

Mike (Thu, 25 Jun 2020 at 10:46 AM)

to: "PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Hi Tabitha Townsend,

Where was this photo taken? The photo was taken at the Canyon Lakes Golf Course - 3700 W Canyon Lakes Dr, Kennewick, WA 99337 This was a Realtor® Event in 2016

When was the photo taken? Approximately June of 2016

Who paid for the photo to be taken? I am part of the Tri-Cities Association of Realtors and it was paid in whole by the association and is paid by use as members by our monthly and annual membership dues to the association.

How and when did you obtain the photo for your use? I was provided the photo by the association, with a release by the photographer to own it and use as I wanted. I obtained the photo approximately in June of 2016

Special Notes:

I received this pin I believe in fall of 2015 at a Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce membership lunch meeting. I was sitting at an open table and saw a person wearing one. I told the person with it on that it was a pretty cool pin and that my wife and I had live in Richland for over 20 years and love living here. We talked about Richland and I told him I collect lapel pins. He insisted on giving it to me and that is how I got it. I did not know the person at all. It was just a nice gesture.

In 2016 I was not on City Council, had not run for City Council. I was not on City Council until 2018 and did not receive the pin in question by the city.

It is not a City Council Pin and not part of our attire. I was never told it was and there are hundreds of Richland residents who have them. All it says is Richland Washington.

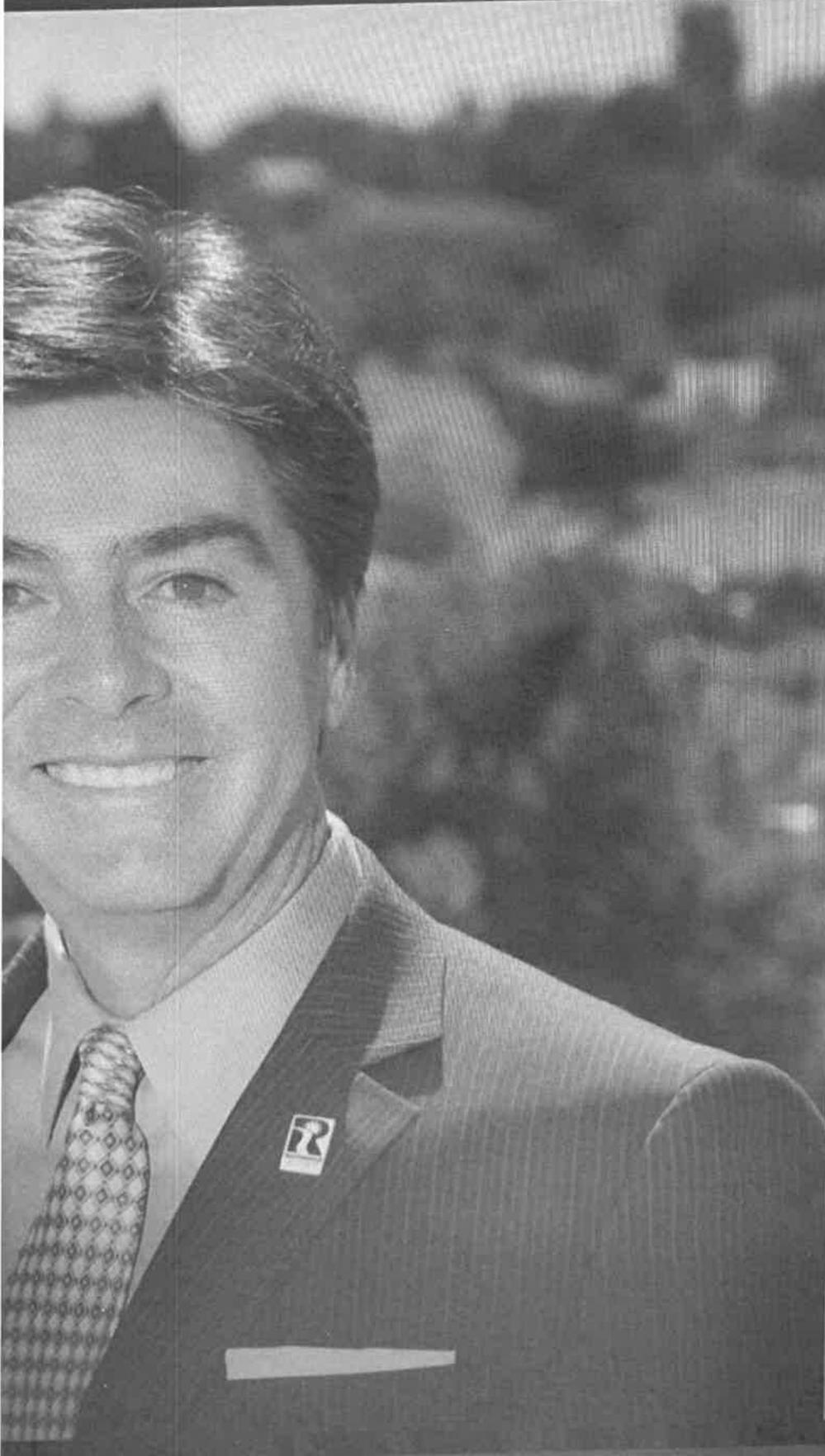
Once I did get on City Council, I was given a bag of them and was told if I ran out of them I could get more. I have given them to high school and college student who go to school in Richland, Local Small business owners, and dozens of Richland residents and anyone who has asked for one. I have seen them worn on hats, polo shirts collars, suits etc... Anyone who wants one can get one if they ask, and that is probably how the person who gave me one got theirs.

This was a Realtor event and had nothing to do with any official business with the City of Richland and I was not in office at the time. It just happened to be the pin I was wearing that day. I wear dozens of pins every year. From the New Mexico State flag, American Flag, Special Olympics, Marine Corp, Wounded Warrior pins etc... I just liked the photo so I used it and that was the pin I had on that day.

Exhibit A: Attached is the photo and pin in question that I posted on my personal Facebook page in 2016

Thanks for your time in this matter.

Michael Alvarez



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