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1 **Discussion and possible action regarding an Appeal of Non-renewal of a Wedding Chapel**
2 **License, Miscellaneous Sales License, and Handbill License, A Las Vegas Garden of Love,**
3 **LLC dba A Las Vegas Garden of Love, 1431 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Cheryl Luell,**
4 **Mgr, 50%, Craig Luell, Mgr, 50% - Ward 3 (Reese)**

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6 **Appearance List:**

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12 STEVE WOLFSON, Councilman

13 CHERYL LUELL, Appellant

14 LARRY BROWN, Councilman

15 BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, City Clerk

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17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER

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19 RICKI Y. BARLOW, Councilman

20 SHERRIE KLUTE, Minister and owner of Stained Glass Wedding Chapel

21 CLIFF EVARTS

22 ASHLEY SILVER

23 JOAN VEHORKAS, Vegas Adventure Wedding Chapel

24 CIERRA BALDERRAMA, A Stained Glass Wedding Chapel

25 STEVEN ROSS, Councilman

26 DAVID RIGGLEMAN, Director of Communications

27 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER

28 JESUS DIAZ, Pastor

29 PHILLIP WILLIAMS, Pastor

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30 REBECCA WILSON

31 DOUGLAS WILSON

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33 4 hours and 30 minutes

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37 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

38 Okay. Item 58 is, thanks. Thank you very much. Discussion and possible action regarding an
39 Appeal of Non-renewal of a Wedding Chapel License, Miscellaneous Sales License and
40 Handbill License, A Las Vegas Garden of Love, LLC, doing business as The Las Vegas Garden
41 of Love (sic) at 1431 South Las Vegas Boulevard. And, would you please identify yourselves
42 for the record.

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44 **BRAD JERBIC**

45 Brad Jerbic appearing on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, representing the City, Your
46 Honor.

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48 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

49 All right.

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51 **STEPHEN STEIN**

52 Stephen Stein, 520 South Fourth Street, Attorney in Las Vegas, with Cheryl and Craig Luell
53 standing behind me.

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55 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

56 Very good. And those are the owners?

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58 **STEPHEN STEIN**

59 They are the owners.

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61 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

62 Okay, fine. We're gonna use a little different procedure today, in order to make this work
63 smoothly. I – don't want to have crowds of folks walking up who are going to testify. If you
64 wanna be heard or you're gonna testify, let counsel call you, or, if you wanna be heard without
65 counsel calling you, raise your hand and I'll recognize you. But, I wanna maintain an orderly
66 decorum here, and that's one way that I'm gonna be able to assure that, of that. Mr. Jerbic,

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67 would you like to make some opening comments?

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68 **BRAD JERBIC**

69 I'd be happy to, Your Honor. If you wish, I can just jump right in here at this point in time.

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71 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

72 Why don't you make opening comments, and then we'll ask whether Mr. Stein has any opening
73 comments, and then we'll start the hearing.

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75 **BRAD JERBIC**

76 I'll keep my comments brief. I intend today to present to you the case to support the decision of
77 our, the businessing (sic), Business Licensing (sic) Director, which was to deny the non-renewal
78 of the license for the Chapel of Love (sic) wedding chapel. I'll begin by presenting you with the
79 law governing today's hearing, and then a brief synopsis of the facts, and then I'll turn it over to
80 Mr. Stein.

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82 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

83 Very good. Thank you. Mr. Stein?

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85 **STEPHEN STEIN**

86 Well, Your Honor, as an opening statement, I would indicate to you that we have approximately
87 twenty witnesses or twenty-five witnesses that we could call during the course of this hearing. I
88 anticipate the hearing, at least my portion of the hearing, taking approximately two hours, maybe
89 a little longer. The reason that we have that many witnesses, I mean, reasons, are as follows:

90 I met with Mr. Jerbic, Mr. Henry and Mr. DiFiore on Friday. I was handed what I'm sure you
91 have been handed, this package of materials. After a discussion, Mr. Jerbic stated, and I
92 accepted, that I read this material over. Called Mr. DiFiore on Monday of this week, two days
93 ago, see if we could stipulate to anything and shorten the hearing, and get back, called Mr.
94 DiFiore on Monday. I called Mr. DiFiore on Monday; I informed him that I did not feel that,
95 based on my reading of the materials, that we could poss, I could've possibly, I could not
96 possibly properly represent my clients, taking the tactic that was suggested on Friday. Mr. Jerbic
97 and I had some further discussions on Monday. I asked Mr. DiFiore to set up a meeting with the

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98 Mayor Pro Tem and Mr. Jerbic, Mr. DiFiore called Mr. Jerbic, Mr. Jerbic recommended that I
99 call the Mayor Pro Tem to set up the meeting, not them. I called his office, left a message, called
100 his office again, Tuesday, left a message, spoke to two or three different staff members, I cannot
101 tell you who, and I called, basically, for two purposes. One, to inform the Mayor Pro Tem, in
102 whose ward this business is located, that it would be a lengthy hearing with a lot of witnesses,
103 and, two, to discuss another matter, which I will get to later. When I, and I spoke to Mr. Jerbic
104 several times yesterday afternoon also, and evening. I also called, Your Honor, to inform him,
105 you, that it would take a long time –

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107 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

108 I – got the message –

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110 **STEPHEN STEIN**

111 – and I left you a message, obviously.

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113 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

114 – I got the message.

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116 **STEPHEN STEIN**

117 What I have read here, in this, couple-page synopsis, with the exhibits, and I – will preface this
118 by stating that I have been practicing criminal law for almost 40 years, primarily, in, well, a lot
119 in federal court and in the State of Nevada. And, when I see, what I consider to be, possibly a
120 conspiracy, I react. I believe what I see here is a conspiracy, and I have put together, in a short
121 period of time, quite a bit of documentation, which I will have and hand out to you as it becomes
122 relevant, and quite a few witnesses, to show you that this is not what it appears to be in this
123 package.

124 What we have here is a young lady, Cheryl Luell, who primarily is responsible for the running
125 and operation of this wedding chapel. She worked for several other wedding chapels before she
126 opened her own. She does exceptionally well, economically. She is, according to the statistics,
127 the second largest wedding chapel in the City of Las Vegas. Because of her outstanding

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128 abilities, certain competitors of her would like to put her out of business. And that is the
129 conspiracy that I see here, from these materials and from the evidence that I will present to you.
130 I would only ask that you keep your minds open, that you wait until you hear the evidence that I
131 have to present before any decisions are made regarding the renewal of this license. And I say
132 this, and this is the second point that I wanted to discuss with the Mayor Pro Tem –

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134 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

135 And, before you go on, there, I – just wanna make a disclosure. Mr. Henry, Mr. Stein was my
136 law partner many years ago. We parted most amicably. We do not have any continued business
137 relationships, nor have we for, at least, I, I'd say, the past fifteen or twenty years. And, I have,
138 don't believe that I have any conflict which would preclude me from going forward. We have
139 no financial interest together, and I – should not be disqualified.

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141 **BILL HENRY**

142 I agree, Mayor. I think that your business relationship is so attenuated that probably you didn't
143 even have to disclose, but I think it's appropriate that you did.

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145 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

146 Okay.

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148 **STEPHEN STEIN**

149 I'm – smiling, Your Honor, because the last time I was up here, you did recuse yourself, if I
150 recall properly. But that was a personal matter, not a business matter.

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152 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

153 Well, there's a big difference.

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155 **STEPHEN STEIN**

156 Yes, there is. And I appreciate that you, and I – agree with Mr. Henry, completely, for the first
157 time, but not the last.

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158 The matter that I did wish to discuss with the Mayor Pro Tem was keeping an open mind. I have
159 had reports from several people that there were meetings called by an association of chapel
160 owners, or a de facto association, I don't know if it's a true association, and that the Mayor Pro
161 Tem attended at least one, if not more, of these meetings, and that at one of the meetings, I have
162 been told a remark was made, and I was not there, so I cannot quote it. I can only report what I
163 heard, that the Mayor Pro Tem stated to these owners and business competitors, that, if in fact,
164 the problem with the industry is The Las Vegas Chapel of Love (sic), why don't we just take
165 their license and put an end to all the problems. That, at that meeting, the Las Vegas Chapel of
166 Love (sic) was not able to present any evidence. It was not able to respond to these allegations,
167 and it is those competitors who would benefit from the taking of this license.

168 Now, I am not saying, and I will not say, that the industry itself does not see and need some
169 modifications and some further study. In fact, Mr. Jerbic and I, years ago, agreed that I would
170 help him drafting some ordinances, and this was when the old courthouse was open, not the RJC,
171 to in – a more appropriate way handle – the hand-billing that occurs outside of the courthouse.
172 In fact, if I recall right, Mr. Jerbic even stated to me that Mr. Kaempfer, Chris Kaempfer, would
173 work with us; or he and I would work with the City in drafting this legislation. And I agreed
174 with that; nothing ever came of it, I don't know why. But those things happen, but I have said to
175 Mr. Jerbic in the last couple of days, I am still ready, willing and able to work with the City
176 Attorney's Office and the City in drafting new regulations to improve the ordinances governing
177 the hand-billing, which is what leads to most of the problems outside of the RJC, at the present
178 time. And with that, I am willing to proceed with the presentation of evidence –

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180 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

181 Yes.

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183 **STEPHEN STEIN**

184 – if Mr. Jerbic is –

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186 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

187 Mayor Pro Tem.

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188 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

189 I feel I need to answer some of the allegations that was thrown my way. The Chapel of Love
190 (sic) is in my ward. The City Clerk's, (sic) where potential marriages go to get their licenses are
191 also in my ward. I've heard many, many stories about undesirable activity outside of the –
192 courthouse, the RJC. I've been to many meetings. I don't know, I don't – invite people to the
193 meetings, so I don't who attends the meetings. I, too, feel like that this problem's been going on
194 for five or six years, seven or eight years, and, I think, there should be something that we could
195 do; nothing has been done. I've had staff checking to see if we can't make all of the applicants,
196 as their licenses expire, they come in for renewal, that they have to go through a special use
197 permit. So, that we do have problems at one or more of these places where people get married
198 that we can call 'em in for a show-cause hearing. I don't know whether that would work; that's
199 something that we're looking at.

