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REGARDING CITY OF MURRIETA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER LORI STONE**

DECEMBER 18, 2023

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This is a follow-up communication to our Complaint and Demand (“Complaint”), sent to you on December 4, 2023, regarding our request that immediate action be taken regarding Mayor Pro Tempore Lori Stone’s (“Stone”) **actions and activities that violate the Murrieta City Council Code of Conduct; a document that each of you swore to uphold. Each of the concerns outlined in our Complaint center around Stone’s ethics and her wrongful activities related to Council’s pledges and goals, as described in the Murrieta City Council Code of Conduct.**

On December 13, 2023, we received a communication from Stone, as attached on Exhibit “A.” Based on Stone’s remarks, we have conducted significant additional due diligence. Herein, new support documentation and evidence is provided for your consideration and action.

Our fact-based findings are in stark contrast to Stone’s undocumented assertions. Respectfully, we were unable to ascertain or find the logical path for the entity’s correct legal name, based on what was stated. And, the various calendar dates provided don’t seem to provide a valid chronological context (first set of dates) with the information provided about a possible trademark infringement (second set of dates). From what was stated in Stone’s communication, it appears that her company was already suspended by both the FTB and the SOS prior to a possible trademark infringement.

Additionally, please keep in mind that there are active requests currently being prepared for documents under the Public Records Act. These records may provide additional evidence regarding new and existing issues regarding Stone’s wrongful actions and activities.

Furthermore, we bring to your attention new evidentiary documentation that clearly and convincingly proves Stone’s use of public resources for personal gain.

We encourage each member of the Murrieta City Council to act as stewards and fiduciaries on behalf of the people of Murrieta.

The optics of these ethical issues and conflicts have serious ramifications of which you have authority and control over.

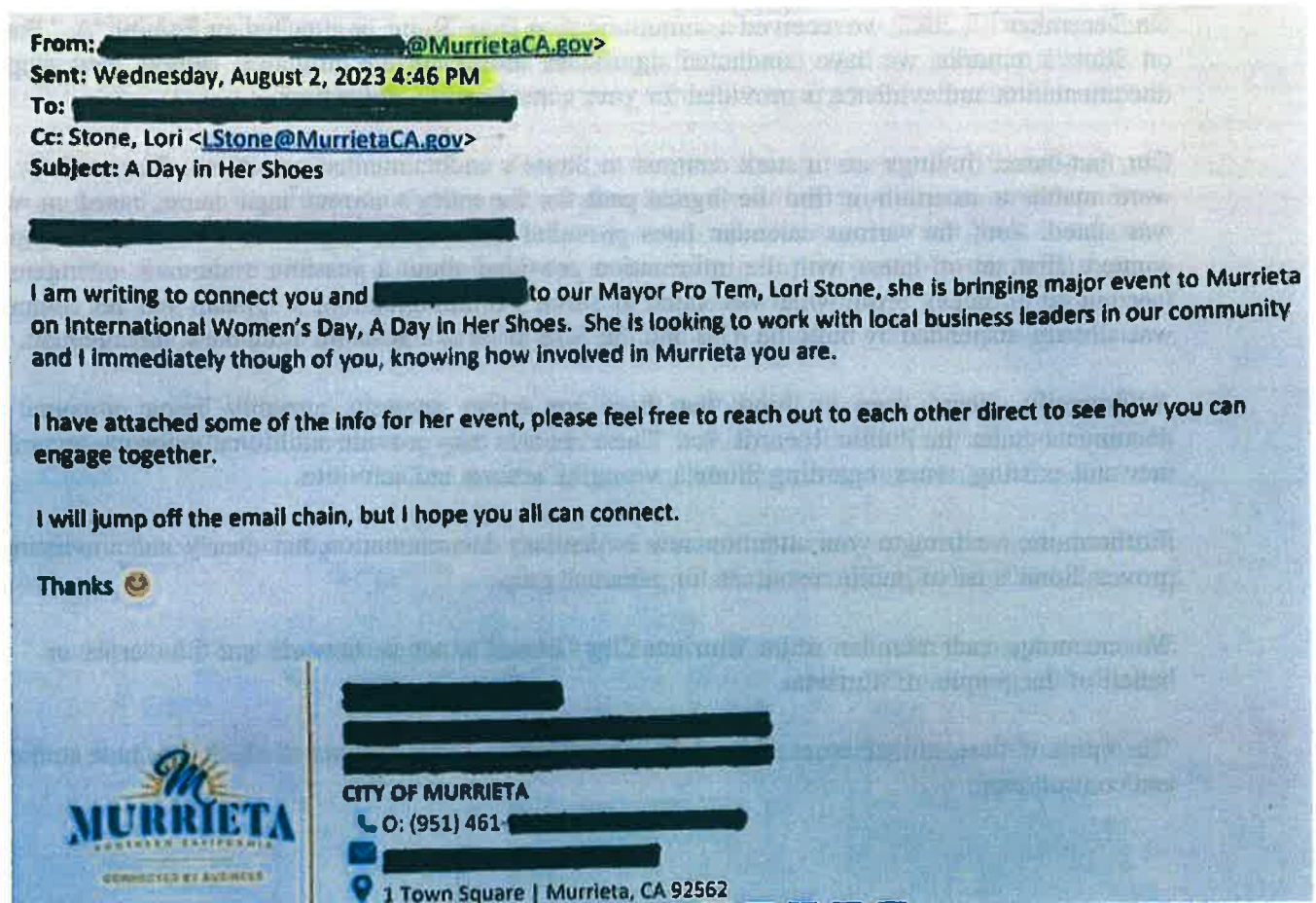
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When evaluating the fact that Stone has wrongfully used her official position and title to obtain highly questionable event sponsorships from businesses/stakeholders with active applications under review by city staff for her for-profit personal business venture, which results in Stone's personal financial gain, you, the Murrieta City Council, are the primary enforcer for ethical violations and corrective actions against another Council colleague.

STONE'S USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL GAIN

While we wait for the production results regarding our public records request, we bring to your attention new evidentiary documentation that clearly and convincingly proves Stone's use of public resources for personal gain.

At Stone's intentional and wrongful direction, during standard business hours, Stone effectively used City of Murrieta staff, staff's time, and computer software and hardware, which are public resources, by instructing that contact be made with Stone's own political campaign contributors in order to solicit sponsorships for her personal, for-profit business venture and her own financial, and other, gain. How many sponsorship solicitation emails have been sent out by City employees, at Stone's direction, during the last year?



