I would not capitalize his name regardless of the English rules of capitalization. My husband did not flee the state. He merely moved. My husband pays child support as well as health insurance for his daughter. If you would like to hear the other side of the story, something all good reporters should do, please contact me directly.

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### Gilman pledges to Pay Antinoro's Ethics Fine



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Brothel Owner Lance Gilman told thestoreyteller.online he will cover the 1000.00 fine incurred by his ethics investigation request filed against Sheriff Gerald Antinoro.

In an exclusive press release sent to The Teller, spokesman Kris Thompson said, "TRIC and The Mustang Ranch want to help our community heal after the polarizing recall effort we forced residents in our good county to endure this Spring. We realize spending \$160,000 to unseat the Sheriff to achieve our own personal vendetta was both mean spirited and downright ugly. For this we are deeply sorry. In the spirit of moving peacefully and constructively forward, we have pledged to not only pay the 1000.00 fine imposed on the Sheriff as a result of our petty complaint but also to reimburse Storey County for the estimated \$30,000 spent on the Recall Election. He will also return the \$7600 Storey County taxpayers paid for the trip to the Donald Trump Inauguration Party he and his valet enjoyed earlier this year."

#### But that's not all.

Mr. Thompson's press release continued: "Mr. Gilman wants to silence his critics and prove to the community he has turned over a new leaf. Therefore, he will finally honor campaign promises made over the last six years. Commissioner Gilman will distribute the entire 29,100,000 purchase price of the property Google bought earlier this year to the residents of Storey County. On July 4th, 2017, we will be holding a Independence Day festival at the Mustang Ranch where we will deliver a check for \$7100 to every man, woman and child in Storey County along with a frozen turkey and a brass ring good for one free ride on the Mustang Ranch Merry-Go-Round."

"I want the people of Storey County to know that I am a man of integrity and my word is more valuable than gold. This County has been very, very good to me and I want to deliver on promises I made over and over to the good people of Storey County regarding the cash that would be gushing around here. I want to thank them along with the entire **Team Storey** Team for helping Mr. Norman and me becoming the wealthiest people who do business in Storey County but don't actually live here" said Mr. Gilman.

In related news, Corrado de Gasprias announced on Friday the discovery of what he calls "the worlds largest Gold and Silver deposit, a modern day El Dorado!" under C Street. He announced that CMI has been granted the necessary permitting by county manager Pat Whitten and the County Commissioners. Digging under the Delta Saloon will start as early as June first.

For more information, contact Comstock Mining Inc.'s and TRIC's public relations officer Elaine Spencer-Barkdull of the Comstock Chronicle at comstockchronicle@gmail.com.

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I read the above linked article this morning, and at first wondered where Sam got that file photo of Lance, resplendent in his ostrich skin jacket and glinting aviators, sans cowboy hat. As my eyes roamed through the first few paragraphs, I honestly was thinking, "Really? REALLY????" and then I realized ole Sam was pulling my leg all the way to Joe Conforete's penthouse in Rio.

This is a FINE piece of editorial humorous sarcasm that surely deserves a shot in the Nevada Press Association's annual competition. Be sure to submit it, Sam!

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Juanita Cox (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/05/20/lance-gilman- May 23, 2017 vows-pay-antinoros-ethics-fine/#comment-144)

WOW! I thought my prayers had been answered and we would all get an early Christmas present along with a turkey.....damn.....

This was a great article.

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### Long Live King Lance

by Annie Mouse

That's essentially what almost 600 Storey County citizens said when they signed the petition to recall Sheriff Antinoro. King Lance must be celebrating in his whorehouse with his concubine (that's their stated address on the petition), now that his dream of ENTIRELY controlling Storey County is about to come true.

THAT's what this recall petition was about – it was Lance showing Antinoro who has the upper hand in Storey – NOT the LAW, not the SHERIFF, but a County Commissioner.

This started years ago when Lance fleeced his investor by not making his payments to him on the loan the man had made to help build the Wildhorse brothel. Essentially, Lance shut down the Wildhorse, saying it didn't exist anymore, and christened the property the Mustang Ranch. Quite clever wasn't it? By making the name change, he told his investor to "Take a hike. The Wildhorse doesn't exist anymore." Funny thing is, the courts didn't agree and the investor won. But, in the meantime, because Lance had shut down the Wildhorse and reopened it as the Mustang, he thought he didn't need to go through the investigation that the Nevada Revised Statutes require for the opening of a new brothel. He didn't want to follow the law. The County Commissioners even agreed with him. Why should Lance, the man who's been a virtual Santa Claus (at least he tries to convince people he is) for Storey County, have to follow the law? Sheriff Antinoro said the law had to be followed and that the Mustang had to be closed for the required number of days, per state statute, for the investigation with which ALL brothels must

comply. King Lance was furious. He secretly plotted payback.

So, King Lance ran for County Commissioner. What did it matter that he owned the largest business in the county; surely St. Nick couldn't ever have a conflict of interest, could he? He had a glorious campaign – spent over \$35 THOUSAND DOLLARS on it. Never has a candidate spent so much on a campaign in this county! But, he ran huge advertisements in the newspapers – publishers LOVED him! He had BBQ's – the people LOVED him! He had rallies with food, chocolate, and speeches about how King Lance was going to bring the financial prosperity he'd accumulated to all the voters. Virginia City was going to be transformed! He'd share his secrets for success with the shop owners and earnings would soar. Tourists would jam the boardwalks every day of the year because of his promotional skills. We'd have the BEST schools, the BEST roads, and BEST of ALL, we'd have LOWER property taxes because the wealth of taxes his

Golden Goose generated – Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, or TRIC (appropriate, huh?), would be so copious, that every property owner in Storey would reap the benefits!!!!!

Remember all that? It was only about five years ago. Surely you remember? Did King Lance make good on his promises?

But, the voters believed Lance. They munched on his BBQ, they consumed his crudite', they chowed down on his chocolate, and they ATE HIS LIES! King Lance was elected. Once in office, when King Lance was asked about these promises, he always had excuses; but he did have groceries for seniors, and checks for charity functions. They helped King Lance keep up his Santa Claus image. 2016 rolled around, and King Lance was up for re-election but would anyone run against him? OF COURSE NOT! Who has at least \$35 THOUSAND DOLLARS to try to compete with King Lance? Who has spent the last four years raining money and groceries around the county? NO ONE, because no one has that kind of money, and most importantly, NO ONE has the POWER that King Lance has acquired during his time in office. Now, King Lance was ready for retaliation against the Sheriff who had dared to cross him years ago. He had a list he'd made of Antinoro's transgressions (who cared how true, embellished or fabricated they were), from IMPRINTED PENS no less, to sexual harassment, a bungled murder case, inflated budgets, \$144 THOUSAND DOLLARS the Sheriff had stolen from the county. King Lance licked his lips in anticipation of the delicious dish of revenge he'd serve. Last year, Antinoro had the audacity to do the regular inspection of King Lance's brothel workers' paperwork. How DARE he set foot in the King's realm without invitation!

The retaliation came in the form of a recall petition. At the top was the list of all of Antinoro's sins. He was a CRIMINAL and MUST BE RECALLED! King Lance assembled a group of lackeys that were his Recall Committee. All were underlings who'd proven their allegiance to him. Some were characters who were of ill repute and hated in the county. Pawns were sent out to get signatures. "Yes, Antinoro ASSAULTED women! He STOLE money from the county! He had PENS PRINTED with his name on them using YOUR MONEY. He ABETTED in a MURDER case!" – Anything was said to get petitions signed.

As he lay in his bed at night, King Lance mused smugly on how all his plans were working. The petitions were signed, sloppily and with many errors, but it was Storey County, wink, wink! There would be a recall election, and how his Committee would MALIGN Antinoro even MORE – he wouldn't be able to show his face ANYWHERE! "Ha ha! Antinoro will be OUT, and I, er myself and my fellow commissioners that is, will appoint a NEW Sheriff!!! Of course he will be of my choosing, do my bidding, and never say 'Peep!' unless I ask, and then I will tell him how long and how loud. I WILL FINALLY RULE ALL OF Storey County! I can't believe how EASY it was to get those sheep to do what I want. Those groceries and checks were all worth it. When I'm termed out in 2020, maybe I'll run for U.S. Senate...." Sleep overcame King Lance, as he turned over and snuggled closer to the warm Rubenesque body next to his. "You're so smart, I think you could be President, Lance. I really do." she cooed.

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## Leadership – Sunday Word Of The Day



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- The action of leading a group of people or an organization: different styles of leadership.
- The state or position of being a leader: the leadership of the party.
- [treated as singular or plural] the leaders of an organization, country, etc.: a change of leadership had become desirable.

The packet for the upcoming Storey County Commissioners Meeting was released last Thursday (and modified on Friday) and I had to raise my eyebrows as I read some of the agenda items.

I'll post a preamble to the meeting and run down my take on some of the agenda items soon (if you just

can't wait you can see the packet for yourself here (http://www.storeycounty.org/AgendaCenter /ViewFile/Agenda/\_12052017-733)) as this meeting looks to be one of the more interesting meetings we have seen in quite some time.

A couple of the items got me thinking about the concept of leadership as it relates to Storey County Governance. In my mind, one of the most important roles of leadership is **doing the right thing** for the people you represent. Many of the pieces I post shine the light on the actions taken by Storey County Leadership that serve self and special interests at the expense of We The People.

I point out these actions and look at them through the lens of "Are They Doing The Right Thing?"

Let's consider some of the events of this year and ask "Are They Doing The Right Thing?"

### Cronyism

Cronyism initiated by Pat Whitten and approved by the County Commissioners.

- Awarding an \$11,345 monthly no-bid contract to Battle Born Consulting, aka Gary Hames, to run the "world class" Community Development Department, where he is learning on the job about structural and other types of integrity.
- Awarding a \$4500 monthly no-bid contract to Mike Nevin to oversee the installation of the Sewer Project when qualified candidates for the position of Public Works Director were passed over in favor of Jason Van Havel. These candidates could have overseen the Sewer project and run the Department without needing to feather the Nevin Nest with Taxpayer Money every month.
- Giving out \$70,000 retirement bonuses to Gary Hames and Dean Haymore in the form of PERS contract purchases.

Based on the contents of the aforementioned Commissioner Meeting Packet, the Commissioners appear to be shocked about the conduct of the County Manager. Yet they were at the same meetings I was at when they voted to approve every one of the above actions. Where were they? Were they asleep at the wheel? Part of responsible governance includes paying attention.

### **Real Estate Purchases**

Purchasing and improving Real Estate in Virginia City while other areas of the County remain neglected and in need of urgent repairs like the Lockwood Bridge, the imaginary Virginia City Highlands Community Center, and Mark Twain Fire Department. While Storey County is in a unique position with respect to historic properties and has shown sober-minded leadership with the 4th Ward School, The Fire House Museum and St. Marys, they have shown questionable vision with the Black & Howell property, the Bank of America Building the Gold Hill Depot and the Camel Races Arena. This year they have busted out the county checkbook for property in Virginia City:

- Pipers Opera House \$360,000
- The House between the Courthouse and Pipers \$385,000
- Courthouse Parking Lot \$900,000
- Threatening to use Eminent Domain to steal property from private land owners

### **Special Interests**

The Commissioner Lance Gilman – TRIC Speical Interest merry-go-round that gives Mr. Gilman and TRIC access to the Storey County check book, tax coffers, real property and special consideration regarding rules and regulations.

- Saddling Storey County Taxpayers with a \$35 Million dollar effluent pipeline connecting TRIC tenants to the "liquid gold" effluent from Sparks. This pipeline will divert a million dollars per year of potential tax revenue from the General Fund for the next 30 years.
- Repeatedly reconveying Storey County property to TRIC with zero consideration or payment that TRIC has turned around and included the free property into lucrative land deals, including the one that gave a portion of the USA Parkway to TRIC (for free) which Mr. Gilman and TRIC turned around and sold to NDOT for \$43 Million Dollars (without giving us a single penny or paying down the \$47 Million Dollar Storey County Credit Card balance).
- Allowing the Mustang Ranch to illegally operate for decades on property zoned for Agricultural use.
- Allowing an illegal multi-family dwelling for Mr. Gilman and Mr. Thompson to claim as their residence.
- Failing to require Mr. Gilman to reside in the district he represents within Storey County.

## The Recall Election of Sheriff Antinoro.

Finally, consider people in Storey County employ who signed the recall petition. While it is their legal right to sign the petition, what does their signature say about their impartiality and moral responsibility to do the right thing? Was this the right thing to do? Only Commissioner McBride considered the community before petty grievances and did not sign the petition.

## Do The Right Thing

The question we should all be asking of Pat Whitten and our Commissioners every day is "Are you doing the right thing by all the citizens of Storey County."

If the answer is yes, then let's cheerfully sign up for more of the same heaping helping of leadership we have enjoyed (endured) this year.

If the answer is no, it's up to We The People find us some new faces with fresh eyes.

The countdown to the Primary Election is underway.

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## Sunday Word of the Day – Profit



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In our second Sunday word of the Day essay, we chose the word **Profit**.

**noun** a financial gain, especially the difference between the amount earned and the amount spent in buying, operating, or producing something: pretax profits |his eyes brightened at the prospect of profit.• advantage; benefit: there's no profit in screaming at referees from the bench.

**verb** (profits, profiting, profited) [no object] obtain a financial advantage or benefit, especially from an investment: the only people to profit from the entire episode were the lawyers.• obtain an advantage or benefit: not all children would profit from this kind of schooling.• [with object] be beneficial to: it

would profit us to change our plans.

Brothel resident, TRIC Project Manager, Storey County Planning Commissioner and Lance Gilman bunkmate Kris Thompson used the word of the day in reference to tax revenue generated by companies at TRIC. He posted his comments on Jack McGuffey's "irrelevant" (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/11/12/irrelevant-the-sunday-word-of-the-day/) VCH chat group which you can read here (https://vch.groups.io/g/main/message/50998) and here (https://vch.groups.io/g/main /message/51010).

As I read Kris Thompson say this, the pinball machine I was playing went tilt.

## Mr. Thompson's statement is mind-blowing on many levels.

First and foremost is reveals the mindset of Mr. Thompson's cabal; The Band of Merry TRICsters. These fools consider the tax revenue generated by companies inside the "Largest Industrial Park In The World" is profit to be used to benefit the park.

This notion comes as no surprise when you consider the self-serving actions displayed by Brothel Owner, TRIC Sales and Marketing Manager, TRIC Shareholder and Storey County Commissioner, Lance "The Magnificent" Gilman. When you look at how Storey County has conducted business since Gilman's election in 2012 and before, Storey County taxes serve the interests of TRIC every time you turn around.

## Under the watchful eye of Commissioner Gilman we have given away the farm:

- We gave them a freeway interchange in Washoe County
- We gave them a railhead to help load and unload TRIC businesses.
- We gave them our portion of USA Parkway so they could turn around and sell it to NDOT for \$43 million dollars.
- We give them land every time we turn around at Commissioner Meetings with zero financial consideration.
- We are about to give them \$35 million to transport fecal material for an effluent pipeline so they can sell water to their client base.

Theses gifts (developer expenses) are paid for with Storey County "profit" (tax revenue) generated from TRIC. Gleefully, inside the world headquarters of The Band Of Merry TRICsters, spending this "profit" is sport. In reality, their profit is actually tax revenue that would otherwise be deposited into our general fund to, for example, pay for the bridge that has been washed out for nearly a year in Lockwood or the Community Center in the Highlands.

### The Band Of Merry TRICsters view our tax revenue as their

## rightful property.



## Yes, Virginia, Taxation is theft.

If I stole all your money at gunpoint and gave every cent I stole from you to a starving homeless child, it would still be theft.

Yet Storey County takes your money at the point of a gun (yes, you will be arrested and caged if you don't pay your taxes, ask Wesley Snipes). Storey County then takes our cash and pays themselves killer salaries, retirement and health benefits and then decides how much of what's left of the "profit" they will share with The Band Of Merry TRICsters. Everyone cheerfully opens up their wallet and lets them in. After all, who will fix our roads?

Taxes come from our hard earned money. From working stiffs and billion dollar corporations alike.

When our elected and appointed government officials treat our tax revenue as profit, it's time for a revolution.

Once again, Taxes are not Profit.

Our revolution will not be fought on the streets of Concord or Lexington.

In Storey County, our Revolution will be fought at the ballot box. June and November 2018.

Hasta La Victoria Siempre!

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## Leadership, Part Two



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It's reassuring to know that when I write something (in a house or with a mouse) that makes it's way to the (McGuffey-says-it's-Irrelevent) Virginia Highlands chat group, TRIC Executive, Mustang Ranch Brothel resident and Lance Gilman bunkmate Kris Thompson pipes up with a longwinded diatribe about what a pants on fire guy I am.

Mr. Thompson took umbrage to my most recent Sunday Word of the Day essay about Leadership (which you can read here) with a critical piece of his own (posted below) on the VCH.

For those who don't frequent the VCH chat group, here is my response where I expand on the whole Leadership in Storey County thing. This will reply to Mr. Thompson, The Minister of Truth.

Before we get to the meat of the bone, for the record:

The words I write, be they In a box or with a fox, are my own and are intended for the gentle residents, taxpayers and voters of Storey County.

I do not represent a cabal, cartel, conspiracy or a confederacy. Of dunces or otherwise.

Like the Green Hornet, I roll with my faithful Japanese valet Kato and The Black Beauty. That's it. The Tollbardona cabal is a fabrication of The Ministry of Truth.

### **Graft and Payola**

The Minister's claim of transparency is pure irony.

I'll be writing about this later so I'll save my commentary about how Pat Whitten gave golden parachutes to his homies Hames, Haymore and Nevin to the tune of **\$215,000 freaking dollars** only to watch your boss and his fellow Commissioners feign shock and astonishment after they unanimously approved the graft.

Fact.

### **Community Development and Public Works**

Gary Hames is as qualified as Me and Bobby McGee to inspect the billion dollar GigaFactory. Mike Nevin was awarded his graft before Jason Van Havel went on paid leave. Look it up.

Another Fact: Van Havel beat out an applicant with years of direct experience installing the exact type of "very critical projects" Nevin has never overseen and could have run the Public Works Department while overseeing the "very critical project" thus obviating the need to pay for the same job twice.

You know, someone who has been where we are going and isn't a relative. **Fact**.

## **Bleeding Heart Liberal**

Mr. Thompson, if you read anything I have written (in a boat or with a goat), you would know that as a Libertarian:

I HATE RED TAPE AND REGULATION.

