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Secretary of State Ken Bennett
Capitol Executive Tower, 7th Floor
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2888

Dear Secretary Bennett:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a number of significant potential campaign finance violations for investigation by your office and the Arizona Attorney General. Specifically, we have been made aware of potential violations by the following individuals and/or political committees:

- Team Awesome - Joseph Larios, Antonio Valdovinos, Allan Lira, and Eduardo Pym: This group has been operating unlawfully by acting to influence the result of candidate elections by sponsoring events and making expenditures on behalf of certain candidates (including Raquel Teran and Jonathan Larkin) and against other candidates.
- Larkin for Legislature: Failure to report in-kind contributions; Receipt of contributions in excess of maximum contributions allowed by law.
- UFCW-United Food and Commercial Workers Local 99 PAC; UFCW: Contributions to Larkin for Legislature in excess of legal maximum.
- Raquel Teran for Legislature: Violation of Arizona Clean Elections law; Failure to report in-kind contributions; Receipt of unlawful loan from the Arizona Democratic Party. Note this claim was submitted to the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission on July 5th.

TEAM AWESOME

Team Awesome has been in the public spotlight, with Viridian Hernandez (lead organizer at 602-472-2771), Antonio Valdovinos (602-549-1076), Allan Lira, and Eduardo Pym leading efforts to sponsor events in support of candidates, including Raquel Teran and Jonathan Larkin. AS early as April 14, 2012, Team Awesome was circulating candidate petitions for Jonathan Larkin, but has failed to file a statement of

organization as required by ARS § 16-902.01(a).

As of July 10th, 2012, is sponsoring an event to support the election of candidates on its Facebook webpage (attached hereto), which includes the following announcement:

"TEAM AWESOME WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR FIRST FAMILY FRIENDLY BLOCK PARTY! THERE WILL BE FREE FOOD AND FUN EVENTS FOR THE KIDS SUCH AS WATER BALLOON FIGHTS AND FACE PAINTINGS! ALSO GET TO MEET PAUL PENZONE FOR SHERIFF, JONATHAN LARKIN FOR LEGISLATURE AND RAQUEL TERAN FOR SENATE! HEAR HIM SPEAK, ASK HIM QUESTIONS! HELP US GET ARPAIO OUT!!!! TEAM AWESOME IS TAKING ARIZONA. IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THIS OR FURTHER EVENTS CONTACT US OR LOOK US UP ON FACEBOOK!!!"

This event is not exempt under ARS § 16-901(b)(iii). Team Awesome's webpage and social media accounts do not identify Team Awesome as a registered political committee and do not contain the required "paid for by" or exemption statements. See ARS § 16-912(A). Team Awesome has not filed any campaign finance reports to show the source of contributions and expenditures by the committee.

LARKIN FOR LEGISLATURE, UFCW, AND UFCW-UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS LOCAL 99 PAC

In addition to its failure to report contributions by Team Awesome, the Larkin for Legislature campaign has received additional illegal and unreported contributions to its campaign efforts. According to the June 30th Report for Larkin for Legislature, on January 19, 2012, UFCW-United Food and Commercial Workers Local 99 PAC made a donation of \$1,736.00 in cash, the legal maximum for a Super PAC. Since that time, it appears that the Larkin for Legislature has received illegal in-kind contributions from either the UFCW itself or the UFCW Super PAC in the form of the use of office space. The attached photograph from the Larkin for Legislature website (saved on 07/4/2012 at 3:45 p.m.) clearly shows the committee's office, located in the UFCW building. No contributions or expenditures for the campaign office are found in the committee's campaign finance report, though this is clearly an in-kind contribution. See ARS § 16-901 (5)(a)(iv).

The in-kind contribution violates Arizona law. The UFCW is barred from making contributions to a candidate campaign. ARS §16-919. If the

contribution is deemed to have been made by the UFCW Super PAC rather than the UFCW, it would still put the Super PAC over the legal maximum for contributions in a legislative race. See ARS § 16-905(A)(4).

The Larkin for Legislature campaign has also received and unlawfully failed to report contributions from the Maricopa County Democratic Party ("MCDP") for services including voter outreach through field organizational efforts and party resources to contact voters via door-to-door contact and phone banking efforts. These services typically cost money, as in the case of Elect Eric Meyer and Friends of Ruben Gallego, which reported expenditures to the MCDP of \$2,500 and \$1,500 respectively.