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STONE'S DECEMBER 13, 2023, REMARKS

A transcript of Stone's December 13, 2023, communication may be found on the attached Exhibit "A" herein. We have parsed out some of the salient components of Stone's communication and provide our comments as follows:

	STONE:	OUR COMMENTS:
1.	<p><i>"The Complaint focuses on Innovative Political Solutions, the corporation held under my name."</i></p>	<p>In truth, the focus of the Complaint is not on Innovative Political Solutions. Please refer to the section titled "Allegations" in this document, whereby we provide you with an evaluation list of twenty-five specific ethical issues of concern. Only five of the issues directly relate to Innovative Political Solutions. Again, the focus of the Complaint is not on Innovative Political Solutions. The focus is about what Stone has, and has not, done in conducting herself, ethically and otherwise, while Stone holds an elected office.</p> <p>Setting those five issues aside, Stone's personal, for-profit business enterprise titled "A Day In Her Shoes," which has no involvement with Innovative Political Solutions or the City of Murrieta, is under scrutiny due to other serious conflict of interest problems directly related to the misuse of Stone's various financial sponsorship transactions with, for example, Murrieta Hot Springs Resort (a \$10,000 sponsorship) or Diversified Pacific, a Developer, (a \$2,500 sponsorship) who has two projects currently before various departments within the City of Murrieta, and numerous others, named and un-named in our Complaint and Demand. <u>These sponsorships involve Stone's financial gain and they must immediately be unraveled and their names removed from all promotional advertising.</u></p>
2.	<p>Misuse of Stone's official position and title</p>	<p>We appreciate Stone's several admissions of wrongdoings involving the misuse of her official position and title. Moving forward, the few course corrections offered are also appreciated. Nevertheless, these steps do not address Stone's wrongdoings during the last several years. These proposed offers do not resolve a great majority of the allegations as illustrated in the Complaint or as offered later in this Supplemental document.</p> <p><u>Serious ethical wrongdoings have already occurred.</u></p> <p>Consequences, as outlined in the Complaint, must be considered and applied by the Murrieta City Council. Again, for example, Stone's sponsorships with her personal, for-profit business enterprise (see item above) and financial gain must immediately be unraveled.</p> <p>We are at a loss to understand why Stone failed to address her numerous wrongful activities, which have already taken place and provide her with personal financial gain, in her December 13, 2023, communication.</p> <p>This is an illustrative example of Stone's failures to act with good judgement, failures to act in good faith, and Stone's failure to take full responsibility for her actions.</p> <p>Please consider that Stone would have continued with these "conflict of interest" sponsorships and it is only due to the Complaint that Stone is now offering to make a few minor modifications to her future actions and activities.</p>

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STONE:	OUR COMMENTS:
<p>3. <i>“With regard to my company, ‘Innovative Political Solutions DBA,’ the company has been in good standing since 2012... All of my work since 2012 has been through the DBA.”</i></p>	<p>According to public records and the information provided herein, and whether correctly or wrongfully operating, there have been four different aliases utilized by Stone:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovative Political Solutions 2. Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone 3. Lori Stone/ DBA Innovative Political Solutions 4. Lori Stone <p>We remain at a loss to understand which entity Stone is actually referring to in her December 13, 2023, communication, as three of the four aliases used by Stone include the words “Innovative Political Solutions” [refer to the FPPC Forms 460 and elsewhere in the Complaint and this document for illustrative examples].</p> <p>Further, one must wonder why one single business entity name has never been used consistently by Stone throughout the years. There are also concerns about a business entity that Does Business Under [DBA] under the name of an individual, as that is far from the typical use of the DBA designation.</p> <p>The Secretary of State’s database does not show any entities listed above. Additional related comments follow elsewhere in this document.</p> <p>We have documents that demonstrate Stone failed to operate under a “DBA” status as “Lori Stone.”</p> <p>Why would Stone apply for a business license with the City of Murrieta, effective 1/3/2023, under the name “Innovative Political Solutions,” rather than the DBA she seems to offer as her current DBA of “Lori Stone” or “Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone?”</p> <p>Why are Stone’s Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 only declared under “Innovative Political Solutions” during the last recent years? Where are the additional income disclosures for the other aliases under which Stone received money?</p> <p>Why are Stone’s Fictitious Business Name (“FBN”) Statements filed under “Innovative Political Solutions” since 10/17/2014?</p> <p>Why does Stone use only “Innovative Political Solutions” on her City of Murrieta website biography? If she is operating under “Lori Stone,” she would simply disclose that she owns a political campaign consulting company that does business under her name.</p> <p>Why does Stone use only “Innovative Political Solutions” on her LinkedIn and Facebook social media pages?</p> <p>The Secretary of State’s registry database does not show the following entities for any time period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone 2. Lori Stone/ DBA Innovative Political Solutions 3. Lori Stone <p>Therefore, the concerns outlined in this Supplement and in the Complaint and Demand are not resolved and remain highly questionable ethical issues.</p> <p>Please consider the other informational items presented in this Supplement and the Complaint and Demand.</p> <p>See Exhibit “D” for additional FPPC Form 460 Documentation.</p>

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGARDING STONE’S FOR-PROFIT, PERSONAL BUSINESS VENTURE SPONSORSHIPS AND MURRIETA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, JON LEVELL

Stone’s for-profit, personal business venture sponsorships include “Loma Linda Hospital.” Loma Linda Hospital is actually Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta, which is Murrieta City Council Member Jon Levell’s employer. We allege that this sponsorship is, or may appear to be, a conflict of interest, not only between Stone and Council Member Levell, but represents another misuse of Stone’s use of her official position and title for Stone’s financial gain.

The repeated pattern of behavior of demonstrated by Stone’s sponsor solicitations for her own financial gain is unethical. These conflict of interest sponsorships must be undone and Council must take immediate action to sanction Stone’s wrongful ethical violations.

DEMAND THAT MURRIETA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, JON LEVELL, RECUSE HIMSELF FROM ALL DELIBERATIONS AND VOTES CONCERNING STONE’S ETHICAL VIOLATIONS

Murrieta City Council Member Jon Levell has a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, based on the aforementioned information contained herein and details provided in our Complaint, dated 12/14/2023. We assert that Council Member Levell has disqualifying financial interests:

1. Murrieta Council Member Levell’s employer, “Loma Linda Hospital,” aka Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta, and/or Murrieta Council Member John Levell, may have a quid pro quo conflict of interest, or the appearance of, regarding the \$2,500 sponsorship deal.
2. Murrieta Council Member Levell hired Stone as his paid political campaign fundraiser.
3. Murrieta Council Member Levell may have recently paid political campaign committee expenditures to Stone’s business, which may be legal, but may be evaluated as unethical under certain standards and Murrieta’s Code of Conduct.