#### I HATE LICENSES, FEES AND TAXES OF EVERY COLOR, TYPE AND FLAVOR.

#### I LOVE FREE MARKET CAPITALISM.

#### I HATE GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION AND CRONY CORPORATISM

Quit painting me with the "liberal" brush. It's classical liberalism. Get it right.

I am so freaking conservative, I make almost every conservative I know look a little pink.

Pay attention. Fact.

### **TRIC Effluent Pipeline**

I'll repeat myself (again) by saying I fully support the construction of the Effluent Pipeline.

#### Fully. Support. The. Pipeline.

I just don't want the Storey County Taxpayers to be the chumps paying for it.

TRIC/Google/Tesla/Switch paying for their Pipeline to provide them with their water to cool their servers = **Great**.

Storey County Tax Revenue stolen from teachers and firefighters and police and given to TRIC/Google/Tesla/Switch to pay for their Pipeline to provide them with their water to cool their servers = **The Opposite Of Great.** 

Fact.

### It's about Leadership

We need people in leadership who have been where we are going. We just may need people who have been to places you can't see from the top of Mt. Davidson.

If that Leadership used to lead in San Francisco or Sacramento or St. Louis or Pittsburg or New York or London or Berlin or Dubai or Pretoria or Beijing or Tokyo, so be it.

We need fresh eyes and sharp minds to parlay the yuge, wonderful, large-handed gift of besplendored amazement which Lance the Magnificent and you, his Minister of Truth, have so generously bestowed upon us, the little people of Storey County into something even more yuge, wonderful and large-handed.

The Leadership we need to realize our potential won't come from the five families who think they own this place simply because they have run it for the last 60 years.

Proof of this can be found in the Hames and Nevin's contracts and their golden parachute retirement bonuses. This corrupt graft is the another shining example of the Good Old Boy Cronyism and Self Serving, Self-Interested horse-apples the gentle little people of Storey County have been been force fed for decades.

The winds of change are blowing. Stay Tuned...

#### This is what I was responding to, from the keyboard fo the Minister himself...

This will respond to the post by Ms. Barde and Mr. Toll (and Mr. Carmona who they are campaigning for). The upcoming Toll/Barde/Carmona cartel campaign for public office is clearly trying to get off the ground now.

The Whitten agenda items show the County is operating at a very high level of transparency – they are completely airing this issue out in a public meeting with everyone having notice ahead of time. All documents are being provided and a report was prepared all of which is part of the record. The Agenda item provides a number of acceptable options for the Commission. The options are laid out for all to see. It should be noted that the three individuals mentioned devoted almost a century of work – basically their entire adult lives – to serving the residents of Storey County. I'm sure more will come out at the meeting concerning the reasons.

The Toll/Barde/Carmona cartel complains about the Battle Born contract for plan reviews and building inspections and the temporary use of Mike Nevin to supervise a very critical project after the suspension of the Public Works director. They offer no alternatives here, not one. They just gripe about what the County did.

No one knows TRI better than Gary Hames. No one has dealt face to face with more companies out here than Gary Hames (except maybe Dean Haymore who also retired). Hames knows inside and out the Storey County "magic" which has drawn the best companies in the world into TRI. The critics I presume would want to advertise a department head position for interviewing with people applying from San Francisco and Sacramento. They would come in here having no idea what brought the massive success to the County, and they would implement systems that they are experienced with – eg. red tape and high fees. It would kill development in this County. And who specifically would they proposed take on the critical VC sewer project? They would want someone from Sacramento coming in to handle the delicate and sensitive nature of the project in the heart of Virginia city – that would be a disaster. The course taken by the County in both instances is a safe, prudent course. And no better alternative – has been suggested or put forward by anyone.

The pipeline comments again show these three don't understand either the deal being worked or the basics of economic development. The water in the pipeline will provide the ability to bring high water using customers. These facilities tend to be very dense in capital investment – eg they would pay much higher real and personal property tax payers (the facilities could be in the billions of capital investment instead of millions). Without the pipeline, many of these companies would locate elsewhere. The Toll/Barde/Carmona cartel would kill this pipeline deal. They don't want the pipeline, period. This would greatly restrict economic development and capital investment in the County going forward. But it appears that's what their goal is – no more economic development, and no more job growth in this county. Companies looking here to invest and create jobs would be driven away quickly by the attitude of this crew – but that's their goal. Let alone the fact that 4,000 acre feet plus of treated sewage outflow would continue to be discharged into the Truckee River rolling right through Lockwood and Painted Rock.

They comment about the Tesla deal and how that deal should not have been made. And they ignore the fact that TRI put a ton of skin in the game for Tesla. TRI provided over 3,000 acres to Tesla free of charge. TRI only got paid because it sold land for the USA Parkway/Infinity Highway to the State, who paid TRI for it. TRI also provided around 500 acre feet of water to Tesla to get them into TRI. This was no sweetheart deal at all, TRI put a ton of its own skin in the deal to win Tesla for the park. And the County is being paid I believe over \$3 million per year by Tesla, even during the abatement period. If these three had been in power, there would be no Tesla, no Switch and no Google. And had they been in power at the beginning there certainly wouldn't be a TRI as they would have quickly run off any potential developer.

Lastly, the Toll/Barde/Carmona group again claims Lance does not live in his district. This is a false statement of a fact plain and simple. He lives here in the River District and has for over a decade.

I guess the sole basis of the upcoming campaign is to rip into Lance Gilman and try tear him down in every way possible. That's pretty sad treatment for a man who has brought thousands of jobs and billions in capital investment to this County and the region, and all the charitable food he sends out every week to senior centers, the backpack programs for the little kids from needy families, and the other donations he makes all the time. Sad treatment indeed.

Yet they want to tear this man to pieces so they can get one of their own into a position of power in this County. All should beware. Be very aware.

Thanks to all readers for considering my post. I've been trying to stay silent and focus on helping the horse situation and doing my job out here at the park, but the lies in the post were just way out of line. If I don't respond to these three in the future, just please consider what would be (and should be) said about the actual truth of the matter in response to their posts.

Thanks much.

Kris

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# TRIC Executive Shoves Foot in Mouth – The Storey Teller Helps.



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Mustang Brothel Resident and TRIC Executive Kris Thompson recently ripped Nicole Barde's coverage of the September 19th Storey County Commissioners Meeting (which you can read here (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/09/21/storey-county-commissioners-meeting-report-nicole-barde/)) as "dishonest". Ms. Barde is fully capable of defending herself so rather than taking umbrage with Mr. Thompson's dirty pool with her, I chose to rip apart his "facts".

I will be pushing a piece this weekend with my take on the Meeting (probably in three parts) but I thought I would share the commentary in case readers of the Teller don't subscribe to the Virginia City Highlands email chat group. I first present Mr. Thompson's tripe, then follow it with my own.

Enjoy.

This will respond to Ms. Barde.

Ms. Barde's summary is completely dishonest.

I hope the readers know by now that what Ms. Barde says in her summary has no connection to the truth of what actually happens at the meetings.

First off, her claims are contradictory. Her first claim is that the "fix is in" between TRI and the County government because there was a very small land reconveyance. But then she criticizes Lance because he has not yet been able to coerce the County into giving property owners a property tax rebate – eg so she is saying here that Lance doesn't control the County?. Well which is it????

The Tax Rebate issue is not dead. Lance is pushing for it personally and I am as well. The County government has had enough money to benefit senior employees with higher salaries and retirement buyouts and to increase County union pay and benefits. Some of this perfectly appropriate of course. For decades our County lagged behind others in employer salaries and benefits. And it is a good thing it's being fixed. And lord knows the County employees work hard and are good and professional at what they do. But when I hear the argument that there isn't any money, not one penny available, to reward residents, I have a hard time buying it.

The County has a number of options available here – There are legal ways to provide tax reductions for residents only, and the county has been given that concept. The County has been told that rebates would be legal as well. And there are other options available. There is a workshop scheduled for next month and I look forward to seeing what happens there.

The "free land giveaway" to TRI, is simply a reconveyance of very thin strip of land in a drainage area to allow an incoming business to put a slope there so their building pad is stable. It's called a slope easement." TRI is not charging the buyer for this strip of land. TRI originally gave this land to the County free of charge. But this allows the County to charge taxes on the land to the incoming buyer. So let's summarize – right now, the land is doing nothing and the County does not make revenue from it. After this transfer the County gets a new business on the land adjacent which will produce revenue and can gain property taxes. It's a no brainer.

Ms. Barde would love to see Storey County government turn into a new San Francisco. She is a radical liberal. Another Nancy Pelosi in the flesh. She thinks business is the enemy. She believes the government should be large and overbearing. That the private sector should have to beg the government for action, that if a business needs action or services from the government that the business should be punished financially and pay through the nose for whatever they might need. In her mind, there is no such thing as economic development, unless its the government grabbing more from the private sector.

If she had her way there would be no TRI. No one would have ever made a deal on her terms. Readers here will remember how she ranted that the Tesla deal was a terrible mistake, and that it never should have happened. That would be news to the 5,000 workers that are today on site at the Gigafactory, and their families who are benefiting from those great jobs.

Can you imagine if someone like her was in a responsible position at the County. Businesses thinking of coming to Storey County would have one meeting with her, where whatever they would be asking for would be nitpicked and nitpicked, and they would walk out the door, shake their head, and never come back.

Last, it's remarkable at how Ms Barde can nitpick just about anything. And with all that nitpicking, she never offers any real solutions or alternative approaches. She doesn't want solutions, she wants problems for her own personal gain politically.

Thanks for considering my post. Kris Thompson

This will respond to Mr. Thompson.

While I can't speak for Ms. Barde, I can tell you I am a principled conservative who looks at welfare recipients without small children to support with distaste.

Principled conservatives look at white collar welfare recipients like Tesla and TRIC, companies who can afford to pay their way but choose to freeload on taxpayer money, with venomous contempt.

Unlike the RINO's in Storey County government and among the ranks of the band of merry TRICsters, genuine principled conservatives view the continued corporate welfare at TRIC, soon to eclipse \$110 Million with the pipeline "deal", with vile disgust.

My initial assessment of the remarkable Commissioner Meeting conducted in the Courthouse with a Million Dollar parking lot on September 19th, 2017 can be read here —> http://thestoreyteller.online /2017/09/21/storey-county-commissioners-meeting-report-nicole-barde/ (http://thestoreyteller.online /2017/09/21/storey-county-commissioners-meeting-report-nicole-barde/)

I double dog dare you to compare me to Nancy "don't know whats in it till we pass it" Pelosi.

The fix is in between Storey County Government and TRIC and has been for years.

Anyone paying attention sees this for what it is; as disgusting an example of collusion between government and business to benefit individual elected officials and the businesses at the expense of the

Taxpayers anywhere in these United States.

Readers of this chat group will not need take your or my or Ms. Barde's assessment of what went on at the Commissioners meeting but will get to hear you telling the commissioners that this "worthless" stripe of land is essential to cutting a real estate deal with an active buyer.

I like to use indisputable facts of what transpired to tell the story.

Stay Tuned.

As a taxpayer, I am delighted that you are conducting business at TRIC because at some point, once the abatements expire, Storey County perhaps may benefit one day.

Perhaps.

But lets look at the latest land swindle err... reconveyance carefully:

If your proposed land deal is contingent on Storey County Taxpayers giving you the stripe of land, then that land is not worthless. It has value to you and to your client.

In the free market, something is worth only what someone else is willing to pay for it.

While you claim that you are not charging your client for the stripe of land, If you cannot close your pending deal without the stripe of land being part of the deal, it has value.

Having value, at the very least, giving the "worthless" stripe back to TRIC should incur a modest deduction from the \$45 Million of developer improvements (corporate welfare) we somehow got snookered into owing you and your band of merry TRICsters.

Anything.

Even if it's only 5 bucks.

That is how a this principled conservative who looks at freeloaders and thieves of taxpayer money with disgust sees things.

For the readers information, here is what this stripe of land looks like:




#### Gerrymanderish Land Stripe

And now that Pat Whitten has the power to approve more corporate welfare and can add to the \$45 Million dollar TRIC welfare account behind closed doors, I'll bet you 5 bucks that the our debt to the TRICsters will double by the time Pat retires. My grandson is stoked.

Principled Conservatives fight waste, abuse and corruption with nuclear weapons, F-22's, Tanks, grenade launchers, M60's, Molotov cocktails, small arms fire, knives, sticks, stones and bare knuckles.

## We certainly don't lift our skirts every time some gladhanded TRICster wanders by looking for a place to sniff out taxpayer handouts.

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## Mr. Smith (and Mr. Jones) go to Washington. Storey County taxpayers foot the bill.



EDITOR (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE/AUTHOR/SAMTOLL/)

The Storey County Commissioners and County Manager Pat Whitten sent Commissioner Lance Gilman and County Lobbyist Greg "Bum" Hess to Washington D.C. January 17th – 22nd.

The trip to D.C. was authorized so Gilman and Hess could lobby for the zip code bill that died in committee last year. The zip code reconfiguration will help Storey County capture sales tax revenue lost to Washoe County. For products purchased and Nevada Sales Tax is collected, most computerized systems use the Zip Code to assign the tax liability. Since TRIC uses the Sparks Zip Code, Storey County loses out on nearly all the sales tax revenue collected.

This is bad for the taxpayers of Storey County as we have to shoulder the burden not relieved by this lost revenue stream. Meanwhile, Washoe County taxpayers rejoice as their tax burden is reduced.

Washoe County wins.

We Lose.

So it is a good idea to get this resolved. And it is the perfect job for an effective lobbyist. However...

### A careful examination of the the dates of the trip caused the eyebrows of thestoreyteller.online editors to raise and notice a happy coincidence: Donald Trump was Inaugurated on January 21st.

We put in our records request on February 16th for the receipts spent on the festivities (filled on April 19th). On March 7th, Greg "Bum" Hess strolled to the podium of the Commissioners meeting and delivered this update on his tireless lobbying for Storey County. Is this another happy coincidence? Would he have delivered his little soliloquy had he not gotten wind of the public records request? Is there a reason that Lance Gilman let two meetings go by and did not remark about their furious skid greasing?

Listen to Greg lay it on here:

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Let's get this straight...

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They met with our Nevada representatives (something they can do in Nevada) and stood next to the "personal secretary" of "The Cajun John Wayne" as Donald Trump became the 45th President of the United States. Oh, and they discovered the Muckers are nationwide. Um...

## Impressive. Lobbying. Skills.

On the way out of town they checked out the girls lining up for the million woman march (a million bullets dodged as Hess and Gilman had already checked out of their hotel rooms...)

To recap, we paid \$ 7611.50 for them to attend Donald Trump's Inauguration....

## Seriously?

Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones have parlayed their positions in county governance to become wealthy and vastly wealthy. Yet they don't have enough cash to pay their own way?

## In-Freaking-Credible.

I have been to D.C. several times, but never on Inauguration Week. My sources tell me it is pretty much like the week that precedes Super Bowl; business as unusual. If you want to schedule meaningful work, you're in FantasyLand.

The aforementioned happy coincidence makes thestoreyteller.online editors ponder aloud:

"If Mrs. Clinton had become President of The United States on Inauguration Day, would Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones finally hunker down and figure out how Skype works?"

Spending money at the government level is all about priorities. In Washington D.C. and on B Street.

\$7611.50 represents just under a quarter of the annual salary of a new deputy. Or a quarter of a new patrol vehicle.

What are the priorities in Storey County?

On a positive note, Greg picked up his bar tab...

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This exchange took place on the highlands chat group. For those who don't frequent that site I submit this for your amusement.

Bait Sniffed. Hook Set.

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How did Jerry become part of this? Since you drug his name into this mosh pit, Jerry is a big boy and doesn't need to hide behind Breck' apron strings or anyone else.

Lance, on the other hand, sends his annoying yapdog out to piddle all over the public square.

Sore winner? Try sore posterior. The soreness comes from burning \$7611.50 of taxpayers cash so two fat cats can attend the victory lap in D.C.

If you want peace, resign from public office and stay home at the Brothel.

County revenues are down and payroll is shooting though the roof. Paying two fat cats to ooze around D.C. is not responsible governance.

If Greg and Lance want to go, by all means, go. If Pat Whitten wants to pay their freight, he can pony up out of his personal war chest not ours.

Otherwise they can peel off a few benjies from their personal roll and have a blast.

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Godspeed.

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To add insult to injury, the County lobbyist claimed, as a result of this trip, to now have a Congressman on board that previously did not support the zip code bill. Except the Congressman has never had a previous session! And the Congressman's assistant, who bumped into Hess and Gilman on the street, asserted emphatically that NO policy discussions ever took place and she never expected to hear from our lobbyist or commissioner ever again. Odd, don't you think? Not the impression one should leave with the assistant to the Congressman who you are now lobbying to support your bill!

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## Attachment 11

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September 28th, 2017

Ms. Anne Langer Storey County District Attorney 205 South C Street P.O. Box 496 Virginia City, NV 89440

Mr. Adam Laxalt Nevada Attorney General 100 North Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701

#### Subject: Public Records Request and Obstruction Complaint against Storey County

I am writing to you today on the six month anniversary of a public records request whose purpose is to verify the status of the residences of two Storey County Officials. I have attached the email correspondence between myself and Storey County regarding the zoning of the addresses supplied by Lance Gilman when he submitted required documents to run for County Commissioner and Kris Thompson to confirm his residence to qualify for being appointed to serve on the Storey County Planning Commission.

According to various NRS statutes and Storey County Code, in order for an elected or appointed official to hold office or be appointed to a board in Storey County, the elected official or appointed board member must reside in Storey County.

The purpose of my query was to confirm that the residence addresses supplied by Mr. Gilman and Mr. Thompson, two sides of a small double wide mobile home, located behind the swimming pool at the Mustang Ranch Brothel, are zoned as legal residence addresses by Storey County Statute.

This request now has collected six months worth of dust and remains unanswered.

According to Mr. Austin Osborne, assistant Storey County Manager, when I asked him about it he claimed "the matter was still under investigation'.

Yet when I went into the Storey County Community Development Department several weeks after the last email communication from Storey County on this matter, I was able to leave with the zoning status of the property in less than 5 minutes. I discovered that there is no place on Mustang Ranch parcel zoned residential, not even a watchman's residence.

In other words neither 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive are legal residences; nobody can legally reside there or claim either address as their legal residence.

