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c/o John Strickland, Major VOP

Dear Mr. Newman:

It was requested that I write you concerning my knowledge and interaction with VOP Council member Kevin Drum over the last few weeks.

In August, I was asked by one of the members of Patrick Pizzella's campaign if I would host a Meet and Greet for him – Pat's wife shops in our retail store and Pat has been a frequent visitor to the store...I enthusiastically agreed to host an event at our store in the Village on September 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Since many Meet and Greets were planned around Pinehurst, I decided to keep the invitation list to those mainly in the Historical Village or that are a stakeholder in the Village. As a member of Pinehurst Business Partners I asked Katrin (President) if she would announce the event as they do any other PBP activity/event of members. Email Invitations went out to two email lists Katrin has access to, of mainly Historical Village people. The first emailing was September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and a reminder to these lists again on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> shortly after the invite went out, I was made aware by Katrin that both Kevin Drum and Lydia Boesch (VOP Council members) had contacted her and objected to PBP promoting my Meet and Greet for candidate Pizzella. I was copied only in correspondence where my name or store name was used. I believe you have copies of all the various emails including additional emails and record of in-person confrontations between Katrin, Kevin Drum and Lydia Boesch.

Kevin Drum also contacted me directly on September 16<sup>th</sup> stating:

*"So this is not a Business Partners Meeting this has a campaign fundraiser? I will attend a Pinehurst Business Partners Meeting but not sure if this is both or just a fundraiser for a candidate?"*

To which I DID NOT reply.

He again wrote me the same day with:

*"I am trying to get a answer since this is from the board of Pinehurst Business Partners is this a Pinehurst Business Partners Meeting or is this a third party fundraiser? I'm so confused on what this is? I want to attend all Pinehurst Business Partners Meetings but not interested in attending a trade organization fundraiser for a candidate."*

*So Jim what is this? It looks like a official meeting of Pinehurst Busiess Partners? Is that correct? Ot is the database being used to support a candidate in the form of a Pinehurst Busiess Partners era Meeting? As I member I want clarity?"*

[bty he is not a member of PBP]

I responded with:

"Kevin: I was asked by an unrelated third-party if we would host a Meet & Greet for Pat for Village merchants and others who work in the Village, which I agreed to host. Since I don't have an email list for the Village, I asked PBP if they would announce our activity as they do for all other PBP members who have various events in their stores. This is a DuneBerry event to introduce a new candidate to anyone interested to come. This is not in any way a PBP meeting nor a fundraiser. It is my understanding PBP made the same offer to all candidates that are PBP members, or any Village merchant who is a PBP member and wishes to host a candidates Meet & Greet - all could be announced by PBP to PBP members if they wish to do a similar activity. PBP is doing what it normally does in passing along event information of their members - DuneBerry or any business should be able to host these type of Meet and Greets if they so choose...Hopefully this clarifies this situation."

On Septmeber 23<sup>rd</sup> Kevin again wrote me:

*"It does finally - its not a official meeting of the Pinehurst Busies Partners - finally my questions is answered. And no a offer was not made to all candidate until I complained this is not a function of the busiess partners mailing list so this not true - it happened after I commented.*

*Now Katrin just emailed me and insulted me so I will not be attending.*

*But agree - you should be able to host anything for anyone anytime but organizations that are supposed to work for all - not just one - for all - usually dont use their lists in this way so I will not request a meet a greet promoted through Pinehurst Busiess Partners becuae I domino think its a proper.*

*I dont want to be hypocrite so I dont think this invitation should have occurred wiht all board members names on the bottom as it did and I think its extremely bad form.*

*Hope you have a successful event and next zi will be emailing Katrin about her insulting email which again is improper."*

To which I still have NOT replied.

[bty all the misspellings in the *italicized* Drum emails herein were his]

I have been trying to give Katrin sound advise through this entire ordeal, as has her PBP Board members, who are all in 100% support of her and everything she has done in this manner.

Because I was copied on correspondence which my name or business name was used, I am privy to most of the abuse heaped in Katrin by Kevin Drum. I am personally appalled at the repeated bullying, threats, abuse and name calling as-well-as calling for her resignation as President of PBP – this is unconscionable behavior for any Village merchant to another merchant, let alone coming from a VOP Council member. I feel Kevin's behavior is also a very bad reflection on the entire VOP admin/council and its unbelievable he would do this during a re-election campaign. There should be rules of conduct and decorum for VOP Council and they should be enforced! One of His four points to his campaign promise is "Civility" [*politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech*] He just failed the Civility test! A growing number of people in the community now know about this and the awareness is growing...for my two cents, it needs to be dealt with in the sternest way possible without delay.

I am available any time if you wish clarity on any of these matters.

Respectfully,

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