Accordingly, we demand that that Murrieta City Council Member, Jon Levell, recuse himself from all deliberations and votes concerning Stone’s ethical violations.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS (NEW SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION)

The website for the County of Riverside Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder indicates that a Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed by “Every individual, partnership, and other associations and corporations who regularly transact business for profit in this state.”

The County of Riverside Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder indicates the law requires that Fictitious Business Name Statements be filed within forty (40) days from commencement of business operations.

According to public records and the information provided herein, and whether correctly or wrongfully operating, there have been four different aliases utilized by Stone:

1. Innovative Political Solutions
2. Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone
3. Lori Stone/ DBA Innovative Political Solutions
4. Lori Stone

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Fictitious Business Name research has been conducted with regards to these four entities with the County of Riverside Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's online database. In addition, searches were performed with the owner names for both Lori Stone and Laurene Stone. Records were searched for the ten (10) year period of January 1, 2013, through December 6, 2023.

Although public records indicate that Stone uses these four different aliases, the County of Riverside Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's online database **only** has Fictitious Business Name Statements for Innovative Political Solutions. As a sidebar, corporate formation documents such as articles of incorporation have been filed under Innovative Political Solutions with the California Secretary of State and **no other** entities appear to have been officially created in California.

The attached Exhibit "B" provides new support documentation substantiating that the County of Riverside Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder **does not** have a Fictitious Business Name Statement for Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone.

The County of Riverside Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder **does not** have Fictitious Business Name Statements for the other two aliases that Stone does business under: Lori Stone/ DBA Innovative Political Solutions or Lori Stone.

Therefore, at the very least, significant concerns exist about Stone's ability to legitimately conduct business under **any and all** of the aliases shown above, especially when the FTB and SOS clearly show a suspended status (and a cease doing business order) for Innovative Political Solutions, as previously documented herein and in the Complaint dated 12/4/2023.

The concern about circumventing Stone's suspended status by using various aliases is compelling, as Stone is providing essentially the exact same service activities under all of these names.

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Fictitious Business Name Search - Web Business Name contains Innovative Political Solutions* and Filing Date is between Jan 1, 2013 and Dec 6, 2023

	Filing Date	Business Name	Registrant Name	Expiration Date (2)
<p>R-202108533 • CLERK FBN RIVERSIDE Visited</p>	06/23/2021 10:45 AM	INNOVATIVE POLITICAL SOLUTIONS	STONE LAURENE --	06/23/2021 06/24/2026
<p>R-201508910 • CLERK FBN PUBLICATION Visited</p>	09/25/2015 11:47 AM	INNOVATIVE POLITICAL SOLUTIONS	STONE LAURENE --	Expiration Date
<p>R-201508910 • CLERK FBN RIVERSIDE Visited</p>	08/17/2015 01:57 PM	INNOVATIVE POLITICAL SOLUTIONS	STONE LAURENE --	08/17/2015 08/18/2020
<p>R-201410013 • CLERK FBN RIVERSIDE Visited</p>	10/17/2014 12:00 AM	INNOVATIVE POLITICAL SOLUTIONS	INNOVATIVE POLITICAL SOLUTION	10/17/2014 10/17/2019

**WHY HAS STONE REGISTERED THE BUSINESS NAME OF
 "INNOVATIVE POLITICAL SOLUTIONS" RATHER THAN "LORI STONE" OR ANY OF THE NUMEROUS OTHER ALIASES
 SINCE OCTOBER 2014?**

**IN STONE'S DECEMBER 13, 2023, DECLARATIVE REMARKS, STONE STATES THAT "ALL OF MY WORK SINCE 2012 HAS
 BEEN THROUGH THE 'DBA.'" HOWEVER, THERE IS CLEAR AND CONVINCING PROOF TO THE CONTRARY AS THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED TO DATE
 DEMONSTRATES.**

**NOTE THE FAILURE TO FILE HER FBN STATEMENT AS THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN 2015 AND 2021. STONE LIVED IN
 CALIFORNIA DURING 2019.**

**ALSO, THE DATES SHOWN ABOVE ARE ABSOLUTELY CONTRARY TO THE RATIONALE AND DATES STONE PROVIDES IN
 HER DECEMBER 13, 2023, COMMUNICATION ABOUT SOMEONE AND A POSSIBLE NAME "TAKEOVER."**

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City of Murrieta Business License	Secretary of State	County of Riverside Accessor-Clerk- Recorder
VARIOUS ALIASES UTILIZED DURING THE YEARS		
DOCUMENTS FILED (PER DATABASE SEARCHES)		
NO	YES	NO
YES*	NO*	YES*
NO	NO	NO
NO	NO	NO
NO	NO	NO
NO	NO	NO
NO	NO	NO

*Considering the various aliases used, why would payments, as recorded in public documents, such as the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 460s, for Stone's consulting services performed, not consistently be made out to Innovative Political Solutions, which appears to be the only authorized legal entity? Another questionable detail involves the fact that the Secretary of State shows no authorized entity for any of the numerous aliases under which Stone receives payments.

NEW SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION INCLUDING FPPC STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS FORM 700

By way of background, we provided substantial clear and convincing evidence in the Complaint which demonstrates that Stone currently operates her personal business entity, Innovative Political Solutions, despite the fact that the California Franchise Tax Board (“FTB”) and the California Secretary of State (“SOS”) have long-ago declared that Innovative Political Solutions, Inc. is in “suspended” status and must cease any and all business operations.

We also provided clear and convincing evidence that Stone appears to circumvent the FTB and SOS cease business operations requirement by providing essentially the exact same service activities as performed by the entity Innovative Political Solutions, Inc., under other various aliases such as “Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone” and “Lori Stone.”

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Not only does Stone willingly and wrongly continue her business operations, but she also accepts compensation under each of the aliases listed herein and in the Complaint. We also previously provided clear and convincing evidence, based on public records, regarding these particular financial transactions. Compensation has been paid to Innovative Political Solutions, which has been ordered to stop business operations by the FTB and the SOS. Additionally, compensation has been paid to Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone and Lori Stone. See additional documentation on page 22 of this document.