It is my contention that by supplying this address, both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gilman appear to be guilty of perjury.

Further, as they do not reside in Storey County, they are exempt and prohibited from holding office of any kind in Storey County.

I further contend that by stonewalling this public records request, Storey County, Mr. Pat Whitten and Mr. Austin Osborn are obstructing justice.

It is common knowledge to anyone paying attention that Lance Gilman, who has multiple residence properties in Washoe county and is extremely wealthy, does not bunk with Kris Thompson in a doublewide trailer.

I respectfully request an immediate investigation into this matter in an effort to restore integrity in our elected and appointed officials and look forward to the fair and just application of law by removing these men from office.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Sam Toll - Editor editor@thestoreyteller.online www.thestoreyteller.online 775-583-8655

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October 17, 2017

Storey County Sheriff's Office Box 498 Virginia City, Nevada 89440

Criminal Complaint of perjury against Lance Gilman and Kris Thompson

Sirs,

I have been directed by Storey County District Attorney Anne Langer to file the following complaint.

I have been waiting for a public records request with Mr. Austin Osborne, filed in late March 2017, to verify the zoning of 5, 5B and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive in Sparks Nevada.

After filing a public records request to determine the location of the address, I learned this is a dual wide mobile home structure located on the Mustang Ranch.

The purpose of the request with Mr. Osborne regarding the possibility of a residentially zoned area within the confines of the Mustang Ranch property was to determine if it was legally possible to maintain a personal residence. It is my understanding, later confirmed with the Community Development Department, that it is not legal for anyone to have a permanent residence on the premises.

I am accusing County Commissioner Lance Gilman and Storey County Planning Commission Member Kris Thompson of Perjury is due to information I received from Storey County Clerk Vanessa Stephens when she supplied proof of permanent residence of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gilman.

Both documents show this property as their joint residence.

I contend, based on Storey County Zoning Authority, neither 5, 5B nor 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive qualify as legal residences,

- 1. Each are guilty of perjury when the filled out their documents required by the Nevada Secretary of State
- 2. Because neither of them actually reside at the residence they listed with the Nevada Secretary of State, actual verifiable proof of their actual residence is necessary to determine if they are legally qualified to hold office in Storey County.

I further contend that Mr. Thompson is in violation of Storey County Ordinance 5.16.220 which requires a work card for anyone on the premises permanently.

Determining where Mr. Gilman and Mr Thompson's pillows are is a simple matter of requisition the location/cell phone triangulation data from their cellular providers over the last two years. This data will conclusively and accurately locate where they sleep and thus determine where they actually reside.

Attached please find the complaint I filed with Storey County DA Langer and AG Laxalt

Respectfully,

Sam Toll Gold Hill

### Exhibit 9

### Exhibit 9



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#### Some call him a hypocrite, but Gilman, others want alternatives on tax plan



AP Photo/Cathleen Allison

Lance Gilman, principal and director of the Reno Tahoe Industrial Center, listens to testimony during the second day of a special session at the Nevada Legislature, in Carson City, Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014. Lawmakers discussed a complex deal to bring Tesla Motors to Nevada, specifically to Gilman's center, east of Reno.

By Kyle Roerink

Thu, Mar 26, 2015 (2 a.m.)

Lance Gilman knows how to take criticism, which is coming in handy for him lately.

The smooth-talking Storey County commissioner, real estate tycoon, brothel owner and deal broker who helped land Tesla's battery factory at the Data Tahoe Reno Industrial Center took heat for not endorsing Gov. Brian Sandoval's new tax plan.

He is a board member of the Economic Development Agency of Western Nevada, a private-public entity that receives state and nonpublic dollars to help lure businesses to the Reno-Tahoe region. Out of 25 EDAWN board members, Gilman was the only one to vote in opposition of the governor's reform agenda.

Accusations of hypocrisy murmured through the hallways of the Legislature. The question about him: How could Gilman, who recently received what many called a taxpayer-funded windfall supported by Sandoval, have the gall not to fall in line with the governor's push for tax increases to reform Nevada's public education system?

"I've been called so many things and drug around by the neck — at my age it doesn't matter, " he said.

Maybe not, but his EDAWN vote has some people remembering how the Nevada Department of Transportation board, of which Sandoval is a member, approved \$43 million last fall for a project to help reimburse Gilman and his partners for building USA Parkway, the transportation corridor of Gilman's Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center.

Critics say the road will primarily benefit Gilman and his partners at TIRC - not the taxpayer.

For a decade, Gilman and his partners lobbied federal and state lawmakers for the road, but didn't get the money. They built a third of the road themselves, investing more than \$60 million of their own money. But once the state approved the Tesla deal — with its promise of more businesses, workers and residents in the region — Sandoval and NDOT realized the need to complete the road and have the state maintain it.

That's why many thought Gilman should have been more accepting of Sandoval's plan.

When it comes to the tax proposal, Gilman isn't alone in his dissent. Retail, trucking, registered agents and a few others are in opposition to Sandoval's plan, which triages the state's 330,000 businesses into 30 industry categories and subjects them to rates that would levy between \$400 and \$4 million per year.

The state estimates the tax will raise at least \$438 million that will go to educate funding.

Despite the opposition, there is broad-based support for levying a tax to help bolster the state's public education system. Gilman, along with the majority of the business and special-interest groups in the state, has pledged support for a new tax plan. Those opposing Sandoval's plan just don't know which way is best.

Gilman praised Sandoval — one of at least 10 Republican governors proposing tax increases nationwide — for his aggressiveness in tackling education reform. He says he simply wants another avenue for raising revenue.

Sandoval hasn't characterized his plan as the ideal solution. He's publicly challenged lawmakers to find alternative proposals and add to the discussion.

Sandoval's plan has had four hearings, but lawmakers have yet to take a single vote on it. The measure isn't the only one on the table. Republicans and Democrats have submitted alternative proposals that will have hearings, and economic development groups are working to create even more.

"I am not lined up against the governor at all," Gilman said. "If I were sitting at his side and I had my moment I would say, 'Let's come at it in a different direction."

But, like other critics of the bill, Gilman compared Sandoval's plan to the margin tax initiative that voters shot down at the polls on Election Day. Both the margin tax and Sandoval's plan, SB 252, are taxes on companies' gross receipts.
The Sandoval administration says it's wrong to compare SB 252 and the margin tax. The argument from the governor's office: Sandoval's plan levies less money, has lower rates and is fairer for business because of exemptions and deductions that keep industries from being doubly taxed.

Gilman doesn't buy it.

"I don't care if you put lipstick on a pig, but the governor's bill is going to smack of a re-creation of [the margin tax]," he said.

Elaine Wynn, gaming mogul and president of the state's education board, spoke to the essence of the issue during a hearing last week. She praised the governor's gusto while softly addressing the need to consider other options on taxes.

"The fact that a plan has some negatives attached to it is no justification to do nothing," she said. "I advocate in support in a sense of urgency to do something now."

While EDAWN has showed its support for raising taxes in the name of education, it has yet to issue a formal, public endorsement on Sandoval's legislation. In the south, one economic development group — the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance — pledged its allegiance to Sandoval. But one group has not.

The Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce — which represents more than 4,000 businesses in Southern Nevada — is mum on Sandoval's plan. But it's been busy working on alternatives behind the scenes.

Over the years, it's supported and opposed a variety of local and state tax proposals. Like Gilman, the chamber is willing to endorse a tax hike. But it wants more options on the table.

The chamber has a team of lobbyists working in the Legislature, it hired a high-end think tank to conduct a study investigating viable alternatives to reform the state's tax structure and it is keeping its eye on the proposals coming from both parties.

"We are going to be vigilant on behalf of our members," said Kristin McMillan, president and CEO of the Metro Chamber. "They deserve a complete and thoughtful analysis."

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| 15  | inclusive, )<br>Defendants. )  |
| 16<br>17                                  | COMPLAINT  |
| 18  | COMES NOW the Plaintiff, LANCE GILMAN, by and through his attorneys, GUS W.  |
| 19  | FLANGAS, ESQ. and JESSICA K. PETERSON, ESQ., of the FLANGAS DALACAS LAW  |
| 20  | GROUP, and for his causes of action against the Defendants, alleges as follows   |
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| 22  | (Defamation Per Se)  |
| 23  | 1. At all times material hereto, the Plaintiff, LANCE GILMAN (hereinafter referred to as   |
| 24  | the "Plaintiff"), was and is a resident of Storey County, State of Nevada.   |
| 25  | 2. At all times material hereto, the Defendant, SAM TOLL, (hereinafter referred to as the  |
| 26  | "Defendant"), was and is a resident of Storey County, Nevada.  |
| 27  | 3. The true names and capacities of the Defendants named herein as DOES I-X, inclusive,  |
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presently unknown to the Plaintiff who therefore sues the said Defendants by such fictitious names;
 and when the true names and capacities of such DOES I through X, inclusive, and ROE ENTITIES
 VI-X, inclusive, are discovered, the Plaintiff will ask leave to amend this Complaint to substitute the
 true names of the said Defendants. The Plaintiff is informed, believes and therefore alleges that the
 Defendants so designated herein are responsible in some manner for the events and occurrences
 contained in this action.

7 4. At all times material hereto, the Defendant published and publishes a blog online under
8 the website address of <u>http://thestorevteller.online</u> (hereinafter the "Storeyteller Website").

5. The Home page of the Storeyteller Website and every other section contained therein,
including the "News," "Editorial," "Letters to the Editor," "About the Storey Teller," and
"Community News," sections, all contain the statement: "Support the Teller and Keep Fact Based
News about Storey County Ad Free." (Emphasis added).

6. At all times material hereto, the Plaintiff was and is member of the Board ofCommissioners for Storey County, Nevada, an elected position.

7. The Plaintiff is a principal in and the Director of Marketing for the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center (hereinafter "TRI"). Plaintiff's company, Lance Gilman Commercial Real Estate Services, is and has been since the inception of TRI, the exclusive broker for this industrial park. TRI is a massive 80,000 acre park that encompasses a 30,000 acre industrial complex approximately nine miles east of Reno, Nevada in Storey County, Nevada, and is the largest industrial park of its kind in the United States. TRI presently has over 16 million Square Feet of Industrial space in use by over 130 different companies, with over 6,000 permanent and temporary jobs created in 15 years.

8. The Plaintiff has been instrumental in attracting to TRI, such nationally recognized firms
 as Tesla/Panasonic, who is building a "gigafactory," a massive 6 million square foot manufacturing
 facility, SWITCH, who is building a huge data storage co-location campus comprised of a number
 of buildings totaling 7 million square feet under roof, GOOGLE, who just purchased 1200 acres
 earlier in 2017, as well as other global companies such as eBay, Wal-Mart, Tire Rack, Jet.com,
 Petsmart, and US Ordinance, to name a few.



9. TRI has provided thousands of jobs for Northern Nevada and it is anticipated that

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Tesla/Panasonic and SWITCH, alone will together generate 10,000 more jobs for Northern Nevada
 and over \$400 million in payroll annually at full build out.

- 10. The Plaintiff's proven ability to attract nationally recognized firms to TRI was mainly
  due to his business experience, his business acumen and his reputation in the business community
  for honesty and his straight forward approach. He is the face of TRI and deals personally with all
  incoming buyers from the time they first express interest in TRI up and through the close of escrow.
- 11. The Plaintiff first arrived in Reno, Nevada in 1985, and became a principal in and
  exclusive broker for the 2,500 acre Double Diamond Ranch now known as the South Meadows
  Business Park, which is located in southern portion of Reno, Nevada. The South Meadows Business
  Park is an integrated single-family and multi-family residential, industrial, distribution and retail
  development, and through the extensive efforts of the Plaintiff, the South Meadows Business Park
  landed the government arms contractor, Lockheed Martin as the anchor tenant.

12. The Plaintiff has a long list of successes in retail businesses. Before the South Meadows 13 Business Park, the Plaintiff started his professional career in San Diego, California, operating the San 14 Diego Boatmart. His accomplishments in that industry included being Chairman of the prestigious 15 San Diego Boat Show and a member of the National Speaker Circuit for the Boat Show Educational 16 Series. He then worked as an agent for Grubb and Ellis, a major real estate brokerage in San Diego, 17 California, where he managed major accounts, including the development of the Murphy Canyon 18 Business Park, and assisted in the development of major shopping centers in San Diego County. In 19 1998, the Plaintiff opened the first Harley Davidson motorcycle showroom and maintenance facility 20 in Carson City, Nevada. The Plaintiff has received a number of awards such as the Reno Small 21 Business Entrepreneur of the year in 2009, Reno Man of the Year in 2000 and the Development 22 Award for Environmental Excellence in Development in 1997. In or around 2015, Governor Brian 23 Sandoval personally presented the Plaintiff and his two TRI partners, the EDAWN President's 24 Award for completing what the Governor called the "The Deal of the Century" in landing and 25 closing the Tesla deal. 26

13. In the early 2000s, the leaders of Storey County needed to take fast action to bolstercritically lacking tax revenues for the County, which was cash poor at the time. These leaders

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approached the Plaintiff and requested him to open a brothel, which could immediately generate
 greatly needed tax revenues for the County until TRI could begin bringing in more companies and
 subsequently growing the tax base. As a result of these requests, the Plaintiff built and opened up
 on his property, the Wild Horse brothel, a multimillion dollar facility, which eventually became the
 Wild Horse Adult Resort and Spa.

6 14. In or around 2003, to further bolster lagging tax revenues for Storey County, the Plaintiff 7 purchased the Mustang Ranch brothel buildings and trademark on Ebay from the Federal 8 Government for \$145,100. Because of its historic value, the Plaintiff spent millions in moving the 9 buildings to a location adjacent to the Wild Horse, and in upgrading the facility. This move included 10 contracting a large heavy lift cargo helicopter to airlift a part of one of the Mustang Ranch's 11 structures. In or around 2012, the Mustang Ranch expanded into the Wild Horse brothel building 12 and today operates primarily out of that property.

13 15. The Mustang Ranch today sits in a short canyon outside of TRI and is surrounded by tall 14 iron gates, a berm, and hundreds of trees and shrubs. It is a multifaceted operation, with an award 15 winning steakhouse, gift shop with trademarked Mustang Ranch products, along with the traditional 16 Mustang Ranch entertainment. There are vaulted ceilings, a stone fireplace, hundreds of thousands 17 of dollars' worth of furnishings, decor, equipment, and artwork. It is a thriving business that 18 contributes significantly to Storey County revenues through taxes, fees and assessments.

19 16. Because of the Mustang Ranch's close proximity to TRI, because of the Plaintiff's involvement in TRI, and because the Plaintiff highly values his reputation, the Plaintiff has taken 20 great measures to operate a first class and extremely safe establishment that protects its employees 21 and customers through thorough modern medical testing, extensive background checks of its 22 employees, extensive cutting edge security on the premises, and adherence to strict policies and 23 procedures, including but not limited to, obtaining proper medical clearances for the Mustang's 24 brothel employees. In addition, the facilities incorporate many modern design and operational 25 features to ensure a high-quality, professional business operation that provides a safe environment 26 for its employees and customers. Also, because the Plaintiff is the licensed owner and operator of 27 the Mustang Ranch, it's operations directly reflect on him, and his license. 28

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| 1  | 17. The Mustang Ranch is also a great corporate citizen and annually donates tens of                  |
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| 2  | thousands of dollars in weekly food donations and staff time, to provide for the needy school         |
| 3  | children and elderly in Storey County.  |
| 4  | 18. Beginning in early 2017, the Defendant in an effort to embarrass, discredit and impugn            |
| 5  | the Plaintiff, published blatantly defamatory statements about the Plaintiff, to wit:                 |
| 6  | a. The Plaintiff has engaged in reverse graft.  |
| 7  | b. The Plaintiff committed perjury when he filled out official paperwork pertaining                   |
| 8  | to his residency.   |
| 9  | c. The Plaintiff has lied about his residency in Storey County, Nevada.                               |
| 10 | d. The Plaintiff represented to the Defendant that the Plaintiff would reimburse the                  |
| 11 | expenses incurred by Storey County, Nevada for the recall election of the Sheriff of Storey County,   |
| 12 | held in 2017, and other expenses incurred by Storey County, Nevada for the ethics investigation into  |
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| 14 | c. The Plaintiff didn't follow the law when the Mustang Ranch was relicensed after                    |
| 15 | a related brothel was closed and then reopened as the Mustang Ranch.                                  |
| 16 | f. The Plaintiff receives special considerations regarding the rules and regulations.                 |
| 17 | g. The Plaintiff is receiving land from Storey County with zero consideration.                        |
| 18 | h. The Plaintiff's trip to Washington, D.C. partly paid for by Storey County was not                  |
| 19 | work related and not a legitimate trip.   |
| 20 | 19. The Defendant's malicious and false statements were and are publications of false                 |
| 21 | statements of facts concerning the Plaintiff.   |
| 22 | 20. The Defendant's malicious and false statements were and are assertions of facts or                |
| 23 | expressions of opinions that suggest that the Defendant knew certain facts to be true or implied that |
| 24 | certain facts existed, about the Plaintiff sufficient to render the Defendant's false statements      |
| 25 | defamatory.   |
| 26 | 21. The statements by the Defendant were and are blatantly defamatory because they tend               |
| 27 | to lower the Plaintiff in the estimation of the community, excite derogatory opinions about him, and  |
| 28 | hold him up to contempt.  |
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| 1 | 22.         | The Defendant's defamatory statements about the Plaintiff were and are unprivileged |
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| 2 | publication | s to third parties.   |

3 23. The Defendant's defamatory statements were made with actual malice in that they were
4 made with the knowledge that they were false or made with reckless disregard of whether they were
5 false or not.

6 24. The Defendant's defamatory statements individually and or collectively falsely impute
7 that the Plaintiff engaged in criminal behavior, falsely imputes the Plaintiffs' lack of fitness for trade,
8 business or profession, falsely imputes the Plaintiffs' dishonesty, lack of fair dealing, want of
9 fidelity, integrity or business ability, and or tend to injure the Plaintiff in his trade, business or
10 profession.

25. The Defendant's defamatory statements individually and or collectively falsely impute
 the recipient that the Plaintiff is unethical and or criminally predisposed.

13 26. The Defendant's malicious and false statements about the Plaintiff are so likely to cause
 14 serious injury to reputation and pecuniary loss that they constitute defamation per se.

15 27. The Defendant's malicious and false statements are of certain classes of defamatory
16 statements that they are considered so likely to cause serious injury to reputation and pecuniary loss
17 that these statements are actionable without proof of damages.

