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## **Group Requests Formal Investigation of Assemblyman Marc Steinorth over Affair and Assault Allegations**

*Wife: He dragged me from driveway after confrontation about affair with staffer*

(Torrance, CA, Oct 18, 2017) – A representative in the state legislature believed to be in one of the most contested elections in 2018 is embroiled in controversy over allegations that he physically assaulted his wife and had an affair with one of his staffers.

The California Assembly Ethics Committee is in receipt of a formal letter requesting an investigation into the alleged conduct of Assemblyman Marc Steinorth (R-Rancho Cucamonga). Steinorth also represents the communities of Highland and Redlands.

Submitted by the group American Children First, the letter authored by, Joseph Turner, reads:

“The facts that we have uncovered along with allegations of physical assault and an affair with a staffer asserted in public documents by his wife, Maria Steinorth, are extremely disturbing.”

The complaint references an April 15<sup>th</sup> domestic disturbance 9-1-1 call made by Mrs. Steinorth in addition to statements she made in various divorce documents:

1. Mrs. Steinorth states that her husband physically assaulted her in public court documents during this April 15 incident. “He took my cell phone. I was dragged from the driveway.”
2. Mrs. Steinorth states that she witnessed her husband engaging in “amorous hugging and kissing” with another woman on her cell phone which was synchronized with their business’ video security system. She states that she went to the business to obtain the video and that there was an “argument and physical confrontation.”

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3. Mrs. Steinorth subsequently names her husband's staffer.
4. Mrs. Steinorth claims that her husband has suffered from mental health issues and sought treatment about ten years ago. She maintains that a psychologist "prescribed medication to control depression and suicidal thoughts."

Turner argues that, if true, the affair with a subordinate constituted unethical conduct that subjected California taxpayers to potential monetary damages that might result from lawsuits alleging sexual harassment or preferential treatment. He also requested an investigation into whether or not state resources were used to carry on or conceal the affair.

Citing former Assemblyman Roger Hernandez, the letter referenced how his career was upended by allegations of spousal abuse which were also levied by his wife in divorce documents.

The letter also asks the ethics committee to release the police report and the audio from the 9-1-1 call.

You can read the letter in its entirety at American Children First at the following URL:  
<http://americanchildrenfirst.org/formal-complaint-filed-assemblyman-marc-steinorth-affair-allegations/>

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