200 I have some opinions about what I've heard and what I've read in the newspapers, but nothing
201 I've heard has kept me from having an open mind at this time. The decision to not renew this
202 application was made by my, or by our City staff, not by any of the Councilmembers, but by our
203 City staff for reasons that, I'm sure, they will present to us today also. I, the reason we're here is
204 because they have appealed this decision, that the City staff has made. And, I can assure you,
205 Mr. Stein, that my decision has not been made, my mind's not been made up. I feel that the
206 Chapel of Love (sic) and their staff will get a fair hearing from me, as well as the rest of the City
207 Councilmembers.

208 I will not disqualify myself. I feel that, because I – don't, feel like I have an opinion on this. I
209 wanna hear all the – fors and the – why fors and how comes, and, to be able to make up my
210 mind. And I think that you're a very abled-body person to present your client's side of the story,
211 as well as, I hope, our City staff will be. I don't know that, whether we have enough time here
212 today, Oscar, or Mr., I'm sorry, Mayor. Maybe – we should, you have a special City Council
213 meeting to hear this; I don't know. But I wanna make sure, I wanna make sure that when Mr.
214 Stein leaves this chambers today, that I'm sure you will ensure that, that he will have a fair and
215 unbiased hearing. And that's all I can guarantee, Mr. Stein. And I'm sorry –

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216 **STEPHEN STEIN**

217 And with that –

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219 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

220 – I’m sorry you even brought it up.

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222 **STEPHEN STEIN**

223 – with that guarantee, I am quite happy.

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225 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

226 All right. Well, there’s no reason to delay this. We have a lot of people who are in the room
227 here. I’m gonna move it along, I’ll tell you that. I’m not going to listen to repeated testimony of
228 the same thing, but, if there’s something new, I’ll listen to any witness who’s being brought
229 forward, and let’s – start; that’s why we’re here. We’re here to do City business and this is City
230 business. Mr. Jerbic?

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232 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

233 Mayor Goodman?

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235 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

236 Yes.

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238 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

239 Before we start, please. I always like to get it out on the table, upfront. What is the standard of
240 proof? Who has the burden of proof? What issues are we to decide, as a Council? Would you,
241 please, go over that, Mr. Jerbic. I wanna make sure that you and Mr. Stein are on the same page,
242 as to, is there a burden of proof, who has it and what is that burden?

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244 **BRAD JERBIC**

245 Let me do my best to answer that. I’ll take that in order –

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246 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

247 (Inaudible).

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249 **BRAD JERBIC**

250 – 'cause that was part of my presentation, anyway, Councilman. Mayor and members of
251 Council, I'll be as brief as I can this morning.

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253 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

254 Brad, if – I can just interrupt, Your Honor. To me, and I want people to understand, sitting in the
255 audience, this is not a show-cause hearing of a revocation of a license. All we're doing here
256 today is, staff decided not to renew this license, and they appealed this decision. So, what,
257 we're, to me, what we're doing here is we're trying to see whether they deserve to have their
258 license renewed.

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260 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

261 Exactly.

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263 **BRAD JERBIC**

264 Thank you, Your Honor. The, let me first state that the wedding chapel license for The Chapel
265 of Love (sic) wedding chapel was first issued on April 11, 2005. It is not a privileged license.
266 You are very used to hearing hearings where we file a complaint, a response is filed and then
267 there's a full-blown hearing with witnesses on the revocation of a privileged license. As
268 someone mentioned earlier, this is not that kind of hearing. This is a non-renewal of a standard
269 business license, which brings us to the questions that Councilman Wolfson asked: What's the
270 standard of proof? What do you look for in today's hearing?

271 First of all, let me mention there are three licenses that are in possession of Chapel of Love (sic).
272 One is the wedding chapel license, which comes up for renewal on October 1st, that is the license
273 for which Mr. DiFiore sent a Notice of Non-renewal for the Chapel of Love (sic). That's the
274 license we're here for today. There are two other licenses. One, they have a miscellaneous sales

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275 license that comes up for renewal on November 1st, and they have a hand-bill license that comes
276 up for renewal on December 1st. Those licenses are not at issue today.

277 On September 27th, Mr. DiFiore, on behalf of the Department of Business Activity (sic) , sent a
278 letter, hand delivered, to the Chapel of Love (sic) indicating that their license was not going to be
279 renewed. I'd like to take that letter. I believe Mr. Stein has a copy of it –

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281 **STEPHEN STEIN**

282 I do.

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284 **BRAD JERBIC**

285 – and I'd like to have that marked as Exhibit 1 and file it with the Clerk.

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287 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

288 And, – Mrs. – Luell, if you, if your counsel doesn't need you there, if you'd like to have a seat,
289 you're more than welcome to. If you prefer to stand, it's your prerogative.

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291 **CHERYL LUELL**

292 (Inaudible).

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294 **STEPHEN STEIN**

295 Okay. Your Honor, Mayor, The Garden of Love, not the Chapel.

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297 **BRAD JERBIC**

298 I'm sorry.

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300 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

301 Oh.

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302 **BRAD JERBIC**

303 I'm sorry, The Garden of Love (sic). My – misspeaking. Under today's hearing, their license is
304 sought to be non-renewed, based on Las Vegas Municipal Code 6.02.090(2) (a), (2) (c) and (2)
305 (h). Let me read those into the record.

306 (2)(a): A licensee and any of its principals has engaged or has commenced, instituted, advertised,
307 aided, carry on, continued or engaged in a business, trade or profession while having obtained a
308 valid license on an approved suitability, a permit or a work card where such a person knew that
309 one was required under such circumstances and they reasonably would have known that one was
310 required, or has solicited and encouraged, caused or procured another to do so.

311 The second ground is that the licensee or any of its principals or any of their employees or those
312 acting on their behalf, have been convicted of an act that constitutes a crime which involves
313 moral turpitude or involves any local, state or federal law or regulation relates to the same or
314 similar business or have been convicted of having solicited, encouraged, caused or procured
315 another to commit such a violation.

316 And, finally, they seek non-renewal on the ground that the business activity constitutes,
317 promotes, causes, allows, fosters, aids or otherwise enables a private nuisance, public nuisance
318 or chronic nuisance or has been, being conducted in an unlawful, illegal or impermissible
319 manner, including but not limited to causing, allowing, promoting, fostering, aiding, enabling,
320 exercising deliberate ignorance towards or failing to abate a private nuisance, public nuisance or
321 chronic nuisance.

322 Under our Code, once the director denial, denies the request to renew a license, a request for an
323 appeal may be lodged with him. That was done by Mr. Stein. I think a day after the Notice of
324 Non-renewal was given on September 27th, Mr. Stein delivered a letter to Mr. DiFiore under the
325 Las Vegas Municipal Code 6.02.110, asking for this appeal, which you're hearing today. Which
326 brings us to the standard of proof and what it is that we're gonna present.

327 Our Code does not specifically address the type of hearing that should accompany an appeal
328 from a non-renewal of a business license. What we have, on the one hand, is the type of hearing
329 that you get, regularly, from the Department of Business Activity (sic) and from Metro when
330 somebody applies for a new business license. You'll get a confidential book that have (sic) a list
331 of reports and a summary of what's in the report that will say why they should or should not be

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332 granted a license. On the other extreme, you have a license in someone's possession, perhaps
333 even a privileged license, where a complaint is lodged, an answer is filed and there's a full-
334 blown hearing with witnesses and sworn testimony. Even that hearing is probably beyond that
335 which the Code requires, but those are the two things you're used to seeing. What you're gonna
336 see today is something that I haven't presented in fifteen years as your City Attorney, and that is
337 a hearing on a non-renewal of the license.

338 Let me turn your attention to what I think should occur today. Under 6.88 of our Municipal
339 Code, there are procedures that govern an administrative hearing for the revocation of a license.
340 That is the filing of a complaint and an answer, and the like. Again, that is not required for non-
341 renewal; that's abundantly clear. Our Code is silent in that issue. But it does talk about the
342 types of things that occur at a hearing, an administrative hearing, for revocation of a license.
343 And I would submit, that I think they're good guidelines for going today. Let me read those into
344 the record for you.

345 This is 6.88.090. This is an administrative hearing for the revocation of a license. And, again, if
346 it takes this level of proof to revoke a license, I submit, it would probably take something less to
347 non-renew it. But in any case, let me read 6.88.090.

348 (A) The hearing need not be conducted according to technical rules relating to evidence and
349 witnesses. Any relevant evidence may be admitted.

350 (B) The respondent shall have the right to call and examine witnesses on his own behalf, cross-
351 examine opposing witnesses, introduce exhibits and evidence relevant to the issues of the case
352 and offer rebuttal of evidence.

353 (C) The respondent may be called and examined by the City.