28. As a direct result of the Defendant's improper actions, the Plaintiff has suffered damage
to his reputation and has suffered harm which normally results from such a defamation.

20 29. As a direct result of the Defendant's improper actions, the Plaintiff has been damaged
21 in amount in excess of \$15,000.

30. The Defendant is guilty of oppression, fraud or malice, express or implied; therefore, the
Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages for the sake of example and by way of punishing the
Defendant in an amount in excess of \$15,000.

31. It has become necessary for the Plaintiff to engage the services of an attorney to

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| 1      | commence this action and Plaintiff is, therefore, entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs as |
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| 2      | damages.  |
| 3      | WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:   |
| 4      | 1. For damages in an amount in excess of \$15,000;  |
| 5      | 2. For punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$15,000;   |
| 6      | 3. For reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit; and  |
| 7      | 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper in the premises.           |
| 8<br>9 | AFFIRMATION<br>Pursuant to NRS 239B.030   |
| 10     | The undersigned hereby affirms that this document does not contain the social security                |
| 11     | number of any person.   |
| 12     | DATED this day of December, 2017.   |
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3. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 3 based upon a lack of information and belief.

4. Defendant admits the allegations of paragraph 4.

5. The allegations of paragraph 5 characterize the content of Defendant's website, which speaks for itself and therefore no response is necessary.

6. Defendant admits the allegations of paragraph 6.

Defendant admits the allegations of the first two sentences of paragraph 7.
 Defendant denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 7 based upon a lack of information and belief.

8. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 8 based upon a lack of information and belief.

9. In response to the allegations of paragraph 9, Defendant admits that business located in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center ("TRIC") and employ people in Northern Nevada. Defendant denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 9 based upon a lack of information and belief.

10. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 10 based upon a lack of information and belief.

11. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 11 based upon a lack of information and belief.

12. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 12 based upon a lack of information and belief.

13. In response to the allegations of paragraph 13, Defendant admits that Plaintiff

opened the Wild Horse Brothel on his property, which is now known as the Wild Horse Adult Resort and Spa. Defendant denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 13 based upon a lack of information and belief.

14. In response to the allegations of paragraph 14, Defendant admits Plaintiff purchased Mustang Ranch brothel buildings and trademark from the federal government. Defendant denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 14 based upon a lack of information and belief.

15. In response to the allegations of paragraph 15, Defendant admits that Mustang Ranch is located near the TRIC. Defendant denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 15 based upon a lack of information and belief.

16. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 16 based upon a lack of information and belief.

17. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 17 based upon a lack of information and belief.

18. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 18.

19. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 19.

20. The allegations of paragraph 20 are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent these allegations are deemed factual, Defendant denies them.

21. The allegations of paragraph 21 are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent these allegations are deemed factual, Defendant denies them.

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26. The allegations of paragraph 26 are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent these allegations are deemed factual, Defendant denies them.

27. The allegations of paragraph 27 are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent these allegations are deemed factual, Defendant denies them.

28. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 28 based upon a lack of information and belief.

29. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 29 based upon a lack of information and belief.

30. The allegations of paragraph 30 are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent these allegations are deemed factual, Defendant denies them.

31. The allegations of paragraph 31 are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent these allegations are deemed factual, Defendant denies them.

### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

- 1. Plaintiff fails to state a claim for relief;
- 2. Defendant's actions are privileged from suit;
- 3. The doctrine of laches bars this action;

4. Defendant is immune from suit pursuant to NRS 41.635, et seq;

5. Venue is improper in this District;

6. This action is barred by the United States and the State of Nevada Constitutions;

7. The statements of the Plaintiff complained of by the Defendant are satirical, and as such, constitute protected speech under the United States and the State of Nevada Constitutions;

8. The burden of proof for falisity is on the Plaintiff, and the Defendant avers that statements made by the Plaintiff complained of by the Plaintiff are true until proven otherwise;

9. Any complained-of statements allegedly made by the Defendant are substantially true, and thus treated as true as a matter of law;

10. Because truth is an absolute defense, the Defendant cannot be liable to the Plaintiff for defamation;

11. Any complained-of statements allegedly made by the Defendant are protected by the fair report privilege, and thus the Defendant is immune from suit for making such statements;

12. Any complained-of statements allegedly made by the Defendant are subject to qualified privilege, as they were directed to parties having a common interest in the subject matter of the statements, they were made in the course of a justifiable exercise of a moral obligation, free of improper motive or malice, and were fair comment on the Plaintiff's actions, which are matters of public and social interest; 13. At all times and places alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, the negligence, misconduct, and fault of Plaintiff exceed that of the Defendant, if any, and Plaintiff is thereby barred from any recovery against Defendant;

14. It has been necessary for Defendant to employ the services of an attorney to defend this action, and a reasonable sum should be allowed Defendants as and for attorney's fees, together with its costs expended in this action;

15. Plaintiff is estopped from asserting any cause of action whatever against Defendants;

16 Plaintiff has waived and abandoned any and all claims as alleged herein against the Defendant by his acts and conduct; and

17. All possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of the Defendant's answer, and therefore Defendant reserves the right to amend this answer to allege additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation warrants.

# **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

- 1. That Plaintiff take nothing through this suit.
- 2. That judgment be entered on Defendant's behalf.
- 3. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit.

4. For such other and further relief the Court deems appropriate.

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## NRS 239B.030(4) AFFIRMATION

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030 as well as Rule 10 of the Washoe District Court Rules, the

undersigned hereby affirms that this document does not contain the social security number

of any person.

Respectfully submitted:

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By: JOHN L. MARSHALL

Dated: <u>12/28/2017</u>

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# IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

LANCE GILMAN,

CODE: 3015

|     | Plaintiff(s), |
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| vs. |               |

SAM TOLL,

Defendant(s).

Case No. CV17-02272

Dept. No. 15

### ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CHANGE OF VENUE

This matter comes before the Court pursuant to the December 28, 2017 Motion for Mandatory Change of Venue filed by Defendant SAM TOLL and the Non-Opposition thereto filed by Plaintiff LANCE GILMAN.

The Court, having reviewed the Motion, finding that it is uncontested that the Defendant is a resident of Storey County and other good cause appearing, HEREBY ORDERS that the Defendant's motion be granted and venue in this matter be transferred to the First Judicial District Court in and for Storey County pursuant to NRS 13.040.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court for Washoe County shall forward to the to the Clerk of the Court for Storey County all pleadings and papers on file herein relating to this action, together with a copy of this order granting Defendant's motion.

DATED this 17 of January, 2018:

DISTRICT COURTYUDGE

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| Plaintiff(s),<br>vs.<br>SAM TOLL,<br>Defendant(s).<br>ANTI-SLAPP SPECIAL MOTION TO<br>COMES NOW, SAM TOLL, ("Plaintiff" or | r "Toll"), by and through the undersigned |
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("Plaintiff" or "Gilman"), be dismissed pursuant to the Anti-SLAPP provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Chapter 41.635 *et seq*. This Motion is based upon the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the pleadings and papers filed herein, and any oral argument on this matter the the Court should require.

# MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### a. SLAPP Lawsuits

Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation ("SLAPP") are suits brought to punish the exercise of well protected and well established rights to free speech and freedom of expression. The purpose of bringing such a suit is to attempt to impose a cost to, and thereby chill the exercise of, the expression of free speech rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. Under NRS 41.650, a person who engages in a good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public concern is immune from any civil action for claims based upon the communication.

Nevada has one of the most protective and categorical Anti-SLAPP statutes in the United States. Under NRS 41.635 *et seq*, where a Court finds that a lawsuit has been brought contrary to the provisions of Nevada's Anti-SLAPP statute, judgment shall be entered against the Plaintiff and the Plaintiff is required to pay the Defendant's attorney's fees and costs.

The Plaintiff alleges in his Complaint that he was and is a Storey County

Commissioner at all times relevant to the Complaint. (Complaint at 2 line 13) Further, According to the Plaintiff's Complaint, the Plaintiff has several ongoing public business concerns in Storey County, including being the owner of the Mustang Ranch Brothel and the exclusive broker for the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center ("TRIC"). Without question, Plaintiff is a prominent public figure and a "public official" in his capacity as a Storey County Commissioner, as he has achieved pervasive fame or notoriety and is a public figure for all purposes and in all contexts. *Pegasus v. Reno Newspapers, Inc.*, 57 P.3d 82, 91, 118 Nev. 706, 719 (Nev.,2002) citing *Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc.*, 418 U.S. 323, 342 (U.S.Ill. 1974). There is a national commitment to principle that debate on public issues should be... "uninhibited, robust, and wide-open, and that it may well include vehement, caustic and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials." *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, 376 U.S. 254, 270 (1964).

The Plaintiff has sought out and been prominently featured in both local and national news as indicated in the following exhibits attached hereto: Exhibit 1, a New York Times article entitled, *Brothel Owner Raises Profile With Election Victory*, describing Gilman's election to the Storey County Commission despite the fact that he owns a brothel in Storey County; Exhibit 2, a Reno Gazette Journal entitled, *Brothel owner helped seal Nevada's Tesla deal*, describing Gilman's central role in securing Tesla's decision to build a factory in Storey County at TRIC; Exhibit 3, a Las Vegas Sun article entitled, *Tahoe Reno Industrial Park developer lauds Trump's quest to cut red tape*, describing Gilman's trip to Washington DC and his

support for President Trump's plan to lessen administrative burdens on business; Exhibit 4, a Reno Gazette-Journal article entitled, Tahoe Reno Industrial Center spends \$140K to remove Storey County sheriff, describing TRIC and Gilman's efforts to recall the Storey County Sheriff; Exhibit 5, a Reno Gazette-Journal article entitled, Storey County sheriff wins recall election and will remain in office, describing the Storey County Sheriff's victory over the recall effort with quotes from residents describing Gilman; Exhibit 6, an article from The Record Courier entitled, "Storey brothel-lawsuit trial opens," describing the conflict between Gilman and TG Investments regarding the Mustang Ranch and the Wild Horse Brothel; Exhibit 7, a Huffington Post article entitled, "Mustang Ranch: Labor of Love' Coming to HDNet." describing a reality TV show featuring the Mustang Ranch in which Gilman is quoted as stating that he was excited to open the doors of the Mustang Ranch to HDNet viewers across the country. One such episode of "Mustang Ranch: Labor of Love," which may be viewed at the following link: https://vimeo.com/20851515, features a "Hunt a Ho" promotion at the Mustang Ranch, where customers engage in a mock gun hunt of prostitutes in the hills behind the Mustang Ranch.

### b. Background

As detailed in the Declaration of the Defendant, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 8, the Defendant's journalistic interest in Gilman's conflicts of interest arose in late 2016 and in early 2017 as a result of a failed recall effort of the Storey County Sheriff, which the Defendant believes was spearheaded by Gilman and his business associates.

In January 2017 the Defendant decided to start the Teller. The Defendant bought the domain-name "http://thestorevteller.online" on February 14th 2017, and made the first post on the website on February 18th 2017, The initial focus of the Teller was to provide an online platform where people in Storey County could have complete view of the facts surrounding information contained in hit pieces sent by the proponents of the recall effort. At the same time the Defendant hoped to provide an online alternative to the Comstock Chronicle, which is a competing local paper. As indicated in the articles from the Reno Gazette-Journal attached hereto as Exhibits 4 and 5, other news outlets were also writing stories about the recall effort and the dispute between the Gilman and the Storey County Sheriff. The Reno Gazette-Journal article in Exhibit 4 states, "The recall effort and the allegations that prompted it highlight tensions between the sheriff and Storey County Commissioner Lance Gilman, who also oversees TRIC and owns the Mustang Ranch brothel." As such, the Plaintiff's involvement, his political activities in general, and the dispute itself are undeniably issues of public concern and interest.

After the recall effort of the Storey County Sheriff was unsuccessful, the Defendant was encouraged to continue the Teller by the strong support of the community. Defendant did so and began writing and reporting on the various relationships and circumstances Gilman created and maintained while being and active member of the Storey County Commission.

As indicated in the articles attached to the Declaration of Sam Toll, attached hereto

as Exhibit 8, the reporting in the Teller is political in nature and deals with controversial topics of public interest and concern. Specifically, the common thread throughout his reporting and editorializing is that Toll believes that Gilman uses his position as a Storey County Commissioner to enrich himself and his associates, whom Toll refers to as the "band of merry TRICsters." Such reporting is an exercise of Toll's Constitutionally protected free speech rights in direct connection with issues of public interest and concern in Storey County, such as the use of public funds to pay for development, special treatment of government officials by County officials, and other issues considered and voted on by the Storey County Commission - Toll's articles are inarguably aimed at procuring the governmental outcome of reducing political corruption in Storey County.

In the course of this writing and reporting, Gilman alleges that the Defendant has made defamatory statements about him in the Teller, including the following: The Plaintiff has engaged in reverse graft; The Plaintiff committed perjury when he filled out official paperwork pertaining to residency; The Plaintiff has lied about his residency in Storey County, Nevada; The Plaintiff represented to the Defendant that the Plaintiff would reimburse the expenses incurred by Storey County, Nevada for the recall election of the Sheriff of Storey County, held in 2017, and other expenses incurred by Storey County, Nevada for the ethics investigation into the Sheriff of Storey County; The Plaintiff didn't follow the law when the Mustang Ranch was relicensed after a related brothel was closed and then reopened as the Mustang Ranch; The Plaintiff receives special considerations regarding the rules and regulations; The Plaintiff is receiving land from Storey County with zero consideration; and the Plaintiff's trip to Washington, D.C. partly paid for by Storey County was not work related and not a legitimate trip. (*See* Complaint at 5 line 6, *et seq.*)

The Complaint does not provide specific statements or quoted statements, but rather, makes general allegations about the nature of allegedly defamatory statements made by the Defendant about the Plaintiff. However, as demonstrated herein, Defendant's statements on each topic described in the Complaint constitutes good faith communications in furtherance of free speech rights in direct connection with issues of public interest and concern, which speech is privileged under Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute and protected by the Constitution.

### c. Standard of Review

Pursuant to NRS 41.635, an Anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss should be granted by the Court where the Defendant shows that, by a preponderance of the evidence, the Plaintiff's case is based upon the Defendants good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public interest.

Good faith communications in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public interest are defined as statements that are truthful or are made without knowledge of its falsehood: (1) "aimed at procuring any governmental or electoral action, result or outcome;" (2) "Communication of information or a complaint to a Legislator, officer or employee of the Federal Government, this state or a political subdivision of this state, regarding a matter reasonably of concern to the respective governmental entity;" (3) "Written or oral statement made in direct connection with an issue under consideration by a legislative, executive or judicial body, or any other official proceeding authorized by law;" or (4) "Communication made in direct connection with an issue of public interest in a place open to the public or in a public forum." *See* NRS 41.637(1-4).

As explained further below, under Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute's burden shifting provisions, if the Defendant shows by a preponderance of the evidence that plaintiff's claim is based upon the defendant's good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public concern, the plaintiff must then produce prima facie evidence a probability of prevailing on the claim. NRS 41.660(3).

Pursuant to NRS 41.660(3)(f), a Court must rule on an Anti-SLAPP Motion within 20 judicial days after the motion is served upon the Plaintiff

### d. Arguments

i. The Plaintiff's cause of action arises from speech that is protected under the US Constitution and by Nevada's Anti-SLAPP law

The Defendant's statements made in the Teller about which Gilman complaints are good faith communications in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with issues of public concern and interest. As explained below, this is the case for each of the class of statements which Gilman claims is defamatory.

The statement of the Defendant that the Plaintiff has engaged in "reverse graft" is a good faith communication in furtherance of the Defendant's right of free speech direct connection with an issue of public interest. In Attachment 1 to the Declaration of Sam Toll, an August 6, 2017 article from the Teller entitled, "Storey County Taxpayer's Investment in TRIC Tops \$100 Million Dollars With Latest Pipeline Deal," in which Mr. Toll describes a proposal before the Storey County Commission for the taxpayers of Storey County to finance the building of a pipeline for the transfer of effluent from Washoe County to TRIC. In the article, Toll describes this proposal as follows: "This pipeline 'deal' proposes the use of taxes that would otherwise be spent to benefit all of Storey Count[y] instead of being diverted to directly benefit Commissioner Gilman's enterprise." Toll opines that this conduct should be labeled as "reverse graft." As described in the declaration of Sam Toll, Mr. Toll believes that this statement is the truth, involves an issue of public interest, i.e. the Storey County Commission's consideration of whether to finance the building of a pipeline to TRIC, and was made on the Teller, which is a public forum as contemplated by the statute. See Piping Rock Partners, Inc. v. David Lerner Associates, Inc., 946 F.Supp.2d 957, 975 (N.D.Cal., 2013), finding that a blog is a "public forum."

The statements of the Defendant that the Plaintiff committed perjury when he filled out official paperwork pertaining to residency and that the Plaintiff has lied about his residency in Storey County, Nevada are also good faith communications in furtherance of

the Defendant's right of free speech in direct connection with an issue of public interest and are also reports on communications of information or a complaints to government officials regarding a matter reasonably of concern to the respective governmental entity. Attachment 2 to the Declaration of Sam Toll, is a November 18, 2017 article from the Teller entitled, "Update on Mustang Ranch Zoning Complaint," in which Toll provides an update to the complaint he filed against Gilman regarding his residence. Attachment 3 to the Declaration of Sam Toll is a October 16, 2017 article from the Teller entitled, "Teller Files Criminal Complaint with Storey DA, Sheriff' in which Toll describes the complaint he filed with the Storey County Sheriff, the Storey County District Attorney's Office, and the Nevada Attorney General's Office alleging that Mr. Gilman committed perjury when he claimed to reside in Storey County. Attachment 3 to the Declaration also includes a copy of the complaint filed by Toll itself, beginning on page 3 of 18. As described in the Declaration of Sam Toll, Mr. Toll believes that his statements regarding Mr. Gilman's residence are the truth, and as such the statements are good faith communications. As described in the articles cited above, Toll discovered facts that he believes show that Gilman, a very wealthy individual who owns several residence in Washoe County, does not live where he claims to live, i.e. in a double-wide trailer, behind the Mustang Ranch brothel, swimming pool, shared with his business associate. As Toll states, "While many Storey County Resident[s] were born at night, none of us reading this were born last night. Suggesting this is a fact stretches credulity around the planet. Twice." Further, the cited article was made in a public forum

and involves issues of public interest, i.e. whether Gilman, a public official, told the truth in documents intended to show that he resides in Storey County, and is a protected good faith communication about a complaint to a government entity as defined in NRS 41.637(2).