RAQUEL TERAN FOR LEGISLATURE

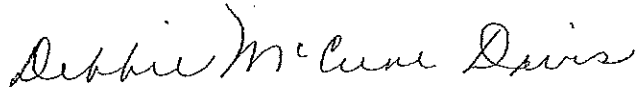
Raquel Teran is a clean elections candidate, and is prohibited from accepting contributions, other than the limited number of five-dollar qualifying contributions. See ARS § 16-941(A)(1). Nevertheless, Raquel Teran For Legislature has accepted contributions from the Team Awesome committee, which remain unreported. Raquel Teran For Legislature has also illegally accepted contributions from the Maricopa County MCDP for services normally charged to campaigns, which is a clear violation of Clean Elections. On April 4th, 2012, Candidate Mike Snitz met with Ann Wallack, Chair of the MCDP and Ken Chapman, Executive Directory of MCDP, and was told there is a coordinated effort to ensure Senator Robert Meza's loss in August that is being helmed by the Party.

Further, it has been alleged that the Arizona Democratic Party made an unlawful loan made to Raquel Teran For Legislature in the amount of \$600.00, which would also appear to violate Arizona law. As per a filed complaint already made to Clean Elections.

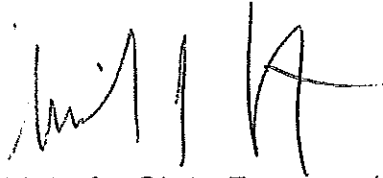
We appreciate your cooperation on these matters and these requests for the Secretary of State immediately begin an investigation of the allegations recited herein. Please contact us if you have any questions at all.

Respectfully submitted,


State Senator Robert Meza



State Representative Debbie McCune-Davis



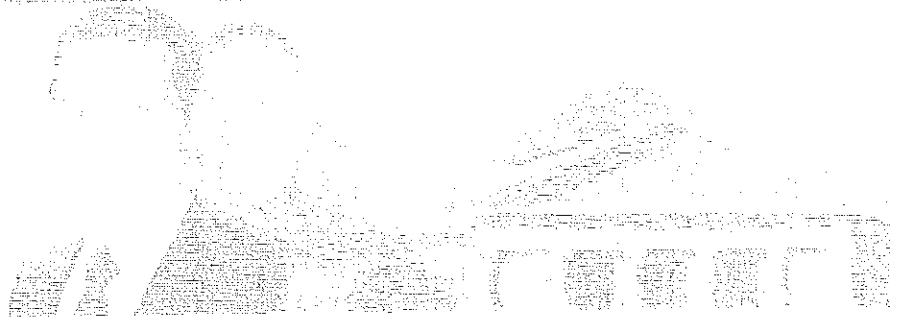
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Photo



Jonathan at the campaign office
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Jonathan Larkin For-Legislature

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Jonathan Larkin For-Legislature

Thank you to all who came out and supported me and all the Fantastic Candidates. I could not have asked for a better event, and it means a lot to me to be able to spend this kind of time in the community; hearing your voices and addressing the issues is what will move this state forward! I would also like to reconize Ufcw AZ Local 99 for there support as well as Team Awesome and the Democratic Party, Thank you! Also a very special thank you to my neighbors for their support and for helping us with equipment and also allowing us to set up activities in their yards you all truly made this event HUGE! THANK YOU TO ALL!

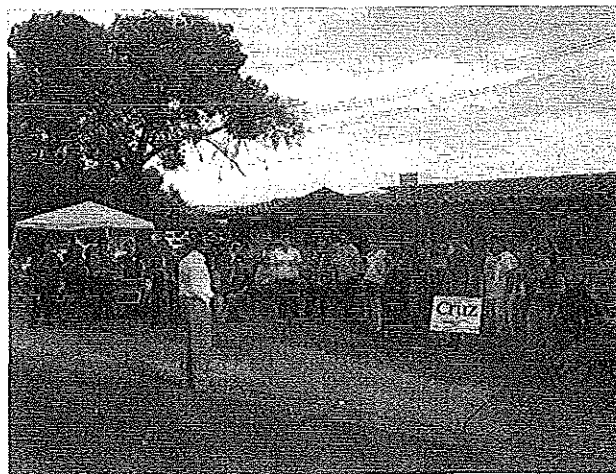
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Thank you Paul for taking the time out of your busy schedule to meet my community !!



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Great Job today Raquel Teran! I am honored to be running with you!