354 And, (D) The City Clerk shall have the power to issue subpoenas for witnesses to appear or to
355 give testimony.

356 I would submit that if those rules are good enough to take away something that somebody has in
357 their possession, they ought to certainly be good enough rules to govern what kind of hearing
358 you should have to look at an appeal from a decision to not renew a license. I shared that
359 information with Mr. Stein yesterday. I don't know if he has any particular objections to it. I
360 didn't detect any last night when we talked, but this would be a time to address that.

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361 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

362 Fine. Do you have any objections to it?

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364 **STEPHEN STEIN**

365 The only thing I object to is as follows: In the United States, there's such a thing as due process.

366 What Mr. Jerbic just read is procedural due process. I believe that once someone has a license

367 and has been operating, you cannot take his property without due process of law, which would

368 include procedural and substantive due process. So, I think that what Mr. Jerbic has read is

369 good, fully, not partial, that we have the right to examine and cross-examine. We have the right

370 to present witnesses and evidence. We have the right to rebut. There get, thereby, giving us

371 substantive and procedural due process. With that, I would have no objection.

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373 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

374 So, your answer is, you do agree with him?

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376 **STEPHEN STEIN**

377 What he said, if that is what it takes to revoke a license –

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379 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

380 Okay.

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382 **STEPHEN STEIN**

383 – less than that is what it takes.

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385 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

386 Okay. We're gonna get this thing through. I think, you just agreed with him. Okay, Mr. Jerbic.

387 All right.

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388 **BRAD JERBIC**

389 I don't wanna over-lawyer this, Your Honor. I do intend to call, for, from my point of view, just
390 one witness today and that is (inaudible).

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392 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

393 Okay. I – don't believe that you answered Councilman Wolfson's question, though, to be quite
394 frank with you.

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396 **BRAD JERBIC**

397 Oh, as far as –

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399 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

400 Express to us, what is the burden of proof?

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402 **BRAD JERBIC**

403 The burden of proof, I think that the City does carry the day on this one. I think that we have to
404 show why the non-renewal is not gonna occur. I do agree, that I think there's something
405 different here. When you have a license in your possession that's not gonna be renewed, I think
406 that we have to show the reasons for the director's decision. I think it's by substantial evidence.
407 I think that we, that the Council has to weigh it, decide whether or not it's credible, whether or
408 not it's substantial, and then I think Mr. Stein has the opportunity to rebut that through the
409 recourse that's outlaid, laid out in the law.

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411 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

412 To be quite frank with you, you're giving me a standard higher than that, which I thought it
413 should be by preponderance of the evidence, but if you're saying substantial, that makes the
414 City's burden even more onerous. Councilman?

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415 **COUCILMAN BROWN**

416 Thank you. Your Honor, just two questions, to clarify. Mr. Jerbic, you indicated that we're –
417 considering the one license non-renewal. Our backup talks about the wedding chapel appealing
418 the non-renewal of three business license (sic). Can we, what are we going to hear today? Just
419 the one?

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421 **BRAD JERBIC**

422 Just the one. Just the one.

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424 **STEPHEN STEIN**

425 That's correct, technically, but the – letter also said, you are hereby ordered to close down and
426 stop doing business, which, by agreement with Mr. Jerbic and Mr. DiFiore, they were allowed to
427 remain in business, with the understanding that we're not, they weren't conceding anything, just
428 allowing the license to remain in effect until this hearing. But, if this license, if – the Council
429 votes that this – license will not be renewed, the other licenses are moot.

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431 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

432 Right, and that's, my – ruling is that that's absolutely correct, that we're just concerned today with
433 the wedding chapel license, the non-renewal issue. We're not concerned with the miscellaneous
434 sales. We're not concerned with the handbills.

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436 **BRAD JERBIC**

437 I will tell you, after consultation with my client, Mr. DiFiore, he has indicated that if this Council
438 decides today to uphold his decision to not renew the wedding chapel license, when the other
439 license (sic) come up in succession, he will also recommend non-renewal of those licenses.

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441 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

442 And we'll address that at that time.

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443 **BRAD JERBIC**

444 That's correct.

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446 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

447 And, secondly, Your Honor, just so I understand, the licensee is A Las Vegas Garden of Love,
448 LLC, and it – indicates that Cheryl and Craig Luell, as managing members, are they owners, are
449 they part owners of the LLC and are there other names in that LLC that are pertinent to what
450 we're going to hear today?

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452 **BRAD JERBIC**

453 It's my understanding they are the owners, but I will ask Mr. DiFiore those questions on the
454 record –

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456 **STEPHEN STEIN**

457 Just those two –

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459 **BRAD JERBIC**

460 – just those two according, to Mr. Stein.

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462 **STEPHEN STEIN**

463 And Mr. DiFiore.

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465 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

466 All right.

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468 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

469 Thank you, Your Honor.

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470 **BILL HENRY**

471 Mayor, if – I could take a moment, you made a comment about believing that substantial
472 evidence was a burden of proof higher than preponderance of the evidence. I – believe that Mr.
473 Jerbic was using the term substantial evidence as a term of art found in this area, administrative
474 law. And, in Nevada, what it, what Nevada, substantial evidence means is that evidence upon
475 which a reasonable City Councilman could have based his vote. And, that's further defined as
476 any evidence, any articulable fact that would support the decision made by the City Council. So,
477 under Nevada law, it's – not a higher burden than the civil burden. It – has a precise definition.

478

479 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

480 Thank you. Mr. Jerbic, let's start.

481

482 **BRAD JERBIC**

483 Very good. With that, I would like to introduce Mr. DiFiore. I don't know if you wanna have
484 witnesses sworn today or not, Your Honor.

485

486 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

487 I think we have to. I – don't like it, but I think we have to.

488

489 **BRAD JERBIC**

490 Very good.

491

492 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

493 Ms. Bridges, are you in a position where you could swear the witness in?

494

495 **BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

496 You swear the evidence you give today is true (inaudible)?

497

498 **JIM DiFIORE**

499 Yes, I do.

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500 **BRAD JERBIC**

501 Thank you. Can you state your name for the record?

502

503 **JIM DiFIORE**

504 My name is Jim DiFiore, I'm the Manager of the Business Services Division for the City of Las
505 Vegas.

506

507 **BRAD JERBIC**

508 And how long have you done that, Mr. DiFiore?

509

510 **JIM DiFIORE**

511 For that, in that position, I've done that nineteen years.

512

513 **BRAD JERBIC**

514 In preparation for today's hearing on an appeal from your decision to deny a license for the Las
515 Vegas Garden of Love (sic), did you prepare a confidential book of information containing some
516 forty-three tabs of information for the Council and Mr. Stein?

517

518 **JIM DiFIORE**

519 Yes, I did.

520

521 **BRAD JERBIC**

522 I'm showing you a copy of that book at this time; does that appear to be the book that you
523 prepared?

524

525 **JIM DiFIORE**

526 Yes, it is.

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527 **BRAD JERBIC**

528 Did you rely on the information in this book in denying the renewal of the business license for
529 The Garden of Love (sic).

530

531 **JIM DiFIORE**

532 Yes, I did.

533

534 **BRAD JERBIC**

535 Do you believe the information in this notebook to be true?

536

537 **JIM DiFIORE**

538 Yes, I do.

539

540 **BRAD JERBIC**

541 Thank you. I'd like to provide the notebook to the Clerk at this time and have it marked at
542 Exhibit 2.

543

544 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

545 All right, it's marked as Exhibit 2.

546

547 **BRAD JERBIC**

548 For the edification of the Council, the, I'm going to be going through this notebook tab by tab,
549 so, if everybody has it in front of you, when I refer to tabs, it will be pages that are already
550 marked in the notebook that was distributed to you earlier in the week.

551

552 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

553 Mr. Stein, you do have a copy of it?

554

555 **STEPHEN STEIN**

556 I do.

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557 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

558 Very good.

559

560 **BRAD JERBIC**

561 With respect to The Garden of Love (sic), are you familiar with Cheryl and Craig Luell?

562

563 **JIM DiFIORE**

564 Yes, I am.

565

566 **BRAD JERBIC**

567 Do you know what their relationship is to each other?

568

569 **JIM DiFIORE**

570 I believe they're husband and wife.

571

572 **BRAD JERBIC**

573 Are they here in the Council Chambers today?

574

575 **JIM DiFIORE**

576 Yes, they are.

577

578 **BRAD JERBIC**

579 The, before I begin with the presentation, let me indicate to the Council that, while I indicated
580 earlier that the license for the Chapel of Love (sic) was issued in April of two thousand and five,
581 you're gonna to hear some evidence today that Mr. DiFiore relied on that pre-dates their being
582 issued a City business license. With that, let me jump in and –

583

584 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

585 Mr. DiFiore?

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586 **JIM DiFIORE**

587 If I could clarify for the Council, the license issued in April 11 two thousand and five, was for
588 this specific location, 1431 Las Vegas Boulevard South. Prior to that, they were licensed at 200
589 West Sahara. So, the information covers both locations.

590

591 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

592 Thank you.

593

594 **BRAD JERBIC**

595 Very good. Starting with Tab 1, our, are you familiar with the business called Tropical Island
596 Wedding Chapel? (sic)

597

598 **JIM DiFIORE**

599 Vaguely, yes.

600

601 **BRAD JERBIC**

602 Was that owned by the Luells?

603

604 **JIM DiFIORE**

605 I don't believe it was owned by the Luells. I believe they were employees of that particular
606 wedding chapel.

607

608 **BRAD JERBIC**

609 Are you aware of a police report dated or filed on July 10th, 2000, regarding the Tropical Isle
610 Wedding Chapel? (sic)

611

612 **JIM DiFIORE**

613 Yes, I am.

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614 **BRAD JERBIC**

615 Have you read that report and did you rely on it in part in making your decision to non-renew the
616 license for this particular wedding chapel?