The statements of the Defendant that the Plaintiff represented to the Defendant that the Plaintiff would reimburse the expenses incurred by Storey County, Nevada for the recall election of the Sheriff of Storey County, held in 2017, and other expenses incurred by Storey County, Nevada for the ethics investigation into the Sheriff of Storey County are plainly satirical, were made in a public forum, and directly relate to matter of public interest. Attachment 4 to the Declaration of Sam Toll is a May 20, 2017 article published in the Teller entitled, "*Gilman pledges to Pay Antinoro's Ethics Fine*," in which Mr. Toll describes a

fictitious press release and quote from Gilman associate Kris Thompson:

Mr. Thompson's press release continued: "Mr. Gilman wants to silence his critics and prove to the community he has turned over a new leaf. Therefore, he will finally honor campaign promises made over the last six years. Commissioner Gilman will distribute the entire 29,100,000 purchase price of the property Google bought earlier this year to the residents of Storey County. On July 4th, 2017, we will be holding a Independence Day festival at the Mustang Ranch where we will deliver a check for \$7100 to every man, woman and child in Storey County along with a frozen turkey and a brass ring good for one free ride on the Mustang Ranch Merry-Go-Round."

The Article in Attachment 4 also states that "....Corrado de Gasprias [CEO of a mining company operating in Virginia City] announced on Friday the discovery of what he calls 'the worlds largest Gold and Silver deposit, a modern day El Dorado!' under C Street." Beyond the fact that plain ridiculousness of the statements quoted above reveals such statements to be satirical on their face, as described in paragraph 14 of the Declaration of Sam Toll, the article in Attachment 4 was clearly labeled as satire as follows: "For those of you from Rio Linda, this article was reprinted with permission from the Shallot. If you thought this was stranger than fiction, you should adjust your satire-o-meter." The Shalott is a satirical news website based in Australia, similar to The Onion. "From Rio Linda" is a reference to a phrase used by media figure Rush Limbaugh, meaning to put things into terms that those lacking sophistication can understand. As Toll describes in his Declaration, the statements in the article in Attachment 4 were not meant to be taken literally, but rather as comedy/commentary on the ongoing feud between Gilman and the Storey County Sheriff.

The statement of the Defendant that the Plaintiff didn't follow the law when the Mustang Ranch was relicensed after a related brothel was closed and then reopened as the Mustang Ranch are statements have not been made by the Defendant. As described in the Declaration of Sam Toll, Attachment 5 to the Declaration is an article submitted by an anonymous resident of Storey County dubbed "Annie Mouse" published in the Teller entitled, "Long Live King Lance." The article in Attachment 5 states that:

But, in the meantime, because Lance had shut down the Wildhorse and reopened it as the Mustang, he thought he didn't need to go through the investigation that the Nevada Revised Statutes require for the opening of a new brothel. He didn't want to follow the law. The County Commissioners even agreed with him. Why should Lance, the man who's been a virtual Santa Claus (at least he tries to convince people he is) for Storey County, have to follow the law? The statement cited above that, "He didn't want to follow the law" is not propositionally the same as the allegedly defamatory statement cited in Gilman's Complaint: "The Plaintiff didn't follow the law when the Mustang Ranch was relicensed after a related brothel was closed and then reopened as the Mustang Ranch." (See Complaint at 5 line 14) The question of whether Gilman should have to follow the law cited above is not capable of being defamatory as it is a question, not a declarative statement of fact. Defamation is "a publication of a false statement of fact." *Pegasus v. Reno Newspapers, Inc.*, 118 Nev. 706, 714, 57 P.3d 82, 87 (2002). Questions do not have a truth function.

Further, such statements and questions are also good faith communications made in a public forum in furtherance of Annie Mouses' right of free speech direct connection with an issue of public interest. That is, the article in Attachment 5 describes that the feud between Storey County Commissioner Gilman and the Storey County Sheriff began over licensing issues related to the Mustang Ranch, which Gilman runs. Even if such statements could be attributed to Toll, the statements are privileged under Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute.

The statements of the Defendant that the Plaintiff receives special considerations regarding the rules and regulations and a continuing theme of the Defendant's work in the Teller, because, as described at length in the Declaration of Sam Toll, the Defendant believes this to be the truth of the matter - as such, all such statements are good faith communications made in a public forum in furtherance of the Defendant's right of free speech direct connection with an issue of public interest. For example: Attachment 6 to the Declaration of Sam Toll is a December 3, 2017 article authored by Toll entitled, "*Leadership – Sunday Word Of The Day*," states that Gilman receives special consideration regarding rules and regulations regarding a pipeline deal, the receiving of property for free from Storey County, allowing the Mustang Ranch to operate on property that is zoned for agriculture, allowing a multi residential dwelling on agricultural land, and failing to require Gilman to reside in Storey County. Again, as alleged in the Declaration of Mr. Toll, Mr. Toll believes these statements to be the truth of the matter. Further, discussions about whether the rules and regulations are being applied fairly to a government officials such as Gilman are communications in furtherance of Toll's right to speak about that issue, which is plainly in direct connection with an issue of public interest, i.e. whether public officials are being held to the same standards under the law as everyone else.

The statements of the Defendant that the Plaintiff is receiving land from Storey County with zero consideration are also good faith communications made in a public forum in furtherance of the Defendant's right of free speech direct connection with an issue of public concern. Attached to the Declaration of Sam Toll as Attachment 9 is a September 23, 2017 article written by Mr. Toll entitled, "*TRIC Executive Shoves Foot in Mouth – The Storey Teller Helps*" in which Mr. Toll describes a transaction involving TRIC and Storey County where Toll states that the County gave the strip of land to TRIC free of charge. Again, according to the declaration of Sam Toll attached hereto Mr. Toll believes that the
statements made in his article are the truth. Further, the statement at issue is very clearly directly connected to an issue of public interest, i.e. land deals between the County and TRIC, and as such is protected speech in furtherance of Mr. Toll's First Amendment rights.

The statements of the Defendant that the Plaintiff's trip to Washington, D.C. partly paid for by Storey County, was not work related and not a legitimate, reimbursable trip are also good faith communications made in a public forum in furtherance of the Defendant's right of free speech direct connection with an issue of public interest. Attachment 10 to the Declaration of Sam Toll is a April 29, 2017 article authored by Mr. Toll entitled, "Mr. Smith (and Mr. Jones) go to Washington. Storey County taxpayers foot the bill," in which Mr. Toll describes a trip to Washington D.C. paid for by Storey County such that Gilman and other County officials could lobby government officials regarding an issue related to Storey County's zip code. Therein, Toll alleges that the real motivation was for the trip was to attend the inauguration of President Trump and that scheduling a lobbying trip was a pretext such that Storey County would pay for the trip. Whether government officials are abusing the public's trust by using taxpayer money to fund personal vacations is a matter of public interest and concern.

The documents obtained by Mr. Toll in the course of his investigation of the trip described in Attachment 10 and disclosed within the article in Attachment 10 contain expense sheets for the trip with handwritten notes stating, "DC Trip to Trump Inauguration." As described in his Declaration, Mr. Toll believes that the statements he made in Attachment 11 are the truth and the statements at issue are very clearly directly connected to an issue of public interest, i.e. County financed travel for government officials, and as such this speech is protected as it is in furtherance of Mr. Toll's First Amendment rights.

### The Plaintiff cannot show a probability of prevailing on the merits of ii. his claim

Pursuant to NRS 41.660(3)(a), if the Court determines that Toll has met its burden to establish, as he has above, that Gilman's claim is based upon a good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public concern, under NRS 41.660 (3)(b) the burden then shifts to Gilman to demonstrate with evidence a prima facie probability of prevailing on the claim. Pursuant to NRS 41.665(2), when a plaintiff must demonstrate a probability of success of prevailing on a claim pursuant to NRS 41.660.

Based on the very content of the allegations made in the Complaint and the discussion above, Gilman cannot meet this burden. As described above, each and every statement alleged by Gilman in the Complaint to be defamatory directly relates to issues of public interest made on the public forum of the Defendant's blog.

> iii. In so far as the allegations in the Complaint relate to media reporting on judicial proceedings, the fair report privilege applies

Nevada recognizes a special privilege of absolute immunity from defamation for

media reporting on judicial proceedings, dubbed the "fair report privilege." See *Sahara Gaming Corp. v. Culinary Workers Union Local 226*, 115 Nev. 212, (Nev. 1999). The fair report privilege precludes liability even where the defamatory statements are published with knowledge of their falsity and personal ill will toward a plaintiff. *Circus Circus Hotels, Inc. v. Witherspoon*, 657 P .2d 101, 105 (Nev. 1983).

Several of the statements (or category of statements) about which Gilman complaints are very clearly reports on "judicial proceedings," including but not limited to the statements that the Plaintiff committed perjury when he filled out official paperwork pertaining to his residency and that the Plaintiff lied about his residency as these statements relate to the complaint filed by the Defendant against the Plaintiff with the Storey County Sheriff's Office, the Storey County DA's Office, and the Nevada Attorney General. Further, any discussion of whether the Plaintiff followed the law when the Mustang Ranch was relicensed after a related brothel was closed and then reopened as the Mustang Ranch was the subject of the lawsuit described in Exhibit 6, and as such, the fair report privilege applies.

# iv. The Plaintiff cannot show actual malice and Toll believes in good faith that the allegedly defamatory statements are true.

As indicated in the Declaration of Sam Toll attached hereto as Exhibit 8, Mr. Toll believes that the statements he made that Gilman claims are defamatory are the truth.

Even if Gilman were able to show that the complained of statements are objectively

false, the First Amendment prohibits a public official from recovering damages for a defamatory falsehood relating to his official conduct unless he proves that the statement was made with actual malice. Actual malice is defined as, "knowledge that it was false or with reckless disregard of whether it was false or not." *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, 376 U.S. 254, 279–80 (1964). Actual malice must be shown by the Plaintiff with "convincing clarity." *Id.* at 285-286. To establish reckless disregard, a public official must prove that the publisher entertained serious doubts as to the truth of his publication. *St. Amant v. Thompson*, 390 U.S. 727, 731 (1968). In other words, the statements must be made with a high degree of awareness of probably falsity. *Masson v. New Yorker Magazine, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 496, 510 (1991). This basic rule is codified in Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute in NRS 41.637, which states that a good faith communication is one "which is truthful or is made without knowledge of its falsehood."

The issue in this case is not whether the statements that Toll has made about Gilman objectively true facts about Gilman and his acts as Storey County Commissioner. Gilman cannot show the statements made by Toll about which he complains are made with actual malice in addition to being false because Toll believes that the statements are the truth. A statement is not defamatory if it is absolutely true, or substantially true. *Pegasus v. Reno Newspapers, Inc.*, 118 Nev. 706 (Nev.,2002).

### Toll's satirical articles are identified as such and are categorically v. protected under the First Amendment

As discussed above, Gilman's accusation that the Defendant defamed him by stating that the Plaintiff represented to the Defendant that the Plaintiff would reimburse the expenses incurred by Storey County, Nevada for the recall election of the Sheriff of Storey County, held in 2017, and other expenses incurred by Storey County, Nevada for the ethics investigation into the Sheriff of Storey County are plainly satirical, and, as shown in Attachment 4 to the Declaration of Sam Toll and in the Declaration itself, the article in which the complained of statement is made is labeled as satire.

In Hustler Magazine, Inc. v. Falwell, 485 U.S. 46, 54 (1988), the Supreme Court concluded that the First Amendment right to free speech precluded a public figure from recovering damages absent a showing of falsehood and actual malice: "Despite their sometimes caustic nature, from the early cartoon portraying George Washington as an ass down to the present day, graphic depictions and satirical cartoons have played a prominent role in public and political debate." Satire cannot form the basis for a defamation claim because satirical statements cannot reasonably be interpreted as the truth. Milkovich v. Lorain Journal Co., 497 U.S. 1, 26 (U.S.Ohio, 1990). Satire is protected by the First Amendment and cannot be the basis of a defamation claim. Farah v. Esquire Magazine, Inc., 863 F.Supp.2d 29, 39 (D.D.C., 2012).

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### vi. Plaintiff also fails to state a claim for defamation

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"Defamation is a publication of a false statement of **fact**." *Pegasus v. Reno Newspapers*, *Inc.*, 118 Nev. 706, 57 P.3d 82, 87 (2002) (emphasis added). A statement "will receive full constitutional protection" if it "does not contain a provably false factual connotation." *Milkovich v. Lorain Journal Co.*, 497 U.S. 1, 20, 110 S.Ct. 2695, 111 L.Ed.2d 1 (1990). Thus, "loose, figurative, or hyperbolic language" is protected by the First Amendment, as it cannot reasonably be interpreted as stating actual, provable facts about an individual. *Id.*, 497 U.S. at 21–23, 110 S.Ct. 2695. Protecting such speech ensures that "public debate will not suffer for lack of 'imaginative expression' or the 'rhetorical hyperbole' which has traditionally added much to the discourse of our Nation." *Id.* at 20, 110 S.Ct. 2695 (quoting *Hustler Magazine, Inc. v. Falwell*, 485 U.S. 46, 53–55, 108 S.Ct. 876, 99 L.Ed.2d 41 (1988)).

In assessing whether a statement constitutes opinion or fact, "courts look to ... the broader social context of the statement, and evaluate the impact that the statements would have on a reasonable reader." *Levin v. McPbee*, 119 F.3d 189, 197 (2d Cir.1997) (citations omitted). *See also Letter Carriers v. Austin*, 418 U.S. 264, 284–87, 94 S.Ct. 2770, 41 L.Ed.2d 745 (1974) (use of the word "traitor" in a newsletter was constitutionally protected hyperbole, as no reasonable reader could believe the word was used literally in the context of a labor dispute).

In particular, courts "shelter strong, even outrageous political speech," on the ground that "the ordinary reader or listener will, in the context of political debate, assume 1

that vituperation is some form of political opinion neither demonstrably true nor demonstrably false." Sack, Sack on Defamation, at § 4:3:1 [B], 4-43; see also id., at § 4:3:1 [A], 4-31 ("Potentially defamatory statements in the guise of statements of fact uttered during a bitter political debate are particularly likely to be understood as rhetorical opinion."); Planned Parenthood of the Columbia/Willamette, Inc. v. Am. Coal. of Life Activists, 244 F.3d 1007, 1019 (9th Cir.2001) (acknowledging the "well-recognized principle that political statements are inherently prone to exaggeration and hyperbole." (citing Watts v. United States, 394 U.S. 705, 708, 89 S.Ct. 1399, 22 L.Ed.2d 664 (1969))); Koch v. Goldway, 817 F.2d 507, 509 (9th Cir.1987) (noting that where the "circumstances of a statement are those of a heated political debate, [] certain remarks are necessarily understood as ridicule or vituperation, or both, but not as descriptive of factual matters"); accord Gilbrook v. City of Westminster, 177 F.3d 839, 863 (9th Cir.1999) ("In the final analysis, [City Council member's reference to a union leader as a "Jimmy Hoffa"] was the type of rhetorical hyperbole or caustic attack that a reasonable person would expect to hear in a rancorous public debate involving money, unions, and politics. Therefore, the statement could not give rise to a cognizable claim of defamation."); Welch v. Am. Publ'g Co., 3 S.W.3d 724, 730 (Ky.1999) (dismissing defamation suit based on accusation that a mayor "squandered" money, as "generalized rhetoric bandied about in a political campaign is not the language upon which a defamation lawsuit should be based").1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> This summary of defamation law is drawn from the District Court opinion in Adelson v. Harris, 973 F.Supp.2d 467 (S.D.N.Y., 2013), aff'd in part, rev. in part in Adelson v. Harris, 774

The context of Defendant Toll's statements in the Teller about which Gilman complains are similar in context and effect. As the articles make clear, the Teller offers a distinct political view point and urges its readers to use the information and opinion contained therein to make smart political choices come election time. See e.g., Toll Declaration, Attachment 8, Dated November 19, 2017, at 3 of 9: "In Storey County, our Revolution will be fought at the ballot box, June and November 2018, Hasta La Victoria Siempre!;" and Attachment 7, Dated December 3, 2017, at 3 of 9: "If the answer is no, it's up to We The People [to] find us some new faces with fresh eyes. The countdown to the Primary Election is underway. Tick. Tock."

Moreover, the statements themselves are often unprovable or unfalsifiable as matter of fact. For example, Plaintiff alleges that the Defendant states Gilman engaged in "reverse graft." (Complaint at 5 line 6). The term (its use in this context made up by the Defendant) reflects his opinion, and objectively cannot be proven since it is not an otherwise defined term in the sense in which it is used by Toll.<sup>2</sup> Toll's assignment of the term, whatever it might mean to a member of the public, is not categorically different than the characterizations described above and held to be non-actionable. Likewise, Plaintiff's contention that Defendant stated Gilman received "special considerations" from Storey County (Complaint 5 line 16) is so broad as to be incapable of being proven or proved

28 <sup>2</sup> Merriam-Webster defines "reverse graft" as a noun, meaning: "a plant graft in which the scion is inserted in an inverted position usually in order to develop a dwarf plant." at https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/reverse%20graft.

F.3d 803 (2nd. Cir. 2014).

false with specificity and therefore falls into the general and usual rhetorical political discourse held not to be defamatory. Indeed, even Defendant Gilman himself recognizes that in once in politics, one must have thick skin: "I've been called so many things and drug around by the neck -- at my age it doesn't matter." *See* Exhibit 9 a Las Vegas Sun article entitled "*Some call him a hypocrite, but Gilman, other want alternatives on tax plan.*" (March 26, 2015).

In short, in order to meet his burden under Nevada Anti-SLAPP law, Gilman must demonstrate that whatever specific statements he contends to be defamatory must be a statement of fact, not otherwise protected in the rough and tumble, knife-drawn world of Storey County politics.

### e. Conclusion

WHEREFORE, The Defendant respectfully requests that this Court grant this Motion, dismiss this suit, and award the Defendant attorney's fees and costs associated with this Motion as permitted by NRS 41.670.

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### NRS 239B.030(4) AFFIRMATION

I certify that the attached filing includes no social security numbers or other personal

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# Brothel Owner Raises Profile With Election Victory

By MALIA WOLLAN DEC. 3, 2012

SPARKS, Nev. — Sex for sale aside, brothels here tend to be modest businesses: shoddy buildings kept out of sight in rural areas, on the outskirts of town or camouflaged in a thicket of cottonwood trees.