Furthermore:

- Stone does not have a business license under “Lori Stone” with the City of Murrieta.
- Stone does not have a business license under “Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone” with the City of Murrieta.
- During the last three years, under “income,” Stone only lists “Innovative Political Solutions” on her annual Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) Statement of Economic Interests Form 700. *(New Support Documentation)*
- During the last three years, under “income,” Stone does not list income received by “Lori Stone,” which would, in like kind fashion, be disclosed in the same manner that she declared income for “Innovative Political Solutions” on her annual FPPC Statement of Economic Interests Form 700. Yet, Stone has received compensation income for campaign management services under “Lori Stone.” Why isn’t this also disclosed on Stone’s FPPC Form 700? *(New Support Documentation)*

During the last three years, under “income,” Stone does not list income received by “Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone,” which would in like kind fashion, be disclosed in the same manner that she declared income for “Innovative Political Solutions” on her annual FPPC Statement of Economic Interests Form 700. Yet, Stone has received compensation income for campaign management services under Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone.” Why are Stone’s Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 only declared under “Innovative Political Solutions” during the last recent years? Where are the additional income disclosures for the other aliases under which Stone received money, since they are for the exact same services? *(New Support Documentation)*

- For Stone’s 2021 and 2022 annual FPPC Form 700 filings, Stone lists a name of an entity that has not appeared elsewhere during our extensive research. That newly identified entity name is “Lori Stone/ DBA Innovative Political Solutions.” Essentially, this entity would be the same as “Innovative Political Solutions,” which has been ordered by the FTB and the SOS to cease business operations. *(New Support Documentation)*
- Furthermore, Stone does not have a business license under “Lori Stone/DBA Innovative Political Solutions,” with the City of Murrieta. *(New Support Documentation)*

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SCHEDULE C
Income, Loans, & Business
Positions
 (Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)

CALIFORNIA FORM 700
 FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name
 Stone, Laurene

▶ 1. INCOME RECEIVED	▶ 1. INCOME RECEIVED
<p>NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME Lori Stone/DBA Innovative Political Solutions</p> <p>ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable) Murrieta, CA 92563</p> <p>BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE Campaign Management</p> <p>YOUR BUSINESS POSITION Owner</p>	<p>NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME</p> <p>ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)</p> <p>BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE</p> <p>YOUR BUSINESS POSITION</p>

**WHY HAS STONE LISTED THE BUSINESS NAME OF
 "LORI STONE/ DBA INNOVATIVE POLITICAL SOLUTIONS" RATHER THAN
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ALLEGATIONS

**SUMMARY OVERVIEW FROM THE COMPLAINT AND DEMAND AND THE
SUPPLEMENT TO THE COMPLAINT AND DEMAND– LORI STONE (“Stone”)**

1. Failures to uphold the Murrieta City Council goals of integrity, honesty, accountability, responsibility, respect, and fairness
2. Failures that cause the appearance of, and potential appearance of, conflicts of interest
3. Actual conflicts of interest
4. Actions that fail to be performed in a good faith manner
5. Stone’s misuse of her official position and title for personal and financial gain (a few representative examples follow below)
 - a. Stone’s relationship with Temecula Valley Republican Women’s quasi-political action committee (see the Complaint and Demand for evidence)
 - b. Stone uses “Murrieta” alongside her position on the Murrieta City Council and title that gives the impression that the City of Murrieta is involved with, sanctions, and/or endorses various activities, actions, and personal events conducted by Stone outside of her official office for personal and financial gain
 - c. **Stone’s event sponsors for Stone’s personal, for-profit event (see the Complaint and Demand for evidence)**
 - i. **Murrieta Hot Springs Resort @ a \$10,000 sponsorship**
 1. **This project is currently working with various departments with the City of Murrieta**
 - ii. **Developer, Diversified Pacific @ \$2,500 sponsorship**
 1. **Diversified Pacific has two projects in with the City of Murrieta at present, including a Development Plan and Tract map application**
 - iii. **Numerous other questionable sponsorships that exist or are pending, as previously mentioned herein in the Conflict of Interest section above. Refer to “Loma Linda Hospital,” aka Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta and Council Member Jon Levell @ \$2,500**
6. Ethical violations of the Murrieta City Council Code of Conduct
7. Misuse of Stone’s official Facebook account (see the Complaint and Demand for evidence)
8. Significant blurred boundary lines, bypasses standard best practices, and crosses established (CalCities) ethical boundary lines in favor of personal and financial gain
9. Misuse of public resources for personal and financial gain
10. Various repetitive patterns of behavior involving willful and wrongful actions over a number of years, many involving Stone’s personal and financial gains
11. Inability to self-regulate in favor of transparency and accountability
12. Failures to uphold the Murrieta City Council pledge and commitment to uphold a standard of integrity and competence beyond that required by the law
13. Failures to adhere to the highest standards of behavior as outlined by the Murrieta City Council Code of Conduct
14. Fails to be a prudent steward of public resources, as required by the Murrieta City Council Code of Conduct

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15. Fails to maintain an environment which fosters the public's trust and confidence, as required by the Murrieta City Council Code of Conduct, with regards to Stone's actions outlined in the Complaint and herein
16. Fails to be honest with fellow officials, the public, and others
17. Even when uncomfortable to do so, fails to take responsibility for her actions, as required by the Murrieta City Council Code of Conduct
18. Fails to provide accurate information, in general, and even when requests have been made
19. Fails to support the "public's right to know"
20. There is a strong likelihood that Stone's wrongful actions and unethical behaviors will continue unless the Murrieta City Council takes immediate action
21. California Franchise Tax Board ("FTB")
 - a. Stone apparently fails to operate within established legal requirements
 - b. Stone apparently fails to cease all business operations, as the FTB requires
 - c. Stone apparently fails to uphold her official pledge in the Murrieta City Council Code of Conduct regarding ethics by complying with "all local, state, and federal laws and regulations as an inherent part of their ethical behavior."
22. California Secretary of State ("SOS")
 - a. Stone apparently fails to operate within established legal requirements
 - b. Stone apparently fails to cease all business operations, as the SOS requires
 - c. Stone apparently fails to uphold her official pledge in the Murrieta City Council Code of Conduct regarding ethics by complying with "all local, state, and federal laws and regulations as an inherent part of their ethical behavior."
23. City of Murrieta
 - a. Stone sought a license to do business for Innovative Political Solutions while that entity was in suspended status with the FTB and SOS and when the business was advised to cease any and all business operations
 - b. Stone does not have a license to do business under three other business aliases she utilizes to seemingly circumvent the cease any and all business operations order from the FTB and SOS
24. Possible fraudulent misrepresentation by continuing to enter into contracts despite being told to cease business operations by the FTB and SOS
25. Remuneration and compensation issues that appear to circumvent Stone's suspended operating status with the FTB and SOS

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CONCLUSION AND PLEADINGS

As stated in the Complaint and Demand dated December 4, 2023, the basic ethical values that govern your decisions regarding Stone's wrongful actions are not complex.

Under your watch, you must act as stewards and fiduciaries on behalf of the people of Murrieta.