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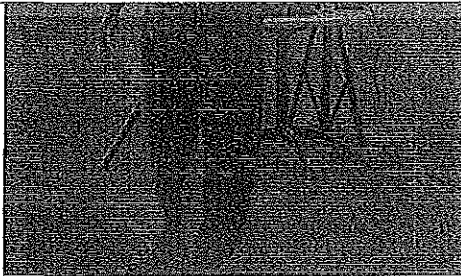
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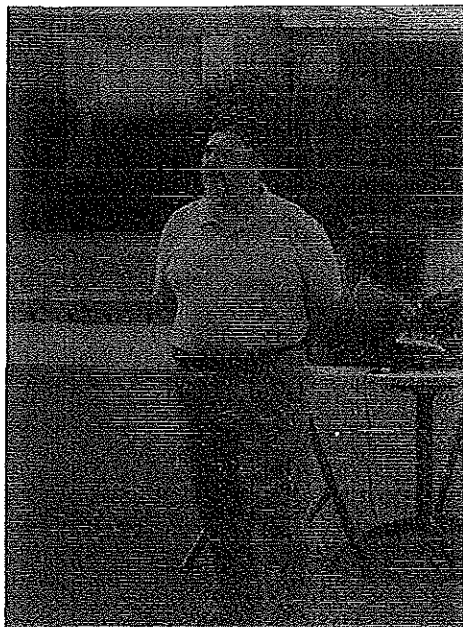
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Your a good man Vince it thank you for coming and it was a pleasure meeting your family!



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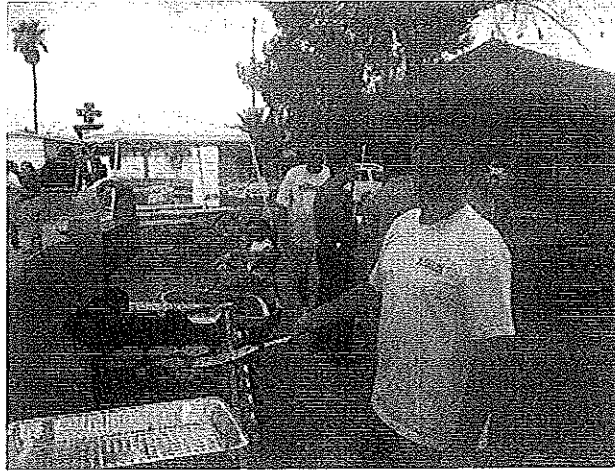
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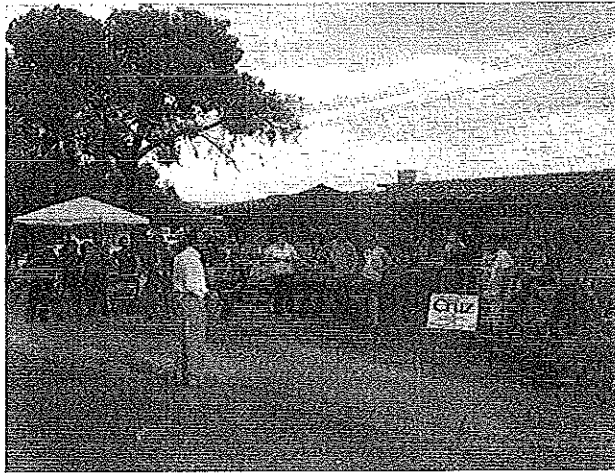
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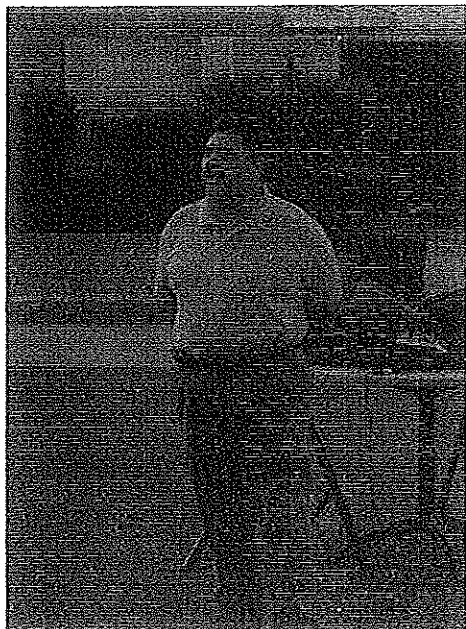


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