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External Email

Hi Erick,

I am responding to PDC Case number 100205, a complaint filed by Glen Morgan. The complaint claims I failed to report compensation paid to me by the Center for Popular Democracy (CPD) to attend their Local Progress (LP) event in July 2018 in Minneapolis, MN.

Failure to Report - I was invited to attend the policy making conference by Local Progress. As a Tukwila City Councilmember, they offered to pay \$200 towards airfare, and cover up to 3 nights stay in the hotel where the conference was being held (*Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis, MN*). I accepted the invitation as a chance to better understand progressive policy making. By nature, I tend to be conservative and wanted to see policy making from a different perspective. I believe at the time of my F1 filing that the scholarship / travel stipend that was offered was exempted from reporting because it was also offered to all members of our group, but if the PDC believes that I should amend the F1 report, I will happily make that edit.

There are several false claims in the complaint filed by Glen Morgan, and I would like to clear the record and my name.

I did travel to Minneapolis alone and attended the Local Progress conference in Minneapolis, MN from the evening of Thursday, July 12 – Saturday, July 14, 2018.

The conference host, Local Progress, provided morning snacks in the back of the conference rooms, and a happy hour of finger foods at the end of the day. I paid for all my daily meals with personal funds.

I only stayed two nights in the hotel, Thursday, and Friday night, because on Saturday evening, my son, who lives in nearby Hudson, WI, came to pick me up and take me to his apartment. I spent the night with him on Saturday night, and on Sunday, he drove me around Hudson, WI and Minneapolis, MN on the way to my Sunday evening flight. No other person stayed in my hotel on Thursday and Friday.

Glen Morgan asserts I used a false address of 1730 M St NW, Washington, DC 20036 as my home address for my hotel reservation. Glen asserts this to be the address of the Abigail Nightclub, which is true, Suite #100. However, up on floor 11 of the same building is the offices of the Center for Popular Democracy (CPD), Suite #1115. I find it interesting that an investigative citizen journalist as Glen could locate the Abigail Nightclub in Suite #100 and overlook the CPD office in Suite #1115 of the same building.

I am requesting the PDC reject Glen Morgan's claim and false narrative.

Regards,
Thoms W. McLeod