The optics of these ethical issues and conflicts have serious ramifications of which you have authority and control over. **You, the Murrieta City Council, are the primary enforcer for corrective action against another Council colleague.**

In addition to the allegations made in the Complaint and Demand dated December 4, 2023, we plead with you, the Murrieta City Council, to take immediate corrective action to curb and correct Stone's unethical actions as is described in our documents with clear and compelling evidence.

We strongly wish to avoid taking further action, including, but not limited to, legal recourse. We reserve all legal rights and remedies with respect to this matter. Nothing stated, or not stated, herein shall waive or be construed as a waiver of any such legal rights.

We hereby place you, the Murrieta City Council, on notice to take immediate action regarding Stone's unethical actions, as described herein. In the event that you, the Murrieta City Council, fail to address our concerns, as outlined herein, further actions, up to and including any and all legal remedies, will be vigorously pursued.

In light of the aforementioned facts, evidence, and pleadings, we expect that the Murrieta City Council will take immediate action and not "look the other way."

We plead with you to carry out your duties and responsibilities with regards to Stone's ethical violations.

Yours respectfully,
Concerned Murrieta Citizens

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EXHIBIT "A"
TRANSCRIPT OF THE COMMUNICATION FROM LORI STONE
RECEIVED ON 12/13/2023

*"I have read your Complaint, Demand for Action by City of Murrieta City Council, and Notice of Potential Litigation Regarding City of Murrieta Lori Stone("Complaint) [sic]. The accusations in the Complaint are incomplete and false. I'm aware of perceptions and how things can be misinterpreted and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the misconceptions contained in the Complaint. This is why I previously emailed you to request a sit down with your client. * I want the whole truth to be known.*

"With regard to my company, Innovative Political Solutions DBA, the company has been in good standing since 2012 and I will continue to operate it in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws. All of my work since 2012 has been through the DBA.

"The Complaint focuses on Innovative Political Solutions, the corporation held under my name. The corporation was suspended and all rights and protections for the corporation as a legal entity ceased in approximately 2010 and the corporation was thereafter formally suspended by both the Secretary of State(01/10/2013) [sic] and the Franchise Tax Board (03/01/2013). That corporation has not been under my ownership/control for well over ten (10) years.

"On August 14, 2014 [sic] an unaffiliated third party filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State and took ownership of the name 'Innovative Political Solutions, Inc.' In so doing, that third party precluded me from reviving, operation, or claiming ownership of the corporation ever again. It appears this party also later (~2016) allowed their ownership of the corporation to lapse as well. As a result, this corporate name is again available for anyone to legally obtain.

"The Complaint also asserts that I have misused the title (Mayor Pro Tem or Council-member). [sic] I will always will [sic] be transparent and [sic] comply with the applicable laws. To avoid any confusion, my title "Mayor Pro Tem" will be removed from all marketing, print and social media for A Day In Her Shoes. Moreover, going forward, I will act solely as the Chairwoman and discontinue any fundraising to help the young adults aging out of the foster care system, an effort I know your client holds dear to her heart.

"Additionally, I will not use of [sic] my title in connection with future events that the City is not involved with. As far as my company, I've made some significant changes and I've eliminated the 'grassroots' component and I will only consult.

*"This also should mitigate any perceptions conflating my title as an elected official with my business or personal activities. "I'm hoping that all the changes will be satisfactory to your client. Again, I'll take her call or meet with her anytime."**

*These statements by Stone are deliberately misleading and paint a picture that is absolutely false. Stone has only previously responded once before this 12/13/2023 communication. In lieu of providing transparent dates and responsive answers to our inquiries dated 11/8/2023 about items Stone lists on her City Council Governing Body Announcements, Stone indicated that she was only willing to speak about her answers and she refused to provide the detailed written responsive information that was requested. For Stone to claim that once "again," she is ready to "call or meet" "anytime" is a false narrative. We still await Stone's written information about her official City business meetings with Developers, political groups, political individuals, etc., since Stone claims to be transparent and accountable. REFER TO EXHIBIT "C"

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EXHIBIT "B"

SOURCE: OFFICE OF THE RIVERSIDE ASSESSOR COUNTY CLERK RECORDER

Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

Fields Business Name Search - Web

Business Names should be entered as they are spelled (i.e. Riverside Bank)

Registrant Names should be entered LAST FIRST (i.e. Smith James). For a broader search, use only a last name and first initial.

Records Documents are indexed from Jan 1, 1974 through Dec 31, 2023

Check Documents are indexed from Jan 1, 1993 through Nov 24, 2023

Business Name	Registrant Name	Filing Date Start	Filing Date End
Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone	Laurene Stone	1/1/2013	12/6/2023
Document Number			
Document Types			

Recent searches

Clear Selections Search

No results found, please try a new search or remove applied Filters

Fields Business Name Search - Web Business Name contains Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone* and Registrant Name contains Laurene Stone* and Filing Date is between Jan 1, 2013 and Dec 6, 2023

Business Name: "Innovative Political Solutions DBA Lori Stone"
Registrant name: "Laurene Stone"
Filing Date Start: "1/1/2013"
Filing Date End: "12/6/2023"
"No results found, please try a new search or remove applied Filters"