But the inconspicuous was thrust into the spotlight last month with the election of Lance Gilman, owner of the country's first licensed brothel, to a seat on the Storey County Board of Commissioners.

"Nevadans don't care about brothels," said Mr. Gilman, 68, proprietor of the Mustang Ranch. "It's everybody else who gets so excited."

Storey County covers 262 square miles of high desert and sagebrush east of Reno, and Mr. Gilman, an industrial developer originally from San Diego, owns nearly 65 percent of the county.

On that land, Mr. Gilman and his business partner are creating what they bill as the largest industrial park in the world.

Mr. Gilman expects that once the project is complete, some 150,000 people will work in the park, nearly 40 times the county's current population. Already 1,800

trucks arrive each day to Walmart and PetSmart distribution centers here.

And at the edge of all that workaday commerce, just 17 miles from Reno, Mr. Gilman's brothel traffics in after-hours pleasures.

Whether the product is sex, manufacturing or Internet server farms, Mr. Gilman is a free-market kind of guy. "I'm focused on keeping this place pro-business and not regulating our little county to death," he said.

Mr. Gilman is one of a new breed of brothel owners in Nevada, newcomers who made their fortunes in other industries and who are not afraid of publicity. He is believed to be the first brothel owner to be elected to public office in the state, and his run made some in the legal sex industry nervous.

George Flint, a lobbyist for the Nevada Brothel Owners Association, said: "I'm of the old school, I believe the best way to survive in this business is to stay low profile. These new guys come in and assume that with legality comes acceptability, they don't have an understanding of the industry's fragileness."

Still, licensed brothels like the Mustang Ranch enjoy wide support across rural Nevada. More than half those surveyed in a statewide poll in 2011 said they thought prostitution should be legal.

"You can't hold it against a person that they're involved in a profession that's been in existence since before Jesus walked around in his sandals," said Corrie Northan, 46, a bartender at the Bucket of Blood Saloon in Virginia City, the county seat. "This state was formed from gambling, drinking and brothels and there's no shame in that."

During his campaign, Mr. Gilman knocked on the doors of some 1,500 county residents, and he says just two people even mentioned his brothel and only to compliment him.

Prostitution has been a mainstay in Storey County since the discovery of silver ore here in 1859. Men arrived from all over the country, and by 1860 women made up just 5 percent of the city's population.

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"There have been brothels in these towns continuously since they were founded," said **Barbara Brents**, a sociology professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, who studies the state's sex industry. "Brothels are legal now because counties codified what was already here."

Under state law, counties with fewer than 400,000 residents can license brothels, ruling out only Clark County, home to Las Vegas, and Washoe County, which includes Reno. Of the state's 17 counties, 10 or so contain licensed brothels.

Some 23 legal brothels currently operate in Nevada, though the number fluctuates seasonally. Before 2008, these brothels had some 500,000 customers a year, bringing in \$250 million annually. When the recession hit, those revenues fell by half, according to the brothel owners' group.

The Mustang Ranch is among the largest legal brothels in the state. During the pre-recession years, it employed as many as 80 prostitutes, with up to 250 customers a day.

This location is something of a second chance for the Mustang Ranch. In 1971, the ranch became the first licensed brothel in the country under the ownership of Joe Conforte, a flamboyant Sicilian who fled to Brazil in 1990 after the Internal Revenue Service charged him with tax evasion.

The federal government eventually seized the land under the brothel and in 2003 auctioned off the name and buildings on eBay, where Mr. Gilman snapped them up for \$145,100 and, using a helicopter, moved them to a new location.

The expanded accommodations reopened under the management of a madam, Susan Austin, 62, who met Mr. Gilman when he picked her out of a lineup of "working girls" at another brothel.

"Storey County has been kind to us and we've been kind to Storey County," Ms. Austin said. "If you do prostitution correctly, in a clean, regulated and controlled way, it's a benefit to the community."

On a recent afternoon, 34 prostitutes were at the brothel. A group of scantily clad women welcomed customers at the bar, while others wandered around the back

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rooms in pajamas and fluffy slippers.

"I don't have any problem with prostitution," said Marshall McBride, 55, who joined Mr. Gilman as a newly elected member of the three-seat county commission. "In the past, brothels have been an economic driver in this county and now Lance Gilman is the economic driver."

A version of this article appears in print on December 4, 2012, on Page A16 of the New York edition with the headline: Brothel Owner Raises Profile With Election Victory.

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### Exhibit 2

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## Brothel owner helped seal Nevada's Tesla deal

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There are two ways to look at Lance Gilman of Storey County, Nev., the businessman whose Reno-area industrial center is set to house <u>Tesla's massive gigafactory (/story/money/business/2014/09/04/last-nevadan-officials-revel-tesla/15110809/)</u>.

To some, he is a major player when it comes to economic development in Nevada, a state that is still clawing its way out of a recession. To others, Gilman is also seen as a flesh peddler — he's owner of the famous Mustang Ranch brothel, legally operated in Storey County just east of Reno.

#### INSIDE THE DEAL: \$1.25 billion in tax breaks (/story/news/2014/09/04/nevada-strikes-billion-tax-break-

Gilman is the principal and director of the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, billed as the largest industrial park in the world. As Storey County Manager Pat Whitten put it, Gilman is "the lead economic engine for Northern Nevada."

Besides Tesla, he's lured major companies to his park, which has become a cash cow of tiny Storey County. The park is located just outside the county limits of the Reno-Sparks metropolitan area and includes companies such as Kal-Kan, Wal-Mart, Dell Computers and Toys R Us. The industrial park is next to coast-to-coast interstate highway and rail systems, so it sells itself. Yet Gilman closes the deals.

#### BIG NUMBERS: The Tesla gigafactory, the land it will sit on (/story/money/reno-rebirth/2014/07/31/numbers-know-tesla-gigafactory/13424741/)

He is also an integral part of the negotiations to bring Tesla Motors' \$5 billion gigifactory project to the industrial park he represents.

Meanwhile, Gilman got into the brothel business about a decade ago with his Wild Horse Canyon Ranch brothel. He later bought the Mustang Ranch, which was previously owned by the notorious Joe Conforte — who escaped to Brazil to avoid federal prosecution for tax evasion.

When the Mustang re-opened under Gilman's ownership in 2007, Conforte appeared via live video feed at a grand opening celebration to give a few words and pass the mantle off to Gilman.

When Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid told the Nevada Legislature in 2011 it was time to ban legal prostitution in Nevada, he did not mention Gilman by name, but it was apparent who he was speaking about.

After that speech, Gilman said he was the target of the majority leader's concerns over businesses not coming to Nevada because of brothels, but added those concerns were overstated.

"I just read the speech and I am mystified at that quote," Gilman said back in 2011. "It made it appear he is on the attack on Storey County and TRI."

Gilman carries clout for another reason: he's one of three Storey County commissioners, although some residents in the county seat of Virginia City will tell you Gilman doesn't really live in the county.

Last summer, a Storey County jury awarded a \$1.3 million judgment to investor Tom Gonzales, who contended Gilman and the Storey County government conspired to bamboozle him out of his share as as secret partner in the Mustang brothel. After winning the the jury's verdict, Gonzales called for the U.S. Justice Department to investigate Gilman and the Storey County government.

Storey County District Attorney Bill Maddox called that allegation "b.s.," but also acknowledged Gilman's influence.

"In retrospect, we might have been manipulated," he said in an interview earlier this year. "You could certainly conclude that from all that has happened, that the county might have been manipulated. If you want to quote me on that, go ahead. It'll probably get me in trouble with Gilman, but so be it."

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### Exhibit 3

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# Tahoe Reno Industrial Park developer lauds Trump's quest to cut red tape

### By Ray Hagar, Nevada Newsmakers

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Lance Gilman, partner-broker of the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, recently returned from Washington, D.C., excited about President Donald Trump's ability to cut federal regulations instead of writing them.

He said Trump's focus on deregulating was the emphasis as Gilman met with high-ranking members of the administration along with other state, county and municipal leaders from across the nation.

Gilman, also a Storey County commissioner, was impressed that the administration would seek the opinions of "grass-roots" elected officials. He said on "Nevada Newsmakers" that he is confident that deregulation will spur economic development in Northern Nevada.

"They are looking at simplifying, deregulating and (seeking) less paperwork," Gilman said.

Trump has withdrawn more than 800 proposed regulations from the Obama administration, according to multiple news reports.

Gilman called Trump's deregulation agenda "the untold story of the administration," suggesting that Trump's deregulation plan is a bigger victory than Trump placing a new justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I'm sure this is what is driving our stock market," Gilman said. "Folks are aware. It is happening at all levels — financial, development — it's just amazing."

Gilman is optimistic about future federal funding for projects in Northern Nevada. He also sees Trump cutting the length of time to get permits for developments and building projects under of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

"We're going to see some major changes in the amount of paperwork necessary and the timelines they are now committing," Gilman said.

Highway construction was also discussed with federal officials, Gilman said.

"One of the issues we are looking at locally is federal infrastructure — Interstate 80, maybe new highways or infrastructure development," Gilman said.

"The Nevada Department of Transportation gets a lot of compliments from the federal level," he said. "But NDOT's hands are tied when it comes to NEPA permits. That is your national environmental permit. (They must be approved) before you can touch anything of a federal nature, and those permits average nine years to get one."

While I-80 would be a priority for Gilman's Tahoe Reno Industrial Complex (TRI), he also sees many more areas where federal highway dollars could be spent in Northern Nevada.

"(U.S.) 395 is running north and south with heavy traffic, so the information that I received from NDOT is that they would like to see about \$3 billion worth (of projects) over the next 10 years or so implemented here in Northern Nevada. All of that, of course, needs NEPA permits.'

In addition to more east-west connector roads, other infrastructure improvements are needed, Gilman said.

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Gilman said he is less confident that Congress will approve funding. "I don't understand what is happening on Congress, candidly," Gilman said. "I'm very disappointed in that side of our government."

Trump is not getting the credit for what he is trying to accomplish, Gilman said. "I am going to tell you that Trump is like that duck and he is paddling real fast under water," he said.

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### Exhibit 4

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### Tahoe Reno Industrial Center spends \$140K to remove Storey County sheriff

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(Photo: Anjeanette Damon/RGJ)

The Tahoe Reno Industrial Center has spent \$142,054 trying to unseat Storey County Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, who faces several allegations of misconduct and a recall election next week, according to a report from the Nevada Secretary of State.

The recall effort and the allegations that prompted it highlight tensions between the sheriff and Storey County Commissioner Lance Gilman, who also oversees TRIC and owns the Mustang Ranch brothel. The special election is set for Tuesday.

Gilman has repeatedly stated that he was not involved in the recall effort. But he did spend a total \$6,840 on mailers and signs, according to the contributions report filed in late March (https://nvsos.gov/SOSCandidateServices/AnonymousAccess/ViewCCEReport.aspx? syn=KLuABMax2IIYsii62RA%252bXA%253d%253d). As recently as two weeks ago, Gilman told the RGJ his only involvement in the recall was to sign the petition requesting it.

Gilman contributed to the effort twice in the past 23 days - four months after the effort began. He said a recall effort can be expensive.

"Have I put some capital in the deal? Yes, I have," he said Thursday. "I didn't want everybody carrying all the load, so I put some in, that's true."

Gilman said that because he signed the petition to remove Antinoro from office, "it became comfortable for me to sign on with some financial support as well."

Find out more here: <u>Storey County sheriff defends himself against allegations leading to recall (/story/news/politics/2017/03/22/storey-county-sheriff-defends-himself-against-allegations-leading-recall/99235686/)</u>

In a previous interview, Antinoro said he believed Gilman was behind the recall effort as a way for TRIC to gain control of the sheriff's office.

"I've known all along that he was in the mix of it," Antinoro said Thursday. "There were claims he was not, but it wasn't surprising to me."

The recall stems from allegations made in the past three years against Antinoro that include sexual harassment, wrongful terminations, ethical violations and budget problems.



In November, a group of women filed a notice of intent with the Nevada Secretary of State seeking to recall Antinoro. That group is now represented by Kris Thompson, the project manager for TRIC, which is home to high-profile projects like Tesla's Gigafactory.

"Kris Thompson said early on that (TRIC) is the one funding it, and Lance Gilman is a principal of that company," Antinoro said. "The company's contribution is also attributed to Gilman."



Gilman said he was aware of speculations that he was behind the recall effort.

"Other than the fact that I put some money into signs and mailers and things, I'm not involved," he said.

Gilman also publicly recused himself from voting on appointing an interim sheriff if the recall succeeds. The announcement was made at the county commission meeting Tuesday.

"I have no legal obligation to do that whatsoever," Gilman said of recusing himself. "I think in good conscience I want everybody to know that there's no inside kind of deal. The sheriff wants everybody to think that I want him out of office and that I want to replace him with my own guy."

Don Roger Norman, who works on finances and construction for TRIC, also sent a letter to Storey County Manager Pat Whitten announcing TRIC will not endorse or support any candidate for interim sheriff.

"It is crucial in order for us to compete with Texas, Arizona, California and New Mexico that our county department head positions, including the sheriff, be filled by skilled professionals with the highest ethical standards," Norman said in the letter.

"I am hopeful this action on my part will set the stage for the appointment of interim sheriff who is top notch, and beholding to no one but the law, high standards of ethical behavior, and appropriate treatment of his or her employees and members of the public," he said.

Thompson, who works for Norman, said the contribution from TRIC was used to pay people "going door to door" gathering petition signatures.

# Read more here: <u>Recall election for Storey County sheriff follows allegations of misconduct (/story/news/2017/03/13/recall-election-storey-county-sheriff-follows-allegations-misconduct/99150120/)</u>

"We had a team of about 10 people that we brought into this," Thompson said. "It is hard work. You have to make sure they're qualified, that they're registered to vote, that they voted in 2014 and that they're still registered today. Each petition has to be properly notarized and signed."

Thompson also said the signatures and petitioners' addresses have to be exact.

"It takes a lot," he said.

Thompson said he believes companies won't plant roots in the area if TRIC was indeed controlling the local government.

"(TRIC) is doing great. There could be major companies coming in this year. There could be global ears coming in here soon," Thompson said of future companies. "I can't say any more than that. But for us, if people in this county are being pushed around by somebody, intimidated, threatened and living in fear, we're not going to put up with it."

"It seems like a large amount of money for the side of the county, but for us it's important," he said. "We look at these residents like they are our shareholders because in many ways they've had our backs all these years, and we were allowed to prosper. It's a way to help them and give back to them as well."

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Thompson described the speculations on Gilman's involvement in the recall effort as "urban legends." He said he's also aware of the growing fears from residents that county officials could be "on the Lance Gilman payroll."

"And that's just a flat out lie. None of them have any business connections to Lance or (TRIC)," Thompson said. "They're not even friends, and they don't even hang out socially."

He said the real issue is Antinoro's behavior as sheriff.

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Storey County Sheriff Gerald Antinoro sits at his desk in his office in Virginia City on March 21, 2016. Antinoro faces several serious allegations of misconduct that have led to a recall election scheduled in April. (Photo: Marcella Corona/RGJ)

"I know Lance is always in the paper, he's always on TV and he's involved in all these big deals," Thompson said. "If Lance Gilman ran the county, we wouldn't have to have this recall, for Christ's sake."

What it comes down to is whether Storey County residents are happy with the sheriff, he said.

"If we were some backwards county that was the 'good old boys' network, nobody would come here," Thompson said of potential companies interested in the area. "We want a county government that is professional, ethical and that treats people right. That's all we ask for because that's what our buyers here are looking for."

The group behind the recall effort recently filed an ethical complaint against Antinoro. They claimed he violated a campaign finance law by not filing an expense report in his battle against the recall election.



Antinoro said 48 donors contributed an estimated \$20,000. He said he spent just over \$15,000 in fighting the recall effort.

"I have a couple of donors outside the area and friends from out-of-state," Antinoro said. "Probably 98 percent of the donations I received have come from residents of Storey County, either businesses or private individuals."

Officials with the Nevada Secretary of State's office weren't aware of any law that requires an elected official to file a contributions summary when combating a recall effort, according to Wayne Thorley, deputy secretary for elections.

"Whether the sheriff himself has to file one is an open question we're researching at the moment," Thorley said Thursday. "We don't actually do a lot of recall elections."

Storey County recall team files complaint against Sheriff Antinoro over expense report (https://www.scribd.com/document/344321071/Storey-County-recall-team-filescomplaint-against-Sheriff-Antinoro-over-expense-report)

Still, the sheriff has to file a contributions and expenditures report at the end of the year regardless of any recall election. The report must include any contribution over \$100 and other expenditures.

That also includes nonmonetary contributions.

"Once you're an elected official and you're in office you have to file every year," Thorley said.

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### Exhibit 5

### **Exhibit 5**

# Storey County sheriff wins recall election and will remain in office

Marcella Corona, Reno Gazette-Journal Published 8:32 p.m. PT April 11, 2017 | Updated 6:20 a.m. PT April 12, 2017



(Photo: Marcella Corona/RGJ)

Storey County Sheriff Gerald Antinoro won the recall election by 282 votes despite several serious allegations of misconduct, according to the County Clerk's Office.

"I feel good about retaining the position," Antinoro said Tuesday night. "I'm very grateful for the support that I had."

"I'm available to everybody, and I would invite them to reach out to me," he said of anyone with questions or concerns.



A total of 1,484 Storey County residents voted in the recall election. That includes votes from absentee ballots and mailing and early voting.

Antinoro said he didn't know what to expect.

"Politics are a funny fellow," he said. "You can never predict what's going to be outcome. Just look at the presidential election."

The majority of voters - 797 - turned out to vote at the polls on Tuesday, according to Storey County Deputy Clerk and Treasurer Wendy Bacus.

The recall effort that led to the election – the county's first recall election in more than three decades – stemmed from allegations of sexual harassment, wrongful terminations, ethical violations and budget problems.

Read more about the allegations here: <u>Storey County sheriff defends himself against allegations leading to recall</u> (/story/news/politics/2017/03/22/storey-county-sheriff-defends-himself-against-allegations-leading-recall/99235686/)

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The last recall in the county was held in 1984, according to court records.

"It's like a regular election," Bacus said Tuesday. "I think we had a pretty good turnout considering we had an off year."