617

618 **JIM DiFIORE**

619 Yes, I did.

620

621 **BRAD JERBIC**

622 If I could, for the record, Your Honor, I'm turning to Tab 1, I'm turning to the last page of Tab 1,
623 and I would like to read it into the record that incident report. In summary it says, Luell, this is
624 Cheryl Luell, was employed as a manager by Shift at the –

625

626 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

627 By Swift.

628

629 **BRAD JERBIC**

630 I'm sorry, by Swift, at the Tropicana Island Wedding Chapel. Swift began to audit payroll and
631 noticed discrepancies almost doubling Luell's commission, as well as her husband and Luell's
632 mother, who also worked there, overpayment in wages by falsifying documents of the records of
633 the chapel Luell was fired along with her husband on 7/07/2000. Swift had previously fired her
634 mother on 6/15/2000. Swift is now auditing her company accounts, and, to this date,
635 approximately \$10,000 has been embezzled. Upon being fired, Luell stated to Swift on her cell
636 that she would do harm to Swift's dog, Jack. She stated that Swift would find her dog dead.
637 Another employee, Christina Manvilla or Christine Manvilla, did witness some of the falsified
638 documents. Taken home with Luell was booking sheets observed by Manvilla, as well as
639 timecards.

640 Mr. DiFiore, do you know of an individual by the name of Michael Joseph?

641

642 **JIM DiFIORE**

643 I know of that individual's, name, yes.

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644 **BRAD JERBIC**

645 Who is he?

646

647 **JIM DiFIORE**

648 He was a, an agent, solicitor for one of the wedding chapels.

649

650 **BRAD JERBIC**

651 Are you aware of a report he filed on May 16th, 2003, involving a battery?

652

653 **JIM DiFIORE**

654 Yes, I am.

655

656 **BRAD JERBIC**

657 Your Honor, we're turning to Tab 2, in the backup documentation, and I'll just read Mr.
658 DiFiore's summary for the record.

659

660 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

661 Let me ask you this. Councilman Wolfson is suggesting that it may be more expeditious for Mr.
662 Stein, if he wants to, to respond to each one of these; no? All right. Very good. Then keep on
663 going.

664

665 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

666 Mayor, (inaudible).

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668 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

669 Yes.

670

671 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

672 Mayor, if the Councilmembers have questions on the individual item, should we do it?

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673 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

674 Yes, now. I think that's the best way to do it.

675

676 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

677 Versus going through –

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679 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

680 Yes.

681

682 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

683 – thirty-three and then coming back.

684

685 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

686 No, I agree, and I think, from the Council's perspective, if we have any questions of Mr. Jerbic
687 in his presentation, as to these exhibits, that we should ask those questions at that time.

688

689 **STEPHEN STEIN**

690 Mr. Mayor, so that –

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692 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

693 Yes.

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695 **STEPHEN STEIN**

696 – the Council, you and Council knows –

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698 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

699 Yes.

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700 **STEPHEN STEIN**

701 – I am, basically, gonna do the same thing that Mr. Jerbic is doing; bringing witnesses to
702 contradict these police reports.

703

704 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

705 All right, fine. We'll – just judge it as things happen. How's Jack?

706

707 **BRAD JERBIC**

708 I don't know, Your Honor.

709

710 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

711 Okay.

712

713 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

714 Mayor Goodman?

715

716 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

717 No, I'm wondering why that's relevant, you know, as far as Jack's concerned.

718

719 **BRAD JERBIC**

720 Well, if I can state for the, I can state now –

721

722 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

723 You know, it's one thing if Jack is not with us anymore, but to say that somebody says they're
724 gonna do harm to Jack, that's jack. Okay. Keep going.

725

726 **BRAD JERBIC**

727 I can state now, Your Honor, I know that some of these reports, as you hear them, are gonna
728 seem almost as stand-alone, some of them might seem absurd. But, I think, when you see the
729 whole pattern, when you get to the end of the forty-two tabs here, you're going to see a pattern

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730 of conduct that, where there's been alleged that the Luells have threatened, coerced and used
731 abusive tactics to promote the business of their wedding chapel, which is the core of the, Mr.
732 DiFiore's decision to deny the renewal for a license.

733

734 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

735 Okay.

736

737 **STEPHEN STEIN**

738 First of all, they didn't have a wedding chapel back in (inaudible).

739

740 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

741 All right, we'll – just go through this, and then we'll hear from Mr. Stein.

742

743 **BRAD JERBIC**

744 Understand. Let me read Mr. DiFiore's summary of the John Joseph battery report from May
745 16, 2003. On May 16, 2003, Michael Joseph filed an incident report with the Las Vegas
746 Metropolitan Police Department for battery by an employee of A Las Vegas Garden of Love.
747 An individual by the first name of Bradley had a verbal altercation with Joseph about Bradley
748 being fired. The argument turned physical when Bradley shoved Joseph in the back and punched
749 him in the back of the neck. A female security guard from the courthouse told Bradley to leave
750 and he was verbally abusive toward her. These charges were denied due to insufficient
751 evidence; however, the report is attached to Tab 2.

752 Mr. DiFiore, turning to Tab 3, do you know of an individual by the name of John Zeramba?

753

754 **JIM DiFIORE**

755 I know of him by virtually of the other report filed.

756

757 **BRAD JERBIC**

758 And who is he with respect to Garden of Love (sic)?

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759 **JIM DiFIORE**

760 He's a wedding chapel agent, I believe, for another wedding chapel, here licensed in Las Vegas.

761

762 **BRAD JERBIC**

763 Are you aware of an affidavit he signed on May 22nd, 2003 involving a battery?

764

765 **JIM DiFIORE**

766 Yes, I am.

767

768 **BRAD JERBIC**

769 For the record, Your Honor, I'd like to read Mr. DiFiore's summary of Tab 3. That is, on May
770 22nd, 2003, a complaint was filed by John Zaremba. He was attacked by a known drug addict,
771 who apparently was working for Cheryl Luell or A Las Vegas Garden of Love wedding chapel,
772 in early April. In a signed affidavit, he stated that he personally heard Craig Luell threaten his
773 life by saying, quote; I will beat you to death, old man. The documentation supporting that
774 affidavit, or, excuse me, the affidavit itself is attached to Tab 3. We're going to hear more about
775 Mr. Zaremba when we get to Tab 20.

776 I will state for the record, too, that, when I use the word affidavit, I am using the term only to
777 describe the document that has been titled affidavit. Those of you who are lawyers recognize
778 that these are not in affidavit form, they're not notarized, there aren't witnesses, so I – don't think
779 Mr. Stein and I have any disagreement over what these are. But I wanted to put that on the
780 record, that I'm gonna use the term affidavit only because the document is titled affidavit.

781

782 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

783 Very good. Thank you.

784

785 **BRAD JERBIC**

786 Thank you. Let me turn to Tab 4. Mr. DiFiore, do you know of an individual by the name
787 Stephen Smith?

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788 **JIM DiFIORE**

789 Yes, I do.

790

791 **BRAD JERBIC**

792 Who is he?

793

794 **JIM DiFIORE**

795 He, again, is a, I – believe, a, an owner of a, another wedding chapel here in Las Vegas.

796

797 **BRAD JERBIC**

798 Are you aware of an affidavit he signed on May 22nd, 2003, involving a threat by a person
799 associated with Craig Luell?

800

801 **JIM DiFIORE**

802 Yes, I am.

803

804 **BRAD JERBIC**

805 For the record, Your Honor, let me read Mr. DiFiore's summary of the information behind Tab 4
806 involving Mr. Smith. On May 22nd, 2003, a complaint was filed by Stephen Smith, who
807 observed, in early April, John Zaremba being harassed by a vagrant in front of the courthouse.
808 The vagrant was attempting to cause a fight. Prior to this encounter, Smith observed the vagrant
809 talking to Cheryl Luell and paying him cash and pointing him to the direction that Zaremba was
810 located. A second vagrant, who Smith observed talking with Luell, approached Smith and
811 threatened to beat him and drag him up in the alley. In an affidavit signed by Mr. Smith, he
812 stated that he personally heard Craig Luell threaten to, quote, beat John Zaremba to death. That
813 is behind Tab 4.

814 Turning your attention to Tab 5, Mr. DiFiore, do you know of an individual by the name of
815 Edward Scheiner?

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816 **JIM DiFIORE**

817 Yes, I do, by virtue of the report.

818

819 **BRAD JERBIC**

820 And do you know who is he, with respect to The Garden of Love (sic)?

821

822 **JIM DiFIORE**

823 He is an employee of a, he was an employee of The Las Vegas Wedding Chapel (sic).

824

825 **BRAD JERBIC**

826 Are you aware of an affidavit that he signed on May 22nd, 2003, involving the intimidation,

827 actions, or involving intimidating actions by persons associated with the Chapel of Love (sic)?