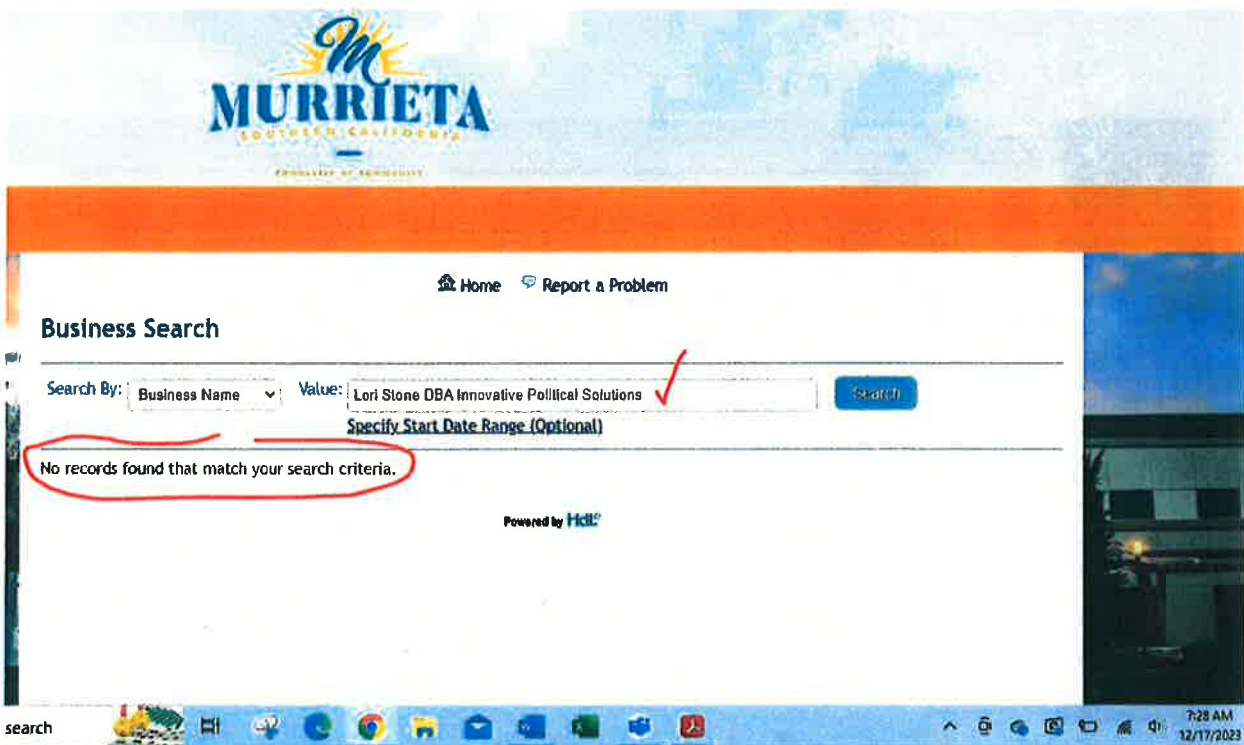
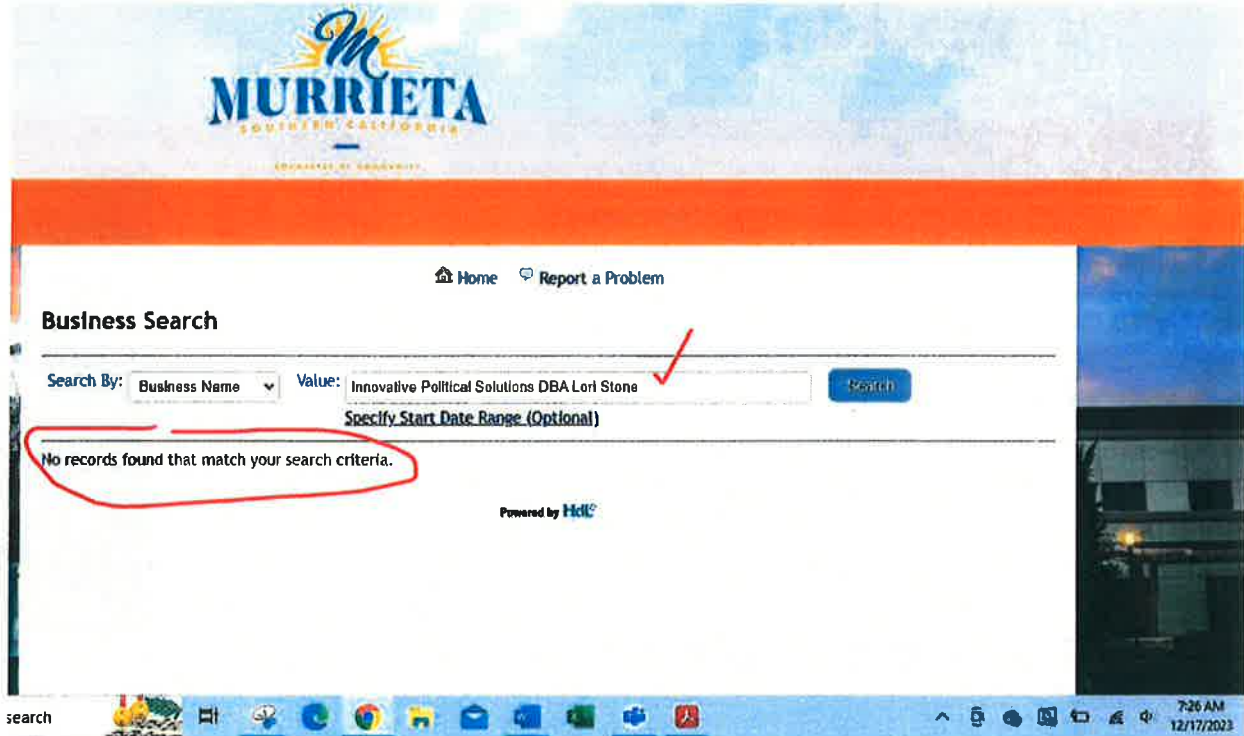
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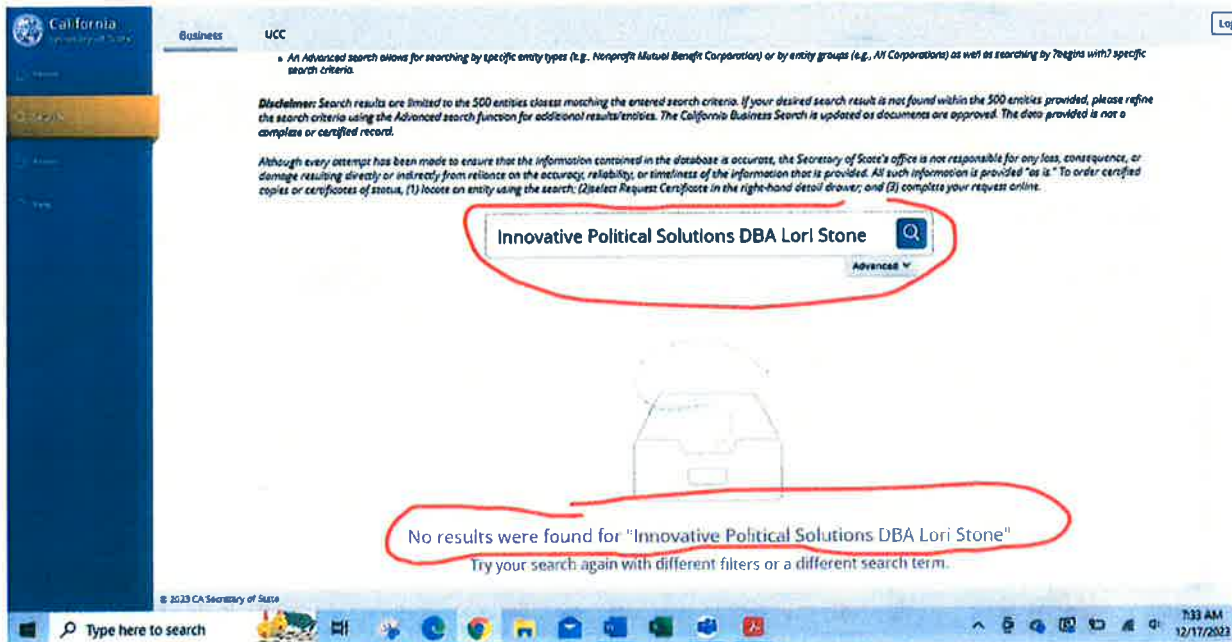
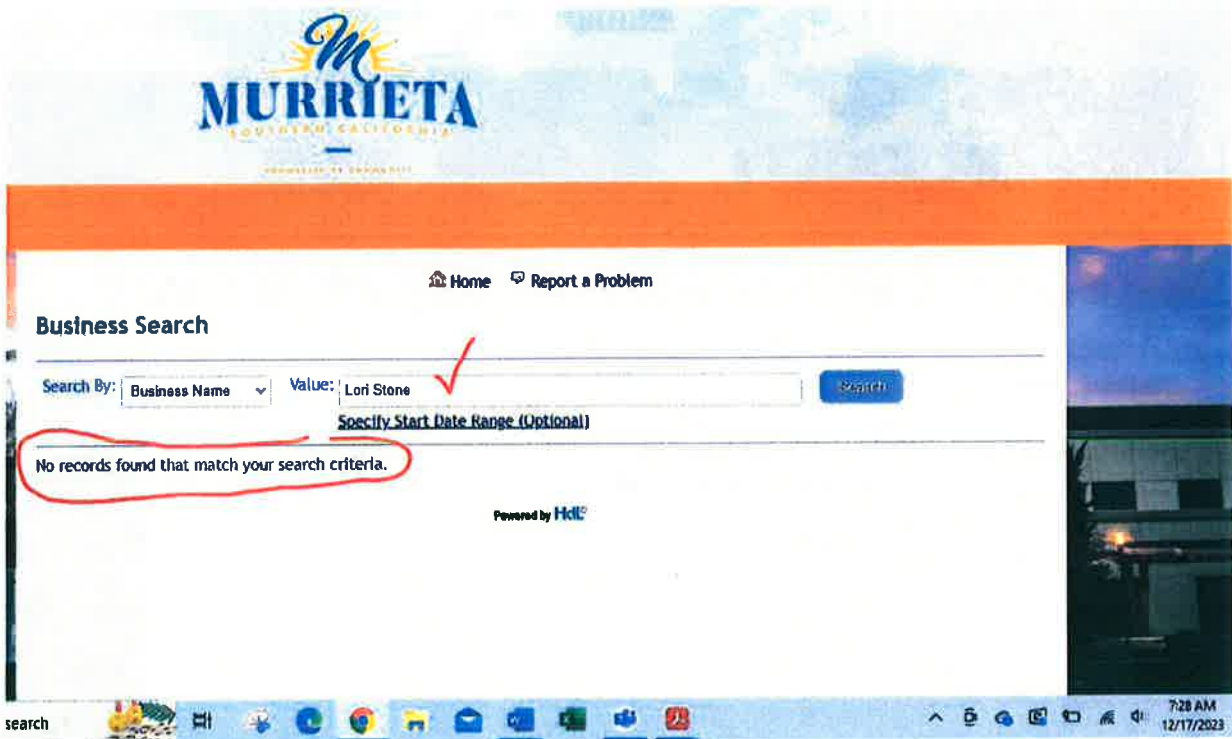
MAYOR PRO TEM LORI STONE - GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON OR ABOUT 11/8/2023			
WHEN DID THE EVENT, ITEM, OR MEETING TAKE PLACE (DATE)? WHO WAS THE MEETING WITH & WHO ELSE WAS PRESENT? WHERE WAS THE MEETING OR EVENT HELD? WHAT WERE THE TOPICS? WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE ITEM? WHAT WERE THE DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OUTCOMES?			
PUBLIC REPORT DATED	DATE OF ITEM LISTED	DESCRIPTION PROVIDED	IN ADDITION TO THE QUESTIONS ABOVE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
1/1/2023	<i>No Report Provided During January</i>	<i>No Report Provided</i>	
2/1/2023	<i>No Report Provided During February</i>	<i>No Report Provided</i>	
3/7/2023	NO DATE PROVIDED	ATTENDED FEDERATED WOMEN	Who/What is "Federated Women?"
3/7/2023	NO DATE PROVIDED	ZOOM MEETING WITH DEVELOPER	What "Developer?" What topics or projects were discussed?
3/7/2023	NO DATE PROVIDED	ATTENDED TEMECULA VALLEY REPUBLICAN	Who/What is "Temecula Valley Republican?"
3/7/2023	NO DATE PROVIDED	ATTENDED WALK IN HER SHOES MEETING	Who/What is "Walk In Her Shoes?"
3/7/2023	NO DATE PROVIDED	MET WITH BRANDY MEEKER	
3/7/2023	NO DATE PROVIDED	ATTENDED SO CAL GAS/COLONY	Who/What is "Colony?"
3/7/2023	NO DATE PROVIDED	MEET AND GREET WITH COMMUNITY	Whose "Meet and Greet?" What Community?
4/1/2023	<i>No Report Provided During April</i>		
5/1/2023	<i>No Report Provided During May</i>		
6/1/2023	<i>No Report Provided During June</i>		
7/1/2023	<i>No Report Provided During July</i>		
8/1/2023	6/21/2023	ATTENDED A DAY IN HER SHOES MEETING	Who/What is "A Day In Her Shoes?"
8/1/2023	NO DATE PROVIDED	MET WITH A DEVELOPER ON A PROJECT	What "Developer?" What topics or projects were discussed?
8/1/2023	NO DATE PROVIDED	SPOKE AT THE TEMECULA VALLEY REPUBLICAN LUNCHEON	Who/What is "Temecula Valley Republican?" What topics and/or projects were spoken about?
9/1/2023	<i>No Report Provided During September</i>	<i>No Report Provided During September</i>	
10/17/2023	NO DATE PROVIDED	ATTENDED A DAY IN HER SHOES MEETING	Who/What is "A Day In Her Shoes?"

