



May 6, 2018

Anthony Rendon, Speaker
California State Assembly
Capitol Office, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 94249-0063

RE: Chad Mayes & Kristin Olsen Affair – Use of Taxpayer Resources

Dear Speaker Rendon:

In April 2017, you received a letter from the husband of former Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen. In that letter Mr. Olsen requested an investigation to determine “whether or not taxpayer dollars and/or resources were used inappropriately by Assembly Republican Leader Chad Mayes in his pursuit of an extramarital affair with former Assembly Republican Leader Kristin Olsen.”

It is our understanding that your office failed to follow up on this letter and investigate the allegations, primarily because Mr. Olsen withdrew his request.

Based on new information presented to our organization, we are formally requesting that the California Assembly thoroughly investigate this matter and determine whether or not taxpayer resources were inappropriately used during this affair.

New Information

Angela Qualley currently serves as the scheduler to Assemblyman Chad Mayes. However, before she joined Mayes’ staff she served as the scheduler to Kristin Olsen and is believed to have worked for both members for the entire duration of the affair. There are numerous aspects about this arrangement that concern us and believe warrant a more detailed examination.

1. While employed by either Mayes or Olsen, did Ms. Qualley ever describe or note personal activities related to the affair as official government business?
2. Did Ms. Qualley ever coordinate with other government employees (e.g. fellow staff, security personnel, motor pool, etc.) to plan and/or arrange trysts between Mayes and Olsen?
3. Did Ms. Qualley ever withhold public documents that would normally be disclosed or miscategorize them in such a manner so as to prevent them from being released to the public?

Mr. Olsen's accusations were leveled before the Harvey Weinstein sexual assault allegations came to light and the subsequent rise of the "#MeToo" movement in October 2017. Since that time there has been a national movement to increase governmental transparency, ensure allegations were investigated, and that the appropriate punishments were doled out. Additionally, both the California Assembly and Senate have made public proclamations about how they would be more proactive and transparent in releasing validated information regarding complaints and investigations of inappropriate behavior.

We humbly ask that the Legislature, through its compliance and investigatory mechanisms, demonstrate to the public that it is committed to these principles of transparency and accountability. We are additionally asking you to interview former Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen and her husband Rod Olsen, Assemblyman Chad Mayes, and his scheduler, Angela Qualley to ascertain whether or not any taxpayer resources were misused.

Finally, we specifically request that at the conclusion of your investigation that you provide us with a written response noting your findings and conclusion. Additionally, please send us any and all materials and work product compiled during the investigation that is subject to public disclosure. Should you have any questions I can be reached at: (424) 269-4564.

Sincerely,

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