828

829 **JIM DiFIORE**

830 Yes, I am.

831

832 **BRAD JERBIC**

833 Thank you. Your Honor, I'd like to read Mr. DiFiore's summary of Tab 5.

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835 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

836 All right.

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838 **BRAD JERBIC**

839 On May 22nd, 2003, a complaint was filed by Edward Scheiner, an employee of the Las Vegas

840 Wedding Chapel where he stated he had worked for the Luells at A Las Vegas Garden of Love

841 wedding chapel and has witnessed a large number of intimidating actions taken by Ms. Luell,

842 Chris Kindle, sometimes spelled Christopher Kendall (sic), and we'll see more about Mr.

843 Kendall (sic) later, Jamaica and other employees. In this affidavit, Mr. Scheiner stated that he

844 had heard Jamaica state that, if he ever found Mr. Evarts down by the courthouse, he would,

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845 quote, kick his "A" and beat him until he was dead. Mr. DiFiore, turning to Tabs 6, do you know
846 of an individual by the name of Clyde McConnell?

847

848 **JIM DiFIORE**

849 Yes, I do, by virtue of his complaint.

850

851 **BRAD JERBIC**

852 And do you know who Mr. McConnell is, with respect to The Garden of Love (sic)?

853

854 **JIM DiFIORE**

855 I – believe he is a, an agent that works for another wedding chapel here in Las Vegas.

856

857 **BRAD JERBIC**

858 Are you aware of an affidavit that Mr. McConnell signed on May 26th, 2003, involving
859 statements by Cheryl Luell on May 25th, 2003?

860

861 **JIM DiFIORE**

862 Yes, I am.

863

864 **BRAD JERBIC**

865 Turning our attention to Tab 6, let me read Mr. DiFiore's summary. On May 26, 2003, Clyde
866 McConnell, who overheard Cheryl Luell on the previous day make comment about Cliff Evarts,
867 how he was going to, quote, bitch-slap and give him a black eye, filed a complaint. In his
868 affidavit, Mr. McConnell stated that he heard Craig Luell repeat the threat by saying, I'm going
869 to bitch-slap him, too.

870 Indulge me for a moment, Your Honor. I would point out, at this time, that I'm gonna return to
871 it in a moment, but if, there is a police report also involving Mr. McConnell, Mr. Zaremba, it's
872 behind Tab 18. Some of this is kinda shuffled together, but I just want to put on the record now
873 that I will be getting to Tab 18 in a moment. You'll see how some of these incidents are a bit
874 related to each other. Turning to Tab 7.

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875 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

876 Mayor Goodman.

877

878 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

879 Yes.

880

881 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

882 May I ask a question, please?

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884 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

885 Certainly.

886

887 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

888 Mr. Jerbic, when I look at Tabs 3, 4 and 5, and the documents you're asking us to refer to, which
889 are called affidavits, obviously, to the naked eye, these affidavits were prepared either on the
890 same computer or the same type, of whatever it is. So, here's my question. In your summary, it
891 says a complaint was filed. Well, who was the complaint filed with? Because all I have is an
892 affidavit that's not notarized, they're all about the same date, so, who are these complaints filed
893 with and what action was taken?

894

895 **BRAD JERBIC**

896 I (inaudible) to present them, but I can answer it right now. Mr. DiFiore, how is it that you came
897 into possession of the documents referred to as affidavits that are contained in the backup
898 documentation?

899

900 **JIM DiFIORE**

901 These complaints that are note, noticed as affidavits were compiled and submitted to my office,
902 probably, around that time that they're, that they had filed, with the dates on them.

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903 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

904 Okay. So, if I've got, for example, Exhibit 3, which has an affidavit that's not notarized, but it –
905 says affidavit and it's dated May 22nd of '03; this was a document that was submitted to your
906 office back in that timeframe?

907

908 **JIM DiFIORE**

909 In that timeframe, yes.

910

911 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

912 So, it's not like they were prepared more recently, but they were submitted way back then.

913

914 **JIM DiFIORE**

915 That's correct.

916

917 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

918 Question: Was anything done back then about these allegations?

919

920 **JIM DiFIORE**

921 Not directly with the Luells. We had several wedding chapel meetings, which they were invited
922 to, tried to mediate some of the concerns that were quoted in the affidavit. And, essentially, we
923 wanted to see how things would or were not improve.

924

925 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

926 And, as I flip through, just to get this point out of the way, it seems like, in many of these
927 affidavits, the format is the same. Do you know who would have prepared these affidavits?

928

929 **JIM DiFIORE**

930 No, I do not.

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931 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

932 Would – you – acknowledge that they seem to be prepared in the same format?

933

934 **JIM DiFIORE**

935 Yes, absolutely.

936

937 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

938 And on the same computer, or whatever produced these documents?

939

940 **JIM DiFIORE**

941 Absolutely.

942

943 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

944 We don't know who prepared these documents. I mean, on its face, you wanna say that the,
945 quote, affiant prepared them, but you don't know whether the affiant prepared them or somebody
946 prepared them for the affiant, do you?

947

948 **JIM DiFIORE**

949 No, I do not.

950

951 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

952 Thank you.

953

954 **BRAD JERBIC**

955 If I could ask a few more questions along that line; it might also help clarify. How did you get
956 these documents? Who gave them to you?

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957 **JIM DiFIORE**

958 These were left for me at my front counter and in a packet. I don't know who personally served
959 these or delivered these to my office. I believe they came from one or more of the other wedding
960 chapel owners at that time.

961

962 **BRAD JERBIC**

963 Turning your attention to Tab No. 7, Mr. DiFiore, are you familiar with an individual, or do you
964 know of an individual by the name of Jason Miller?

965

966 **JIM DiFIORE**

967 Yes, I do.

968

969 **BRAD JERBIC**

970 Who is he?

971

972 **JIM DiFIORE**

973 He is a, another agent for one of the wedding chapels downtown.

974

975 **BRAD JERBIC**

976 And do you know of an individual by the name of Chris Kindle?

977

978 **JIM DiFIORE**

979 I know the name; yes, I do.

980

981 **BRAD JERBIC**

982 And, who is Chris Kindle and what is his relationship with The Garden of Love (sic)?

983

984 **JIM DiFIORE**

985 At the time that the complaint was filed, he was a, an agent for A Las Vegas Garden of Love.

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986 **BRAD JERBIC**

987 Is he no longer an agent for A Las Vegas Garden of Love?

988

989 **JIM DiFIORE**

990 That, I do not know.

991

992 **BRAD JERBIC**

993 Turning your attention to Tab 7, are you aware of an affidavit that Mr. Miller signed on May
994 30th, 2003, involving Chris Kindle on May 28th, 2003?

995

996 **JIM DiFIORE**

997 Yes, I am.

998

999 **BRAD JERBIC**

1000 Your Honor, I'd like to read Mr. DiFiore's summary into the record. On May 30th, 2003, a
1001 complaint was filed by Jason Miller, which stated that while he was an agent for A Las Vegas
1002 Garden of Love, Chris Kindle asked him to let the air out of a vehicle's tires parked in front of
1003 the courthouse. He threatened him with the loss of his job if he refused. In a signed affidavit,
1004 Miller stated that he deflated one of the tires slightly and told Chris that that was all he was
1005 going to do. Mr. Kindle then hired another person to flatten the tire, so the car was not
1006 operational. Mr. Miller said later that it happened to be the vehicle of the daughter of a judge in
1007 the courthouse.

1008 Mr. DiFiore, turning your attention to Tab 8, are you aware of an individual by the name of
1009 Michael Joseph?

1010

1011 **JIM DiFIORE**

1012 Yes, I am.

1013

1014 **BRAD JERBIC**

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1015 Are you aware of an affidavit that Mr. Joseph signed on May 30th, 2003, involving an incident
1016 where Cheryl Luell contacted a person on the street to injure John Zaremba?

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1017 **JIM DiFIORE**

1018 Yes, I am.

1019

1020 **BRAD JERBIC**

1021 Turning your attention to Tab 8, Your Honor, I'd like to read Mr. DiFiore's summary. On May
1022 30th, 2003, a complaint was filed by Michael Joseph, a former employee of A Las Vegas Garden
1023 of Love, who stated that he witnessed Ms. Luell con, contract with a street person to physically
1024 injure John Zaremba. Luell told him to shut up about his knowledge of this or he would be fired
1025 from his job. Several times he has witnessed harassment by one of the Luells and even been
1026 threatened by physical violence. Mr. Joseph went on to report, in his signed affidavit, that
1027 during the time he was employed by A Las Vegas Garden of Love, he was encouraged to harass,
1028 threaten, abuse, intimidate, confront, and coerce Mr. Evarts in an attempt to prevent his chapel
1029 from competing with their chapel.

1030 Turning your attention to Tab 9, Mr. DiFiore, do you know of an individual by the name of
1031 Sherrie Klute?

1032

1033 **JIM DiFIORE**

1034 Yes, I do.

1035

1036 **BRAD JERBIC**

1037 And who is she?

1038

1039 **JIM DiFIORE**

1040 At that time, she was the minister at the Stained Glass Wedding Chapel.

1041

1042 **BRAD JERBIC**

1043 Are you aware of an affidavit that Ms. Klute signed on May 31st, 2003, involving an attack on
1044 her by three people she believed to be employed by The Chapel of Love (sic)?

1045

1046 **JIM DiFIORE**

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1047 Yes, I am.

1048

1049 **BRAD JERBIC**

1050 Turning your attention to Tab 9, I would like to read Mr. DiFiore's summary. On May 31st,
1051 2003, a complaint was filed by Sherrie Klute, a minister at The Stained Glass Chapel, claiming
1052 that three men from A Las Vegas Garden of Log, Love struck her upper torso, from behind, with
1053 the intent to inflict harm. Subsequent to this attack, Ms. Klute was afraid to go to the courthouse
1054 area alone. Therefore, she was forced to hire an armed security company to provide protection
1055 for herself and associates. In her signed affidavit, Ms. Klute related a time that Cheryl Luell spit
1056 upon her security personal, spit upon her security personnel and they were, when they were
1057 escorting her to her vehicle.

