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Re: Proposed Resolution: Investigating Accusations Against DJ Hoffman

Board of Directors:

I am in receipt of a proposed resolution regarding investigating DJ Hoffman for harassment and intimidation towards Sault Tribe members, Sault Tribe employees, JKL staff, and contracted vendors working on projects for the Sault Tribe. The proposed resolution states in the third "WHEREAS" clause, the following: "*a complaint was recently submitted to the Sault Tribe Prosecutor **and the Sault Tribe Election Committee Attorney** alleging that DJ Hoffman interfered in the investigation into Election Code violations by attempting to purchase evidence to be used against a Sault Tribe member; and*"

Please be advised that I am unaware of any election complaint being received by myself or submitted to the Election Committee alleging that Mr. Hoffman has or has attempted to interfere with an Election Committee investigation. There are times that the Election Committee or myself receive communications from persons (sometimes anonymous) expressing their opinion about a particular candidate. However, such opinions do not rise to the level of a complaint as defined by the Election Ordinance, and as a result do not warrant an investigation. The Election Committee does not concern itself with partisan bickering. Instead, its task is to enforce the Election Ordinance *as written* to ensure the integrity of the election process. More importantly, the Election Committee takes abundant precautions to assure that all information it receives and considers during an investigation from an Election Ordinance violation complaint is legitimate and will withstand judicial scrutiny.

Please reach out to the Election Committee Chair should there be any additional concerns.

Very truly yours,



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