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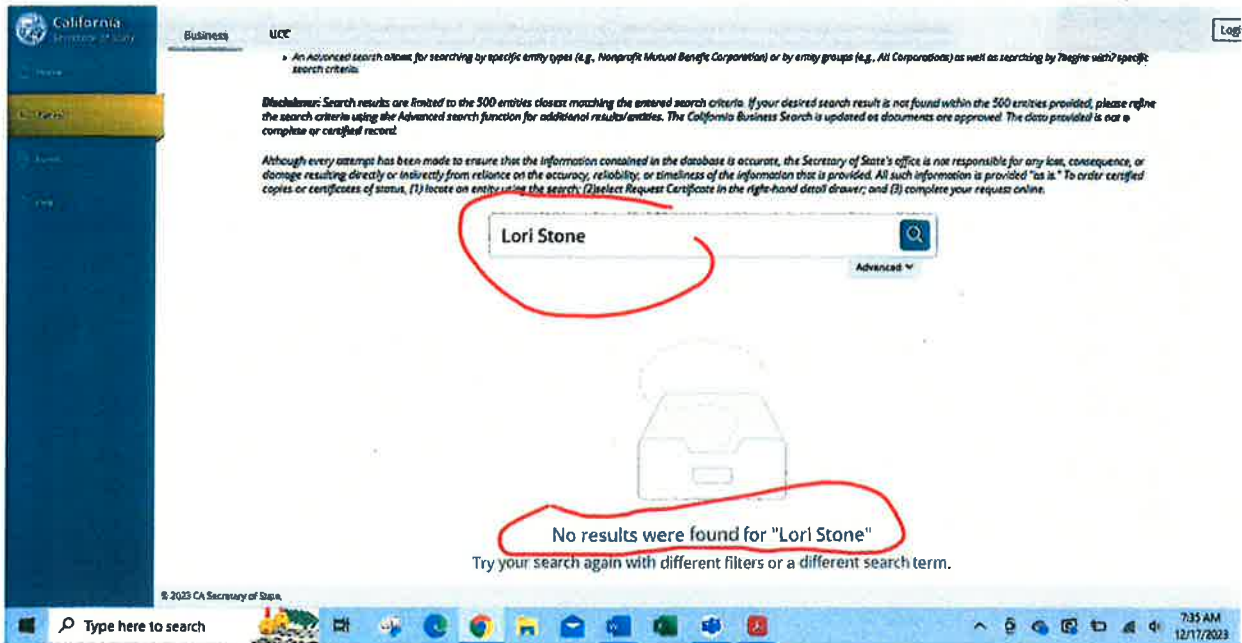
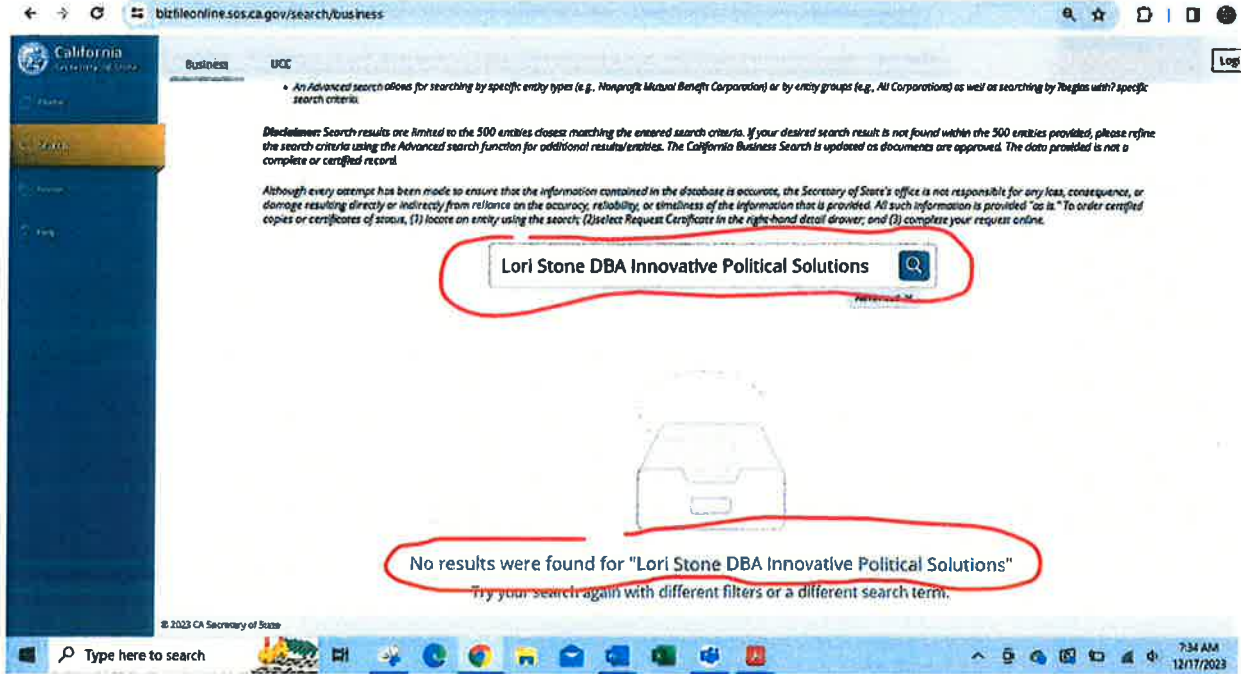
EXHIBIT "D"