A group of women initially filed a notice of intent with the Nevada Secretary of State seeking to recall the sheriff in late November. That group was represented by Kris Thompson, project manager for the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center – home to high profile projects such as Tesla's Gigafactory.

Find out who was involved here: <u>Tahoe Reno Industrial Center spends \$140K to remove Storey County sheriff (/story/news/politics/2017/04/07/tahoe-reno-industrial-center-spends-140-k-remove-storey-county-sheriff/304782001/)</u>

TRIC contributed \$142,054 to the recall effort. Of that total, \$6,840 came from Storey County Commissioner Lance Gilman, who also oversees TRIC and owns the Mustang Ranch brothel. Meanwhile, Thompson contributed more than \$7,000.

Bryan Borlicon, 52, said he voted to retain the sheriff because he felt removing him from office wouldn't be beneficial to Virginia City or Storey County.

"Local politics is important, especially in a small town like this," Borlicon said. "I know every vote counts here in Virginia City and Storey County, for sure." **Toll - Appx. - 000066**  Borlicon, who showed up at the polls with his 3-year-old son, said he felt the county was safe thanks to the sheriff.

"It's a safe place to live, and law and order exists here," Borlicon said. "I can't imagine any change will make this a better place."

Borlicon said he was more concerned about the idea of having county officials appoint another interim sheriff. The allegations made against the sheriff didn't affect Borlicon's decision to vote against the recall, mostly because he didn't know who the accusers were, he said.

Antinoro said he plans to keep doing what he thinks is best for the department and the county.

"I'm going to keep ... serving the people of Storey County, and I'm going to keep doing it in a responsible manner," he said.

The recall unearthed several allegations. Antinoro was accused of sexually harassing former Chief Deputy Melanie Keener during four incidents. Those encounters reportedly occurred between July 2015 and January 2016.

The complaint lead to an outside investigation (http://www.antinorodocs.com/sexual-harassment-.html) that found he did harass her twice out of the four reported encounters.

Antinoro is also facing another federal lawsuit for firing a former deputy, Vanessa Adrian.

Adrian claims she was sexually harassed and discriminated against because of her gender by Antinoro and other deputies, according to a complaint. The county responded by denying those allegations. The lawsuit is still in the early stages, and no trial date has been set, according Adrian's attorney, Justin Clouser.

Vanessa Adrian vs Storey County court complaint

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Antinoro was also accused of wrongfully firing two employees – that includes Shawn Mahan, who ran against him in the 2014. Antinoro said in previous interviews that he fired Mahan because of policy violations. He also said he wasn't alone in making that decision.

The terminations led to settlement agreements that cost the county a total of \$144,000. If Antinoro had been removed, the county would have appointed an interim sheriff to serve until the 2018 election.

And that didn't sit well with Borlicon.

"If there is going to be a change, it should be done with an election, not an appointment," Borlicon said.

Rick Draper, 65, said it was his civic duty to vote. Like many others, he declined to comment further on the allegations that prompted the recall effort for fear of retaliation.

"All I can say is that I happen to know some of the people this happened to," Draper said, referring to accusers who claimed the sheriff was acting inappropriately as an elected official.



Posters on the Storey County recall election line Lousetown Road. Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, who faces several allegations of misconduct, won the recall election by 282 votes on April 11, 2017. (Photo: Marcella Corona/RGJ)

Paul Basso, 64, said he was unhappy about the recall efforts that led to the election.

"I think it's kind of B.S.," Basso said. "It sounds like a trumped-up thing. I voted for (the sheriff) two times, and I think he's running the department just fine."

"He may have stepped on somebody's toes," he said. "It can be a real good-old-boys town."

Like Basso, several voters said they felt worried when they learned that TRIC paid a hefty amount for the recall. Most of the expenses came from legal and consulting services.

"If I'm doing something wrong, he's going to give me a ticket," Basso said of the sheriff. "And if Lance Gilman does something wrong, he'll get a ticket, too."

Thomas Filiatreau, 59, also voted in favor of keeping Antinoro.

"He's been the best sheriff we've had since I've lived here – 16 years," Filiatreau said. "He's fair, and as far as I know, he's been honest and forthright. If I do anything wrong, he'll call me out on it."

Filiatreau said he believes a lot of the allegations that prompted the recall are "baloney."

"It's an issue where he's not conforming to what the people in power want him to do," Filiatreau said.

"They have the money, and they built all this propaganda," he said of TRIC. "You piss off the commissioners like Lance Gilman, well you're in a world of hurt. He has a lot of money and women."

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### Exhibit 6

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### Storey brothel-lawsuit trial opens

by Geoff Dornan gdornan@nevadaappeal.com

August 23, 2013

The firm that bankrolled Lance Gilman's Wild Horse Brothel says it was the victim of a scheme designed to cheat it out of more than \$1.6 million. Gilman's lawyers countered Wednesday that it's TG Investments' fault the Wild Horse was shut down, given that the firm failed to get a required license.

TG Investment is suing Gilman and other principals in the brothel operation, saying their deal on the \$2.25 million loan guaranteed them 1 percent of profits through 2043.

"Instead of following through on their obligation, they stabbed (TG investors) in the back," lawyer Mark Wray told a civil jury of eight members and two alternates at the Storey County Courthouse on Wednesday.

Gilman's Cash Asset Management Corp. opened Wild Horse in 2003 using the loan money from TG Investment. The original loan was renegotiated in 2005 and, Wray said, company officials were again assured there was no need for them to be licensed by Storey County because they didn't own a share of the brothel and the company wasn't an operator.

But later in 2003, Gilman acquired Mustang Ranch Brothel and opened it for business across the parking lot from Wild Horse along Interstate 80, some 20 miles east of Reno-Sparks.

Wray said they continued to get their payments until 2009, when Gilman's lawyer, Mark Gunderson, sent a letter saying there were "very serious concerns" about not disclosing the loan to the Storey licensing board. Wild Horse operators stopped making their quarterly payments to TG Investments, and the company sued in June.

Wray said Gilman moved late in 2009 to get the Storey County brothel ordinance changed to require that all people with any financial interest in a brothel be licensed.

He said Gilman used his "connections and influence" to get that done and told county officials that TGI had an undisclosed financial interest in his brothel. That prompted a sheriff's investigation that resulted in a recommendation in 2011 from District Attorney Bill Maddox that the brothel's license be revoked.
Gilman, he said, filed to expand Mustang Ranch to include Wild Horse in November 2011. The brothel board revoked Wild Horse's license a week later and, a month after that, approved expanding Mustang to include both buildings.

With Wild Horse no longer in existence, Wray said, "TG Investments now gets 1 percent of nothing."

Wray presented figures showing that Wild Horse grossed between \$4.7 million and \$5.9 million a year from 2005 through 2010. He said that when 1 percent of that cash that TG Investment is owed, along with the calculated value of what would be owed through 2043, are added together along with penalties and interest, the company has been cheated out of more than \$1.62 million.

Gunderson said that completely misstates what happened.

"This case is not about all these bad acts that have been spun into this story," he said.

He said the county ordinance required the company to apply for a license, but it didn't do that.

"The brothel was closed down because of TG Investments' failure to do what the law requires," Gunderson said.

Gunderson said county officials were unaware of TG Investments' interest in the operation until the lawsuit was filed in June 2009, including the promissory note, loan agreement and payment provisions in the court files.

"The filing of that makes that lawsuit public for anybody to come and take a look at," Gunderson said, adding that all county officials had to do was walk across the hall and look at the file.

It was after that discovery, he said, that county officials decided to change the ordinance and require everyone with a financial interest in a brothel to be licensed. And he said that plan was noticed and hearings were held, and that TG Investments was completely notified of all the proceedings before the vote in December.

"TGI was given notice, it was fully aware and it is admitted they did nothing," he said. "They sat on their hands. Had TGI made application for a license like it should, we would likely not be here."

He also said Gilman lost more than \$1 million because of Wild Horse's closure.

The trial before Carson District Judge James Wilson is expected to continue for more than a week.

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# **'Mustang Ranch: Labor Of Love' Coming To HDNet**

"Mustang Ranch: Labor of Love," a new reality show about a legal brothel, is coming to HDNet.

The new series about the first and oldest legal brothel in America debuts Thurs., May 10.

"We are beyond excited to open the doors of the Mustang Ranch to HDNet viewers across the country," Lance Gilman, Mustang Ranch owner, said in a statement. "There's a very compelling 'Wild West in 2012' story that we're eager to share, and it's so much more than most people might be expecting."

The show will follow Gilman and Madam Susan Austin who built and run the Mustang Ranch Resort. The half-hour episodes will also feature other various staffers, the working ladies and regular clients. Mustang Ranch Resort became the first legal brothel in 1971.

This isn't the first brothel reality show. HBO has followed the adventures of Dennis Hof and the ladies of the Moonlite BunnyRanch since 2005. Helen Mirren's 2010 film "Love Ranch" was loosely based on events that took place at Mustang Ranch.

In a press release, "Mustang Ranch: Labor of Love" is described as a "profound love story between Lance and Susan, and their unflinching commitment to providing a safe, sensual and emotionally supportive environment for the people they employ, and the public who understand and appreciate the world's oldest profession."

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- 5. I bought the storeyteller.online domain on February 14th 2017 and made the first post on the website on February 18th;
- 6. When I started the Teller I hoped to provide an online alternative to the Comstock Chronicle, which is a competing local news source;
- 7. The initial focus of the Teller was to provide a local news source where people in Storey County could obtain the facts surrounding information contained in pieces criticising the Storey County Sheriff Gerald Antinoro published by the proponents of the effort to recall the Sheriff that was ongoing at that time;
- Although I had some suspicions, when I started the Teller I did not know that Lance Gilman, who is a Storey County Commissioner, was deeply involved in the recall effort;
- The recall vote was held on April 11, 2017, and was unsuccessful. After the recall vote I became aware of facts that show that Lance Gilman was a major supporter of the recall effort;
- 10. After the recall effort of the Sheriff was unsuccessful I was encouraged to continue the Teller by the strong support of the community;
- 11. I am aware that Lance Gilman has claimed in this lawsuit that I have made false and defamatory statements about him in the Teller;
- 12. I do not know which articles or statements in the Teller about which Gilman complains specifically, but I suspect that it includes the articles attached hereto as Attachments 1-11, all of which are true and correct copies of articles published in the Teller relevant to Gilman's claims;
- 13. I authored all of the articles in Attachments 1-10 with the exception of the article in Attachment 5 titled, "Long Live King Lance," by "Annie Mouse," which is the pseudonym I use for anonymous submissions to the Teller;
- 14. The article in Attachment 4 is clearly labeled as satire as follows: "For those of you from Rio Linda, this article was reprinted with permission from the Shallot. If you thought this was stranger than fiction, you should adjust your satire-o-meter." "The Shalott" is a satirical news website based in Australia, similar to The Onion. "From Rio Linda" is a reference to a phrase used by media figure Rush Limbaugh, meaning to put things into terms that those lacking sophistication can understand. The

statements in the article in Attachment 4 were not meant to be taken literally, but rather as comedy/commentary on the ongoing feud between Gilman and the Sheriff;

- 15. With the exception of the satire piece in Attachment 4 and the anonymous submission in Attachment 5, I believe that the statements of fact that I have made about Gilman in Attachments 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. are the truth and I made these statements because I believe that the public should have full information about what government officials, including Mr. Gilman, are doing. Each of the articles I authored are related to subjects of political concern relevant to voters and taxpayers in Storey County.
- 16. On September 28, 2017, I filed a complaint to the Storey County District Attorney ("DA") (cc'ed to Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt) regarding Lance Gilman's residence and was advised by the DA that since I was making an accusation of a criminal offense, that I needed to file a complaint with the Storey County Sheriff's Office. Attached hereto as Attachment 11 is a true and correct copy of the complaint I filed with the DA.
- 17. On October 17, 2017, I then filed a complaint regarding Lance Gilman's residence with Storey County Sheriff's Office, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 12.
- 18. I conduct research for the pieces I write in the Teller by gathering information from a variety of sources. This includes using the internet to access places like the Storey County Website, Las Vegas Sun, RGJ, the Nevada Revised Statutes, Nevada Appeal, Transparent Nevada and others. I attend and actively participate in the Storey County Commissioner meetings regularly as well as the Storey County Planning Department and the Virginia City Tourism Commission meetings. I was selected as a public witness during the effort to recall the Sheriff. I attend many many other public gatherings that generate public interest stories. I filed over 50 public records requests in 2017 and set up a database on January 1, 2018 to manage them. As of January 18th, 2018, I have filed 9 public records requests in that database. I have a working relationship with almost every elected official in Storey County and receive anonymous tips from employees of the County and other residents. I also conduct interviews with folks in the field with my "podcast in a backpack" equipment.
- 19. While Gilman is a frequent topic of my writing in the Teller, this is the case because of his stature in the County and his frequent participation in newsworthy events. I often write about other topics and other public figures in Storey County.
- 20. I have no personal malice against Lance Gilman, and I admire his accomplishments as a businessman and his contributions to the economic vitality of Northern Nevada and Storey County, and I have expressed this to Gilman at public meetings of the Storey County Commission. But, I believe that Gilman's conduct as a government official combined with his business interests in the County creates a massive conflict of interest to the detriment of the public good. The articles I have written in the Teller are highly and bombastically critical of Gilman because I believe the facts show

that Gilman uses his position as Storey County Commissioner to enrich himself and his associates, and that Gilman does not even live in Storey County.

21. If I were to give testimony in open court, it would be substantively the same as that set forth herein above.

Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 2/1/18 By:

Sam Toll



## Attachment 1

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## Storey County Taxpayer's Investment in TRIC Tops \$100 Million Dollars With Latest Pipeline Deal

LEDITOR (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE/AUTHOR/SAMTOLL/)

The August 1st Commissioners Meeting agenda included a proposal for Storey County Taxpayers to borrow \$35 Million Dollars to purchase 19 miles of pipeline for the TRIC General Improvement District to transfer effluent purchased from Washoe County. TRIC will upgrade their existing plant on their own dime and Storey Count and Nevada State Taxpayers will build the pipeline from Sparks to the TRIC. TRIC will then sell the liquid gold to water hungry clients like Google and Switch to cool server farms that they currently run (Switch) or will build (Google).

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This pipeline "deal" once again confirms to anyone paying attention that Commissioner Lance Gilman does not serve at the pleasure of Storey County Residents Voters. Rather, we and our pocketbooks serve at the pleasure and plunder of Lance Gilman, Don Norman and the band of merry TRICsters.

This pipeline "deal" proposes the use of taxes that would otherwise be spent to benefit all of Storey Count instead of being diverted to directly benefit Commissioner Gilman's enterprise.

Nicole Barde has been the Lone Ranger in her reporting of County Commissioner Meetings since she started in 2015. In her breakdown of the August 1st meeting (**which I encourage you to read here** (http://www.bardeblog.com/so-whats-going-on/212-summary-of-the-august-1-2017-storey-county-commission-meeting)), she delivers a lengthy in-depth and dead on point dissection of the latest effort of Brothel Owner, TRIC Executive and self serving crony County Commissioner Lance Gilman to once again have Storey County Taxpayers forfeit \$35 Million Dollars of future tax revenue from a "special tax area" so he and Don Norman can make even more money.

In the real world projects like this pipeline "deal" would normally be borne by the developer as part of the improvement of their development. But here in the surreal world we call Storey County, **the chumps** errr... Storey County Taxpayers gleefully divert tax revenue directly into the band of merry TRICsters pockets.

Ms. Barde accurately called this Corporate Welfare, I call it reverse graft. In the alternate reality call that exists in the Courthouse, it's a "public-private partnership-investment-thingy".

### If nothing else, you have to admire the ginormity of the brass balls these hucksters clang around in broad daylight.

I read Ms. Barde's piece and was almost finished with my assessment of the deal when I read TRIC employee, and Lance Gliman roommate Kris Thompson\* defend the proposed swindle and personally attack Ms. Barde's piece labeling her as "progressive, anti-business and liberal". I will break down his post in a separate piece **but you can read it for yourself here** (https://vch.groups.io/g/main/topic /responding\_to\_ms\_barde\_s/5741061?p=,,,20,0,0,0::recentpostdate%2Fsticky,,,20,2,0,5741061). In his defense of TRIC, he uses his Houdini like attention deflection skills to cleverly avoid the facts that Ms. Barde revealed. All while attacking her by painting her as a bleeding heart, knee-jerk, commie pinko, sjw libtard.

While I can't speak for Ms. Barde, I want to make one thing perfectly clear before I deliver my assessment of this hustle.

## I am not a Progressive Liberal. Not. Even. Close.

I like to tell folks I am a Reformed Liberal, but technically I am Classical Liberal (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classical\_liberalism). A Libertarian.

I read works by F. A. Hayek (http://product.half.ebay.com/\_W0QQprZ52642953), Bastiat (http://bastiat.org/en/petition.html), von Mises (https://www.mises.org/), Albert Nock (https://www.mises.org/library/our-enemy-state-2), Lysander Spooner (http://www.lysanderspooner.org/), Hans Hoppe (http://www.hanshoppe.com/), Jeffrey Tucker (https://liberty.me/members/jeffreytucker/) and Tom Woods (http://tomwoods.com/).

I listen to daily podcasts from Tom Woods (http://www.stitcher.com/podcast/tom-woods-show/the-tom-woods-show), Jason Stapleton (http://www.stitcher.com/podcast/trade-empowered/the-live-show-with-jason-stapleton) and the Liberty.Me Network (http://www.stitcher.com/podcast/libertyme).

I encourage you put a shotgun to your TV and Radio and join me in the real world of ideas.

One of the most rewarding things I have done in the last 30 years is being able to represent the Libertarian Party at High Schools in Placer County including the school where three of my children graduated; Del Oro High School. Placer County's Office of Education registers seniors to vote with their Rock the Vote program where they invite all registered political parties to introduce their party to freshly minted voters.

In my 5 minute Libertarian Party Platform overview, I include the following passage:

"When I moved here in 1983, I got a job at an Apple Dealership. This was before the Apple Store that you are all used to. A local businessman opened a dealership and sold Apple Computers to hobbyists. I met Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak four days before the Macintosh Computer was released in 1984. I bought my Macintosh 128k Computer from Jobs and brought it back to Rocklin and proceeded to sell the pants of it.

In 1986 I quit selling computers and founded The Electric Page in downtown Sacramento. Within 5 years I had 50+ employees, owned an 8,000 square foot building and had a 5 million a year run rate.