1058 Turning our attention to Tab 10, Mr. DiFiore, do you know of an individual by the name of
1059 Shane Kobler (sic)?

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1061 **JIM DiFIORE**

1062 Yes, I do.

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1064 **BRAD JERBIC**

1065 Who is he?

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1067 **JIM DiFIORE**

1068 He was an agent, at that time, for a, Las Vegas Wedding Bureau.

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1069 **BRAD JERBIC**

1070 Are you aware of an affidavit he signed on June 4th, 2003, involving threats made by Chris
1071 Kindle on June 2nd, 2003?

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1073 **JIM DiFIORE**

1074 Yes, I am.

1075

1076 **BRAD JERBIC**

1077 At this point in time, Your Honor, I'd like to read tab, Mr. DiFiore's summary of Tab 10, also
1078 reminding you that we're gonna get to know more about Mr. Kindle when we get to Tab 27.

1079 On June 2nd, 2003, a complaint was filed by Shane Kobler (sic), an agent of Las Vegas Wedding
1080 Bureau, who stated that while he was conversing with a couple at 215 South Third Street, Chris
1081 Kindle, an agent of A Las Vegas Garden of Love, came and stood directly behind, between the
1082 couple he was talking to. Kindle harassed the complainant until the couple walked away to
1083 avoid the profanities that were directed at them. Kindle was threatened with bodily harm. In a
1084 signed affidavit, Mr. Kobler (sic) related that Mr. Kindle threatened his wife, brother and
1085 mother. Kindle eventually went back across the street, where Kobler (sic) saw him talking with
1086 Cheryl Luell. He came back across the street, where he continued to harass and make comments
1087 about his family. Turning to Tab 11, Mr. DiFiore, do you know of an individual by the name of
1088 Melinda Alonzo?

1089

1090 **JIM DiFIORE**

1091 Yes, I do.

1092

1093 **BRAD JERBIC**

1094 Who is she?

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1096 **JIM DiFIORE**

1097 I believe she's a, an agent or a owner of another wedding chapel in the Las Vegas downtown
1098 area.

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1099 **BRAD JERBIC**

1100 Are you aware of an affidavit she signed on June 4th, 2003, involving threats made to her by
1101 Cheryl Luell during the middle of May?

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1103 **JIM DiFIORE**

1104 Yes, I am.

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1106 **BRAD JERBIC**

1107 Your Honor, I'd like to read Mr. DiFiore's summary of Tab 11. On June 4th, 2003, a complaint
1108 was filed by Melinda Alonzo, who stated that in the middle of the month Cheryl Luell, without
1109 provocation or cause, approached her, became violent and screamed at her, yelling malicious
1110 lies, slandering her and her chapel, Chapel of Dreams. Ms. Alonzo claimed that in Luell's, that
1111 Luell's agent, Chris Kindle, jumped into her limousine and their driver could not make him
1112 leave. In her affidavit, she also stated Ms. Luell made other threats, such as, I know where you
1113 live.

1114 Turnng your attention to Tab 12, do you know, Mr. DiFiore, of an individual by the name of Lori
1115 Power?

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1117 **JIM DiFIORE**

1118 Yes, I do.

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1120 **BRAD JERBIC**

1121 Who is she?

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1123 **JIM DiFIORE**

1124 An agent for Stained Glass Wedding Chapel.

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1126 **BRAD JERBIC**

1127 Are you aware of an affidavit she signed on June 3rd, 2003, involving threats made to her by
1128 Cheryl Luell during that time?

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1129 **JIM DiFIORE**

1130 Yes, I am.

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1132 **BRAD JERBIC**

1133 Your Honor, members of Council, I'd like to read the summary of Mr. DiFiore –

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1135 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1136 (Inaudible) We have, we've received the booklet, I'm sure all the Councilmembers have reviewed

1137 the exhibits that are in the booklet. This is very repetitive. I think that the showing you're trying

1138 to make, and it's pretty self-evident, that's the showing you're trying to make, is that threats were

1139 made regarding different people who were involved with wedding chapel businesses in the

1140 downtown, and, purportedly, the threats were made by employees of A Garden of Love. I'm

1141 gonna hold Mr. Stein to the same standard. To me, it's very repetitive, Mr. Jerbic.

1142 Let me ask you this: Did any arrest take place as a result of any of these complaints?

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1144 **BRAD JERBIC**

1145 Yes, Your Honor.

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1147 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1148 All right. Did any convictions take place as a result of any of these complaints?

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1150 **BRAD JERBIC**

1151 Yes, Your Honor.

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1153 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1154 All right. Why don't you just address those, because we – have, I think we have the – position of

1155 the City, that you wanna show that there were a lot of complaints or affidavits filed. We don't,

1156 they're not affidavits. We don't know who prepared it. They're delivered anonymously to Mr.

1157 DiFiore. I mean, I'm not too excited about it, to be honest with you. But I would really like to

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1158 hear, if, in fact, there were any arrests regarding these complaints and whether any convictions
1159 resulted.

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1161 **BRAD JERBIC**

1162 I – will address that right now, Your Honor. Let me just state for the record that I had the same
1163 feeling that you had. When I first received this book, and I looked at the affidavits, I thought to
1164 myself, if we all we have –

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1166 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1167 It's really not. See, that's a misnomer. They, they're entitled affidavit (sic) –

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1169 **BRAD JERBIC**

1170 Right.

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1172 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1173 – for purposes of easing the record, but they're not affidavits.

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1175 **BRAD JERBIC**

1176 Right.

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1178 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1179 These are anonymous documents that, to me, have very little weight whatsoever.

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1181 **BRAD JERBIC**

1182 Right. And I – thought the same thing when I read them. I thought to myself, you can title a
1183 document an affidavit; it doesn't make it an affidavit. You can say it's sworn and true; it doesn't
1184 mean it's sworn and true. And, to simply (inaudible) and deposit it with the department of, or
1185 Business Licensing Department (sic), is not, in my opinion, enough to deny a license. And I
1186 wouldn't stand up here today as your counsel to suggest that, based upon these documents, you
1187 should do that. I'm here to enlighten –

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1188 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1189 Why – don't you give us the best of it –

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1191 **BRAD JERBIC**

1192 Okay.

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1194 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1195 – as to why you feel that Mr. DiFiore – acted properly in refusing to –

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1197 **BRAD JERBIC**

1198 Perhaps –

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1200 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1201 – renew the license.

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1203 **BRAD JERBIC**

1204 – I can summarize, and I'll tell you where I, I'm going with it.

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1206 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1207 (Inaudible).

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1209 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1210 Yes –

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1212 **BRAD JERBIC**

1213 There –

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1215 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1216 – Mayor Pro Tem. Yes.

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1217 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1218 Okay. At what time or when did all these incidents take place? Was it, was these at the wedding
1219 chapel? Or why – did they take place? I mean –

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1221 **BRAD JERBIC**

1222 Most of these incidents took place at or around the courthouse. Not all of them. Some took
1223 place –

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1225 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1226 Okay, but –

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1228 **BRAD JERBIC**

1229 – in the parking lots –

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1231 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1232 – there's – where I'm a little bit concerned here, today, is because I didn't realize you – I was
1233 understanding that we're going take away the wedding license itself. So, what we're discussing
1234 here is what goes on, basically, with the handbill license, which we're not supposed to be hearing
1235 about today. I mean, I, am I –

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1237 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1238 Well –, we certainly would receive evidence concerning conduct within handbills, as it goes to
1239 the – wedding chapel's non-renewal, but, as far as that license is concerned, we're not going to
1240 act on that today.

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1242 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1243 Okay. I understand.

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1245 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1246 Okay.

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1247 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1248 Thank you, Your Honor.

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1250 **BRAD JERBIC**

1251 I would state that all of these allegations mean absolutely nothing, but for what's coming next.

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1253 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1254 Okay.

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1256 **BRAD JERBIC**

1257 And I, what, as I was reading through it –

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1259 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1260 It's an half an hour later for what's coming next.

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1262 **BRAD JERBIC**

1263 Well, I – just needed to put it all on the record, Your Honor. You can appreciate the fact that I
1264 need to make the record for whatever decision this Council makes (inaudible).

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1266 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1267 Okay, well, it's in the record, for all intents and purposes, because this document has been
1268 tendered as Exhibit No. 2, as a whole. And, if you move for its submission, I'm going to admit it
1269 and give whatever weight it's entitled to, in its present form.

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1271 **BRAD JERBIC**

1272 You heard reports, let's turn to Tab 20. We'll move ahead.

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1274 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1275 Good. Thank you.

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1276 **BRAD JERBIC**

1277 Mr. Zaremba, who you heard about earlier, who alleged he was a victim of some of the bad
1278 practices of The Garden of Love (sic), filed an incident report with the Las Vegas Metropolitan
1279 Police Department in addition to the document titled affidavit, which I read into the record or
1280 read the summary of. That is behind Tab 20. You can see everything, and I'll get right to the
1281 narrative. This is, again, filed on August 29th, 2003. The subject is incident crime report
1282 coercion with physical force taken by Officer Pence. Victims were –

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1284 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1285 No, but, you know what bothers me about this, Mr. Jerbic? And, I'm not trying to interfere with
1286 you, but I wanted, I want some meat. Right, if – you have the bone, let's get some meat on the
1287 bone. This, apparently, if I'm reading the report correctly, was denied by the DA.