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EXHIBIT "E"

**Schedule E
 Payments Made**

Amounts may be rounded
 to whole dollars.

Statement covers period	SCHEDULE E CALIFORNIA FORM 460
from [REDACTED]	Page [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]
through [REDACTED]	
SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE	
NAME OF FILER [REDACTED]	
I.D. NUMBER [REDACTED]	

CODES: If one of the following codes accurately describes the payment, you may enter the code. Otherwise, describe the payment.

CMP campaign paraphernalia/misc. CNS campaign consultants CTB contribution (explain nonmonetary)* CVC civic donations FIL candidate filing/ballot fees FND fundraising events IND independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)* LEG legal defense LIT campaign literature and mailings	MBR member communications MTG meetings and appearances OFC office expenses PET petition circulating PHO phone banks POL polling and survey research POS postage, delivery and messenger services PRO professional services (legal, accounting) PRT print ads	RAD radio airtime and production costs RFD returned contributions SAL campaign workers' salaries TEL tv, or cable airtime and production costs TRC candidate travel, lodging, and meals TRS staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals TSF transfer between committees of the same candidate/sponsor VOT voter registration WEB information technology costs (internet, e-mail)
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	CODE OR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT PAID
Innovative Political Solutions [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	CNS	Campaign strategy consultancy	[REDACTED]

**Schedule E
 Payments Made**

Amounts may be rounded
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Statement covers period	SCHEDULE E CALIFORNIA FORM 460
from 10/18/2020	Page [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]
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