And I did it without any help from the government."

## Small Government Free Market Capitalist Entrepreneur. Not. A. Liberal.

#### Back to the Pipeline Hustle

When this deal is approved by Marshall McBride and Jack McGuffey, TRIC will have accomplished another spectacular job of bamboozling Storey County officials. It will mean that Storey County and Nevada Taxpayers have **dumped \$100 million dollars of what can only be described as "reverse graft" directly into the pockets of the band of merry TRICsters.** 

The details of this deal legally encumber 2.1 million dollars of "future tax revenue" to pay for the

pipeline that is the legal property of the TRIC GID.

When I was at the podium expressing my "activist"\*\* opinions on this matter, Storey County Manager Pat Whitten told me that they are trying to use tax revenue provided by SB1, Tesla-like business stimulation legislation passed by the Nevada Legislature (http://mvprogress.com/2016/01/06/legislatorssum-up-recent-special-session/) designed to lure now defunct Tesla wannabe Faraday Futures (https://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/11/automobiles/faraday-future-north-las-vegas-jia-yueting.html). Mr. Whitten suggested the State of Nevada would pay half of the \$ 2.1 Million dollars with money in the Faraday Futures pool leaving the balance coming from "future tax tax revenues from new business". Mr. Whitten said on record this revenue would not be available if they didn't try to capture the money.

Being the eternal skeptic, I am in the process of confirming this claim by contacting the State of Nevada. So far I have had no luck getting confirmation, but I am only two rounds of voicemail into the process. I will report my findings in a followup article.

Jeremy Aguero of Las Vegas consulting firm Applied Analysis (http://appliedanalysis.com/) said in his presentation the projections beyond three years are conjecture. I suggest they lie somewhere between Wild Speculation pure Fantasy.

Take a Look:





Summarizes the Current Status of the Application and Preliminary Submittal Provided Page 21

|         | Year Ending June 30 | Initial Balance | Principal   | Interest    | Total Payment | Ending Balance | TIA Revenue  | Coverage Ratio |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|         | Year 2018           | \$28,555,000    | \$0         | \$0         | \$0           | \$28,555,000   | \$3,274,916  | NA             |
|         | Year 2019           | \$28,555,000    | \$0         | \$1,362,063 | \$1,362,063   | \$28,555,000   | \$4,118,480  | 3.02           |
|         | Year 2020           | \$28,555,000    | \$0         | \$1,362,063 | \$1,362,063   | \$28,555,000   | \$4,979,939  | 3.66           |
|         | Year 2021           | \$28,555,000    | \$740,000   | \$1,362,063 | \$2,102,063   | \$27,815,000   | \$6,751,089  | 3.21)          |
|         | Year 2022           | \$27,815,000    | \$765,000   | \$1,339,863 | \$2,104,863   | \$27,050,000   | \$17.026.751 | 8.09           |
|         | Year 2023           | \$27,050,000    | \$790,000   | \$1,315,000 | \$2,105,000   | \$26,260,000   | \$19,682,493 | 9,35           |
| Fantasy | Year 2024           | \$26,260,000    | \$815,000   | \$1,287,350 | \$2 102,350   | \$25,445,000   | \$21,513,246 | 10.23          |
|         | Year 2025           | \$25,445,000    | \$850,000   | \$1,254,750 | \$2 104,750   | \$24,595,000   | \$38,112,055 | 18.11          |
|         | Year 2026           | \$24,595,000    | \$880,000   | \$1,220,750 | \$2,100,750   | \$23,715,000   | \$39,822,766 | 18.96          |
|         | Year 2027           | \$23,715,000    | \$920,000   | \$1,181,150 | \$2,101,150   | \$22,795,000   | \$41,527,015 | 19.76          |
|         | Year 2028           | \$22,795,000    | \$965,000   | \$1 139,750 | \$2,104,750   | \$21,830,000   | \$43,220,037 | 20.53          |
|         | Year 2029           | \$21,830,000    | \$1,010,000 | \$1,091,500 | \$2,101,500   | \$20,820,000   | \$44,935,768 | 21.38          |
|         | Year 2030           | \$20,820,000    | \$1,060,000 | \$1,041,000 | \$2,101,000   | \$19,760,000   | \$46,647,488 | 22 20          |
|         | Year 2031           | \$19,760,000    | \$1,115,000 | \$988,000   | \$2,103,000   | \$18,645,000   | \$48,361,950 | 23.00          |
|         | Vear 2032           | \$18,645,000    | \$1,170,000 | \$932,250   | \$2,102,250   | \$17,475,000   | \$56,659,311 | 26.95          |
|         | Year 2033           | \$17,475,000    | \$1,230,000 | \$873,750   | \$2,103,750   | \$16,245,000   | \$68,390,281 | 32.51          |
|         | Year 2034           | \$16,245,000    | \$1,290,000 | \$812,250   | \$2,102,250   | \$14,955,000   | \$70,707,954 | 33.63          |
|         | Year 2035           | \$14,955,000    | \$1,355,000 | \$747,750   | \$2,102,750   | \$13,600,000   | \$76,749,267 | 36.50          |
|         | Year 2036           | \$13,600,000    | \$1,425,000 | \$680,000   | \$2,105,000   | \$12,175,000   | \$71,024,204 | 33.74          |
|         | Year 2037           | \$12,175,000    | \$1,495,000 | \$608,750   | \$2,103,750   | \$10,680,000   | \$78,385,946 | 37.26          |
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|         | Year 2039           | \$9,110,000     | \$1,650,000 | \$455,500   | \$2,105,500   | \$7,460,000    | \$72,197,367 | 34,29          |
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|         | Year 2043           | \$2,005,000     | \$2,005,000 | \$100,250   | \$2,105,250   | 50             | \$78,337,933 | 37.21          |

### **Bond Repayment Schedule**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING PROPOSAL Tahoe Reno Industrial Center Effluent Water Pipeline

I call these projections speculative fantasy mindful that we are one Orange Tweet or North Korean Missile into Seoul away from a major deviation from the ice cream and lollypops shown in the charts above. The debt, however dwells firmly in the real world. If the tax revenues fall short, the taxpayers of Storey County are obligated to pay the loan. That is why they need Storey County Commission Approval.

The last point I want to make on this is to remind sober minded residents of Storey County that encumbering us with this debt takes the cream off the top of the annual flood of mythical revenue from the Oceans of Cash floating in the Sea of TRIC. The first Million Dollars goes to buy the TRICsters a pipeline to transport the liquid gold they will make a killing on.

- Shaun Griffin of the Community Chest could use a million dollars to pay for the Community Center instead of begging for nickles.
- Stacey Gilbert could use a million dollars to build a new Senior Center.
- With a million dollars we could build a new pool.
- A Million Dollars to use to benefit the Storey County Residents anywhere.

#### But no.

Commissioner Lance Gilman wants that money to pay for infrastructure to benefit his band of merry TRICsters.

## Final thoughts on Reverse Graft and Creative Math and the pipeline deal.

In her piece, Ms. Barde places the debt we already owe for the TRIC boondoggle at \$67 Million once this pipeline "deal" is rubber stamped and rammed up our checkbook. Yet my headline puts the number at breaking the \$100 Million Dollar mark. How do I get \$100 million out of \$67 Million?

I include the \$42 Million dollars the TRICsters pocketed when they sold USA Parkway to the State of Nevada. Yes, Pat Whitten and the County Commissioners gave Lance and the TRICsters our little stretch of the roadway, got a maxed out \$45 Million "Interest Free" credit card and the TRICsters sold the road to NDOT for \$42 million (https://lasvegassun.com/news/2015/mar/26/some-call-him-hypocrite-gilmanothers-want-alterna/).

Mad Props on world class negotiating skills "Team Storey"!

An elected official is supposed to selflessly serve the interests of all their constituents to the best of their ability, not the other way around.

This pipeline "deal" is the latest effort to benefit TRIC at the expense of every person in Storey County and should make everyone stand up and voice outrage.

If our current County Leadership fail to recognize this for what it is and approve it, it's time to demand a change of those leaders.

Marshall McBride is our only hope to shoot this hustle down. If you think Lance should finance his own projects, call or email Marshall and let him know.

Marshall McBride - County Commissioner

- mmcbride@storeycounty.org
- 775-847-0968

Please call him and tell him the Teller sent you

\* According to public records, Commissioner Gilman and Planning Department Board Member Kris Thompson are bunkmates in a double wide trailer near the swimming pool at the brothel Commissioner Gilman owns. Right.

\*\* Kris Thompson called Sam Toll and Nicole Barde anti-business activists during public comment on August 1st, 2017.

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## Update on Mustang Ranch Zoning Complaint



LEDITOR (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE/AUTHOR/SAMTOLL/)

We recently shared our frustrations with Storey County Administration in what we considered to be stonewalling our request for information about the zoning of Mustang Ranch (which you can read here (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/16/teller-files-criminal-complaint-storey-county-da-sheriff/)). Additionally, we question the residency status of two public officials; County Commissioner Lance Gilman and Planning Commissioner Kris Thompson.

Our investigation seeks information and answers to issues posed below:

#### The actual residence of Mr. Gilman and Mr. Thompson

• In documents provided to County Clerk Vanessa Stephens, Gilman and Thompson list 5 Wild

Horse Canyon and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive as their legal residences.

- According to Assessor Jana Seddon, these addresses are associated with two sides of a doublewide trailer on blocks behind the swimming pool of The Mustang Ranch Brothel.
- According to Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gilman, they are bunkmates in the doublewide
- If Mr. Thompson indeed lives in the doublewide, according to Storey County Ordinance, he needs a work card. Our sniffing around suggests such a work card does not exist. As Brothel owner, if Mr. Gilman actually lives on site, he doesn't need a work card.
- According to common sense combined with functioning neural synapses, one of the wealthiest men in Northern Nevada doesn't put head to pillow within earshot of the transactional action going down near his alleged, less than 1000 square foot half doublewide.
- According to everyone and their mothers, Mr. Gilman lives in Reno
- If these moms are to be believed, Mr. Gilman can't legally hold office as Storey County Commissioner.

#### The Zoning of Mustang Ranch

- If the Ranch is zoned residential, then it is legal to claim it as their legal residence.
- If the Ranch is zoned anything other than residential, it is illegal to claim it as a legal residence.
- If the Ranch is zoned anything other than residential, people may be able to "sleep" with each other for 20-30 minutes, but not overnight.
- If the zoning ordinances are ignored by impotent people, why should the rest of us pay any attention to them?

#### The Criminal Complaint of Cheating and Lying

- If Gilman and Thompson live there, they are in violation of county ordinance and subject to misdemeanor criminal conduct (cheating).
- If Gilman and Thompson don't live there, they are guilty of perjury when they filled out proof of residency forms (lying)
- If Gilman and Thompson exist in a parallel universe of Storey County immune from the trivial annoyances of law, code and ordinance compliance, why can't the rest of us teleport to that universe so we can chill with them and ignore the rules too?

#### Stonewalling and Restricting the Free Flow of Public Information

Earlier this month I sent Assistant County Manager, Human Resources Manager, Planning Director, Master Plan Point Man and Man of Mystery Austin Osborne an email asking why it has taken him six months past the five days required by Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) to respond to my innocuous question, "What is the zoning for 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive?"

He referred me to the email response made within the five-day time frame prescribed by NRS telling me he and Kathy Canfield were looking into the matter. I reminded him that telling me he was busy and that he would get back to me may technically satisfy NRS, **but it didn't actually answer the question.** 

I advised him that I was still waiting for an official reply.

I shared that in May I wandered into the Community Development Department and walked out with a printout saying Mustang Ranch was zoned industrial.

I sent him, DA Langer and Battle Born Consuting LLC principal Gary Hames the email below which finally produced an (amazing) answer to my super simple question "What is the zoning on the Mustang Ranch?".

Austin Osborne a El StoreyTeller November 9, 2017 at 7:10 AM **RE: County Code Violation** Details To: Editor, Cc: Gary Hames, Gary Hames, scda, Gerald Antinoro & 3 more Sam, I responded to all of your document requests per NRS. I will gladly respond to any questions or concerns of the DA's or AG's office upon their request. The subject property is zoned Agriculture. The matter is being addressed otherwise. Thank you and have a good day. Austin From: Editor [mailto:editor@thestoreyteller.online] Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 5:33 PM To: Austin Osborne Cc: Gary Hames; Gary Hames; scda; Gerald Antinoro Subject: County Code Violation Ms. Langer, Mr. Osborne & Mr. Hames, As you may know, The Storey Teller filed a complaint with the Storey County DA and the Nevada State AG and the Sheriff's Office regarding a public record request regarding the zoning of the Mustang Ranch and 5, 5B and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive. You can read about the complaint here. Even though the public records request regarding the zoning status of the Mustang Ranch Property, which NRS requires an answer to within 5 days remains open six months after it was filed, I learned the Mustang Property is not zoned residential after a 3 minute visit to Community Developement several months ago. Both Lance Gilman and Kris Thompson claim 5, 5B and 56 Wild Horse Canyon as their legal residence when filing paperwork with the County Clerk to hold elected and appointed office. Yet the entire Mustang Ranch parcel is not zoned for residential occupancy. It is not legal for anyone to live there. Since this is a Storey County Code violation and the proof of residency to hold public office claims the Wild Horse Canyon addresses, what action will be taken now that your departments have been officially advised of the violation? What are the enforcement procedures? Fines? Red Tags? Jail Time? Wrist Slaps? Please advise what action the County is taking to address this violation.

My readers have asked me why the county has not taken action on this matter.

As you know, the law applies to everyone equally, including those in power.

Is there special consideration being made because this involves our County Commissioner and his employee and a county planning commissioner?

Mr. Kris Thompson told the community that there is an effort underway to rezone a portion of the Mustang to " clean this up ". Is this true?

Respectfully,



Eight Months Later we learn how the Mustang Ranch is zoned.

This is the only response to the above email full of questions posed in part by conversations with you, gentle reader.

Storey County District Attorney and Nevada Attorney General, the enforcement arms of criminal charges, are church mouse quiet.

Battle Born Consulting's Gary Hames, Chief Enforcement Officer of Storey County code violations (but not an actual Storey County employee), drools asleep at the wheel.

Mr. Osborne includes two incredible, mind-blowing six-word sentences scribbled into his grudged email:

- 1. The subject property is zoned Agriculture.
- 2. The matter is being addressed otherwise.

### Whisky. Tango. Foxtrot.

#### The Mustang Ranch is zoned "Agriculture". What does that even mean?

Astonished, I called two other jurisdictions who license brothels; Lyon and Nye Counties. The Community Development Office in Lyon County (operated by actual county employees and not empty suited, unqualified crony "consultants") advised me that the 4 licensed brothels operate under a strict and carefully constructed county zoning ordinance; Ordinance X. Additionally these brothels function under an equally strict Special Use Permit (SUP) that is regularly reviewed and is reviewed regularly.

Nye County regulates brothels under similar sober-minded and careful attention. They take their jobs seriously and construct an ordinance that serves the constituents of the county carefully.

What these two counties don't have is the owner of any of these brothels seated as County Commissioner.

## But not here in Storey County. No Sir. We zone our brothels "Agriculture"

If this doesn't plop the reality that the self-serving self-interests of the Owner of the Mustang Ranch and County Commissioner Lance Gilman trump the interests of the residents and taxpayers of Storey County smack dab into the broadest of dazzling daylight, what does?

Keep walking, people. There's nothing to see here...

## The Next Sentence Is Just As Bizzare; "The matter is being addressed otherwise."

What in God's Green Earth does this mean? Austin "The Master of Opacity" Osborne could not be less clear.

Sounds like they plan on "fixing" the matter in some happy quiet little way under the cloak of invisibility.

- Are they going to rezone the property?
- Are they going to give the County Commissioner and his boy wonder an exclusion?
- Are they going to approve a friendly little SUP?
- Are they going to look the other way?
- Will everyone else get to have their trivial infractions fixed with expensive county employee labor?
- Are they going to stand on their heads while consulting the Magic 8-Ball?
- All of the above?

Nothing would surprise me.

### The Double Standard is Alive and Well For County Commissioner Gilman and Planning Commissioner Thompson

People tell me that Storey County maintains two standards separating the people who think they own this county from the ones who actually do.

People also tell me this fact doesn't sit well with them.

It doesn't sit well with me.

It shouldn't sit well with you, either.

As the countdown to the next election cycle ticks off, it's stuff like this that makes us take inventory of our leadership.

I suggest you ask the simple question; Are our leaders conducting Storey County Business with your and my interest or self-interest at heart?

Next November I guess we'll know our answer.

Stay Tuned.

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## Teller Files Criminal Complaint with Storey DA, Sheriff



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On March 28th, 2017, The Storey Teller filed a public record request with Assistant County Manager, Planning Director and all around busy guy Austin Osborne. In this request we asked for the zoning of the Mustang Ranch Compound, specifically to see if any section of the property was zoned residential. This residential zoning inquiry was the result of previous requests filed with County Clerk Vanessa Stephens and County Assessor Jana Seddon.

We asked Clerk Stephens for the proof of legal residences claimed by Leonard Lance Gilman and Kris Thompson required by Nevada State Law for anyone running for office or holding an appointed office. The request from County Clerk Stephens was fulfilled in one business day. It revealed that Leonard Lance Gilman resides at 5B Wild Horse Canyon Drive and Kris Thompson resides at 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive.

Since the United States Post Office does not show 5B or 56 Wild Horse Canyon as addresses in their system (they will return any correspondence sent there as "Address Unknown") we asked Assessor Jana Seddon where these addresses physically were. Her response, delivered in two business days, was remarkable; Lance and Kris reside in a dual wide mobile home located behind the swimming pool at the Mustang Ranch.

Let me say that again.

Lance Gilman, one of the wealthiest men in Northern Nevada, lives in a mobile home behind the swimming pool with his employee and roommate Kris Thompson. At a the brothel.

While many Storey County Resident were born at night, none of us reading this were born last night. Suggesting this is a fact stretches credulity around the planet. Twice.



Must be exciting living in an actual cathouse; think of all the interesting people you meet!

After I learned where County Commissioner Gilman and Planning Commissioner Thompson claim to live, I then sent my public record request to Mr Osborne. As stated above, this request was to determine the zoning of the Mustang Ranch and was filed on March 28. After several back and forth JOHN L. MARSHALL SBN 6733 570 Marsh Avenue Reno, Nevada 89509 Telephone: (775) 303-4882 johnladuemarshall@gmail.com

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