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1289 **BRAD JERBIC**

1290 There – are a lot of charges in here that are denied or were never filed, Your Honor. There are a
1291 lot of allegations, and I'll let this Council give it whatever weight you think you should give it.
1292 But, given the practices around this courthouse, given the practice of this particular business, I
1293 don't think it's particularly unusual, given the amounts of threats they're made on the, of the style
1294 of business that these people conduct, that many of these cases aren't prosecuted, and some, in
1295 fact, some of them aren't even reported. You go from a period of time, in early May, where you
1296 have people saying things happened to a period later that year in 2003, where they're actually
1297 reporting things happening, to later on you're actually finding some of these things going to trial
1298 and, in one case, somebody actually filing for a restraining order. I'll be glad to put all that in the
1299 record. But, I think, if you're looking for a smoking gun here, some conviction, some absolute
1300 indictment of the Luells for some kind of conspiracy to operate this business as a racket or
1301 something, you're not going to get it here today.

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1303 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1304 Am I gonna get any –

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1305 **BRAD JERBIC**

1306 It's not the type –

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1308 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1309 Am I gonna get any conviction here today?

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1311 **BRAD JERBIC**

1312 You are.

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1314 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1315 All right. Can you – go to that exhibit, so we know what – you'd be relying upon where, which
1316 resulted in a conviction.

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1318 **BRAD JERBIC**

1319 Let me give you your, with your indulgence, Your Honor, let me get to my notes.

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1321 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1322 And the reason I'm doing this is I'm gonna hold Mr. Stein to the same standard.

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1324 **BRAD JERBIC**

1325 If you look at Page 2 of Mr. DiFiore's, I'm sorry, this is a memo for me. The, jump ahead here,
1326 to Tab 27, Your Honor.

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1328 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1329 All right. Thank you.

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1331 **BRAD JERBIC**

1332 Under Tab 27, Your Honor, if I may, (inaudible) correctly, Jeffrey Dukes was employed by a
1333 rival wedding chapel, filed a battery report on May 3rd, 2004, against Chris Kendal (sic), who is

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1334 an employee of The Garden of Love (sic) for kicking him in the head multiple times. There were
1335 three witnesses. Mr. Kendall (sic) plead guilty to battery and paid over \$3,000 in restitution.

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1337 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1338 Is that in this record?

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1340 **BRAD JERBIC**

1341 That's behind page, Tab 27, Your Honor.

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1343 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1344 Oops, plea of guilty, is that in this record?

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1346 **BRAD JERBIC**

1347 Mr. DiFiore has provided me with information that he pled guilty and paid a \$3,000 fine. I don't
1348 have that documentation in the record. But that –

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1350 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1351 Wouldn't you think that's relevant?

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1353 **BRAD JERBIC**

1354 Well, let me, we'll be glad to get it and bring it to this Council if you want it, Your Honor –

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1356 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1357 Well, this is the time for the hearing –

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1359 **BRAD JERBIC**

1360 Well –

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1361 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1362 And, you would think if a man is pleading guilty and getting fined \$3,000, that that's relevant,
1363 instead of these anonymous complaints. I –

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1365 **BRAD JERBIC**

1366 Well –

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1368 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1369 – maybe – I'm all wet.

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1371 **BRAD JERBIC**

1372 This one, Your Honor.

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1374 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1375 Go ahead. I just don't see it so far.

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1377 **BRAD JERBIC**

1378 Let me state why, Your Honor. Every time you get a confidential backup book from the Las
1379 Vegas Metropolitan Police Department recommending denial of a new license, you don't get
1380 copies of the conviction. You don't get anything other than Metro stating, we as officers know
1381 this person had a conviction. We read their scope. We read their record. If you would like, I'll
1382 be glad to examine Mr. DiFiore as to why he put that information in his report. But, I have no
1383 doubt as to its accuracy, based on Mr. DiFiore's recommendation. We have never before
1384 brought certified copies of convictions or anything like that into your backup book, but, if that's,
1385 you want to elevate that standard, we'll be happy to provide it.

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1387 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1388 No. I –, you're missing my point. My point is, if you have a conviction, I think we're entitled to
1389 see a document that says there's a conviction. But, go ahead, please.

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1390 **BRAD JERBIC**

1391 Okay. Mr. DiFiore, are you familiar with the allegations contained in Tab 27 of the book
1392 provided to the Council as backup?

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1394 **JIM DiFIORE**

1395 Yes, I am.

1396

1397 **BRAD JERBIC**

1398 Did you prepare your summary of that information for the Council?

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1400 **JIM DiFIORE**

1401 Yes, I did.

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1403 **BRAD JERBIC**

1404 In the course of preparing your summary, did you supply the Council with voluntary statements
1405 and other information supporting the charges against Chris Kendall (sic) on May 3rd, 2004?

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1407 **JIM DiFIORE**

1408 Yes, I did.

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1410 **BRAD JERBIC**

1411 In the course of your researching the history of those charges, did you reach any conclusion as to
1412 whether or not Mr. Kendall (sic) had resolved those charges in court?

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1414 **JIM DiFIORE**

1415 Yes, I did.

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1417 **BRAD JERBIC**

1418 And how were those charges resolved in court, based upon your research, Mr. DiFiore?

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1419 **JIM DiFIORE**

1420 Those were resolved in a fine in the amount, a re, in the amount, a restitution in the amount of
1421 \$3,067 that he was ordered to pay on November 29th, 2004.

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1423 **BRAD JERBIC**

1424 You also indicated in your summary that Mr. Kendall (sic) had pled guilty to battery, as a result
1425 of those incident reports; is that correct?

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1427 **JIM DiFIORE**

1428 That's correct.

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1430 **BRAD JERBIC**

1431 Is that also based upon your research in looking at court documents regarding that particular
1432 charge?

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1434 **JIM DiFIORE**

1435 Yes, it is.

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1437 **BRAD JERBIC**

1438 Thank you.

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1440 **BRAD JERBIC**

1441 Your Honor, I won't spend more of the Council's time than necessary. There is a voluntary
1442 statement, there're several voluntary statements by independent witnesses to this incident. I'll be
1443 happy to read them into the record, at this point in time. There's one in particular that I think is
1444 just illustrative –

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1446 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1447 All right.

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1448 **BRAD JERBIC**

1449 – to the type of conduct that's going on with respect to – this chapel. This is by an independent
1450 witness who said, I was standing on the east side of Third Street between Bridger and Carson --

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1452 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1453 What document are you reading?

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1455 **BRAD JERBIC**

1456 I'm sorry. We're behind Tab 27, we're on Page 2.

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1458 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1459 All right, thank you.

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1461 **BRAD JERBIC**

1462 I was standing on the east side of Third Street, between Bridger and Carson, talking to my limo
1463 driver when he looked across the street and said, hell, no, and ran across the street and I said,
1464 what's on, and I followed him to where Chris Kindle, the name is misspelled in the report, but
1465 Chris Kindle kicked Jeff, a guy that I supervise from Heart Chapel, in the head. One last time,
1466 and a couple were getting married at the commissioners were trying to pull Chris away from Jeff.
1467 Then Chris turned around and slugged a guy named Ashley, from Las Vegas Wedding Bureau,
1468 in the face. I state, I started to dial 9-1-1. Someone said, call the police, I said, I am right now,
1469 and Chris ran to his company car and drove south to Bridger then turned left. The ambulance
1470 came right away, but the police took around an hour, so the couple who witnessed everything
1471 left.

1472 That is the incident where Chris Kindle, agent of The Garden of Love (sic) wedding chapel was
1473 alleged to have battered another individual, pled guilty to that battery and paid \$3,000 restitution.
1474 If I could also turn your attention to Tab 24. Under Tab 24, you'll notice that it was alleged that
1475 two agents from A Las Vegas Garden of Love started a fire of a competitor's wedding brochure,
1476 that is lighting a brochure on fire that a competitor had, out by the courthouse, and picked up the
1477 wedding brochure and flipped it at one of the competitor's feet. A person was charged, in

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1478 connection with that, who was employed by The Las Vegas Garden of Love (sic). He pled no
1479 contest at trial, was sentenced to sixty days, jail suspended to stay out of trouble for one year, a
1480 two hundred and eighty dollar fine and (inaudible) control.

1481 If I can turn your attention to Tab 24, let me read the victim statement that supported that
1482 conviction and that charge. This is by Flores Esmeralda, I'm sorry, a witness. I was standing
1483 against the wall by the commission sign at the courthouse, and Hector and Alex from The
1484 Garden of Love (sic) were standing about six or seven feet in front of me by a no parking sign,
1485 and Hector was holding a Las Vegas wedding flyer in his hand, and I heard him say, this is a
1486 piece of, expletive deleted, and he lit it on fire after taking his lighter from his pocket, which I
1487 saw with my own eyes. When the flyer was burning real good, he dropped it. Then Alex picked
1488 it up and Ashley from the Las Vegas Wedding Chapel happened to pass by at that time and Alex
1489 intentionally threw the burning flyer at Ashley's legs on his tuxedo pants, and it appeared, to me,
1490 that Alex and Hector were trying to light Ashley on fire. Hector and Alex started laughing at the
1491 fact that Alex did that with this flyer, and I felt sorry for Ashley, 'cause it was not right that they
1492 did this to him. Garden of Love (sic) people have been harassing Ashley ever since the first day
1493 I started working for the chapel in January. I've seen them spit on him and say horrible things to
1494 him. I've also seen them harass people from other chapels, especially Hector, who does the
1495 worse to Ashley. P.S. Alex's nickname for Ashraf Yasin.

1496 Again, that is the victim statement, that, or the witness statement that supported the conviction of
1497 the individual, that I read into the record.

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1499 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1500 Mayor Goodman –

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1502 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1503 Yes.

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1505 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1506 – please. Mr. Jerbic and Mr. DiFiore, one question I will want to know is whether or not Mr.
1507 Kendall (sic), who was an agent, and that's the word, it's in the summary, and whether or not Mr.

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1508 Yasin, who was an agent with regard to Exhibit No. 24, if they are still employed or was any
1509 action taken against them by their employer as a result of these actions? In other words, if
1510 they're under the employment, whether it's an agent, employee, employer relationship, or what
1511 have you, of the chapel at the time, and they were convicted of crimes as a result of their
1512 employment, did anything happen? Were they fired? Were they disciplined? Was any action
1513 taken?

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1515 **STEPHEN STEIN**

1516 If I may respond, Mr. Kindle is here as one of my witnesses, so you'll hear directly from him.

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1518 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1519 All right. Thank you. Are you able, Mr. DiFiore or Mr. Jerbic, are you able to answer the
1520 Councilman's question?

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1522 **JIM DiFIORE**

1523 I'll answer by saying I do not have any knowledge of that.

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1525 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1526 Well, certainly, Mayor, we're gonna hear from Mr. Kindle. Do you know anything about the
1527 other agent, Mr. Yasin?

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1529 **STEPHEN STEIN**

1530 (Inaudible).

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1532 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1533 Well, we'll get there.

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1535 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1536 Okay.

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1538 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1539 We'll get there -. Please go on.

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1540 **STEPHEN STEIN**

1541 That's right. He – according to Ms., Mrs. Luell –

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1543 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1544 Well, I – want –

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1546 **STEPHEN STEIN**

1547 – didn't work for her at the time –

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1549 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

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1551 Okay, fine.

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1553 **STEPHEN STEIN**

1554 – and he does not work for her now.

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1556 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1557 That – will be your – case. Okay.

1558

1559 **BRAD JERBIC**

1560 Let me go to Tab 28, Your Honor. This is not the conviction you're looking for, but I will point
1561 out that the conduct of The Las Vegas Garden of Love (sic) wedding chapel rose to a level of so
1562 serious that the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department got involved, not only taking the
1563 individual reports that I referenced earlier, that are also tabbed. Some of them I've read, some of
1564 them I haven't. But, on July 20, 31st, 2004, the individual, Cheryl Luell and Craig Luell, were
1565 served with a Notice and Declaration of Chronic Nuisance, based on the behavior of The Chapel
1566 of Love or The Garden of Love (sic), at the Las Vegas courthouse. And it states, on June 24th,
1567 their employee, well, I'll skip the first part, where it says, please take notice. I'll read the
1568 relevant part.

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1569 On June 24th, 2004, your employees were seen standing in the street, jaywalking and soliciting
1570 business on courthouse property. On June 26th, your employees were seen walking in the
1571 roadway soliciting on the courthouse property, soliciting without a permit, jaywalking. One of
1572 your employees was arrested for pedestrian in the roadway, obstructing a police officer, resisting
1573 a police officer under this event number. And on July 24th, your employees were seen soliciting
1574 without a permit, standing in the roadway and obstructing vehicular traffic. And then it goes on
1575 to talk about what a public nuisance is and what the penalty is and request that they abate the
1576 nuisance immediately. The Transportation Services Authority became involved with the Luells
1577 in 2004.

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1579 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1580 Right, but as – far as the Notice and Declaration of Chronic Nuisance, what happened as a result
1581 of that?

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1583 **BRAD JERBIC**

1584 I don't know, Your Honor. I know that it was, and – Mr. DiFiore is going to fill in the – blanks,
1585 and we don't have any documentation to support what happened after the notice was filed. Mr.
1586 DiFiore?

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1588 **JIM DiFIORE**

1589 Yes. That resulted in both Cheryl and Craig Luell being prosecuted by the City Attorney's
1590 Office. And, in May two thousand and six, they pled nolo, at trial and they were rendered a
1591 judgment in, judgment rendered in a fine of amount of \$1,000 each, on each individual, a
1592 suspended sentence of nine months with an order to stay out of trouble during that time.

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1594 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1595 Well, what did they plead nolo to?

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1597 **JIM DiFIORE**

1598 They pled nolo to public nuisance, being a public nuisance.

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1599 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1600 Okay. All right. They said, (inaudible), so they're not gonna contest the charges. (Inaudible)
1601 found guilty by the judge.

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1603 **BRAD JERBIC**

1604 The Transportation Services Authority had fined The Chapel of Love (sic), and this is behind
1605 Tab 29

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1607 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1608 Can't be used against them in a civil case, that's the only difference –

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1610 **BRAD JERBIC**

1611 – this is Page 2 of the record of the Transportation Service Authority, and I think this is for not
1612 having any certificate of public convenience for the limousine. And, finally, let me just skip to
1613 the – last reports here. I'm gonna skip all the way ahead to Tab 43 –

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1615 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1616 Okay.

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1618 **BRAD JERBIC**

1619 – and then I'll come back, and I can address some of the questions and maybe I can even do it
1620 through examination of Mr. Stein's client.

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1622 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1623 Fine and I'm not trying to limit you, at least in my opinion, unreasonably. I'm just trying to,
1624 what's gonna be good for the goose is good for the gander here. So, I – wanna hear things that
1625 you think are important, relevant. But people's rights are being affected here, and I'd like to get
1626 the essence of it rather than the airy persiflage.

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1627 **BRAD JERBIC**

1628 The, I'll go back to some of the other tabs later on, probably even on rebuttal. But let me just go
1629 to Tab 43 right now. What you have in your backup book are a series of allegations of conduct
1630 by the Luells and individuals employed by the Luells at the Regional Justice Center or near the
1631 Regional Justice Center regarding potential clients for the wedding chapel. What you have are
1632 police reports filed by some of those individuals, in addition to the documents that are titled
1633 affidavits that reflect similar conduct. What you have on top of that are, in a few situations,
1634 convictions of individuals employed by The Las Vegas Chapel of Love (sic) for conduct
1635 consistent with that conduct in the documents titled affidavit and in the police reports. And what
1636 you have on top of that is the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department getting involved,
1637 because this rose to a level where they thought they had to abate it as a chronic nuisance.

1638 One of the reports, and this is just an officer report, it's not a conviction, it's not going to be a
1639 smoking gun, if – there's any one particular incident that somebody's looking for. But I thought
1640 when I read it, it was just illustrative of the consistently, horrible behavior exhibited by the
1641 chapel, of The Garden of Love (sic) and their employees, in connection with this wedding
1642 industry. This report is under Tab 43, it, date and time occurred 4/07/07. So, now we have
1643 conduct that began in 2003 all the way to two thousand –

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1645 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1646 April – 10th '07.

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1648 **BRAD JERBIC**

1649 I'm sorry?

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1651 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1652 April 10th '07.

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1654 **BRAD JERBIC**

1655 I'm looking at the top, Your Honor, it's April 7th, 2007, it's the date that occurred. It may have
1656 been filed on the tenth, but it, at least the report references the seventh as the date it occurred.

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1657 **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER**

1658 (Inaudible).

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1660 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1661 I see it. Thank you.

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1663 **BRAD JERBIC**

1664 Under the details, this is, Detective Rodd, who you know very well from his appearances before
1665 this Council, with Special Investigations with Metro, and Detective Schoen, and they are on
1666 patrol in their regular capacity. And this is at the time of the Las Vegas Grand Prix, an event that
1667 we hoped would be a pretty significant event for the City, and – one more reason we should be
1668 on the map, reason for people to come here. On that day, they responded at Third and Clark and
1669 observed the limousine in question driving away. Let me – backup one moment, I think I have
1670 to read a little bit further.

1671 While stationed at Charleston Boulevard and Las Vegas Boulevard, we were approached by a
1672 limousine driver, later identified as Tim Ratiker, who advised us that he had witnessed a fellow
1673 driver being assaulted at Third and Clark. Ratiker further advised that the suspect had been, had
1674 driven away in a black – company limousine from A Las Vegas Garden of Love. We responded
1675 to Third and Clark and observed the limousine in question driving away. We initiated a stop of
1676 the vehicle and determined that the driver had, in fact, transported a fellow employee, later
1677 identified as Angel Huertas, to another location, away from the crime scene, after the incident in
1678 question occurred. That driver, Greg Martinez, was questioned, as to what had necessitated him
1679 giving Huertas a ride. Martinez stated that he was parked awaiting patrons at Third and Clark
1680 when Angel jumped into his vehicle abruptly in a very excited and panic state and demanded that
1681 he drive, and demanded that he drive. Martinez stated he did not know what happened but he
1682 followed Angel's instructions. Martinez further stated that he knows Angel as a fellow
1683 employee from A Las Vegas Garden of Love. Martinez stated that he dropped Huerta (sic) off
1684 Las Vegas Boulevard and was turning to the area of Third and Clark, when we had stopped him.
1685 When I asked Martinez where Huertas had said about the transport, Martinez stated that Huertas

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1686 told him that he had gotten into a fight and needed to get out of there. Martinez agreed to
1687 complete a voluntary statement and, to that effect, and – did so for the police at the scene.

1688 Since this incident involved two employees from A Las Vegas Garden of Love, the business was
1689 contacted and the Manager, Charles, responded and came to speak to the police. As this was
1690 occurring, Detective Schoen made contact with the victim, Ernesto Sotelo, Sotelo, and requested
1691 that medical personnel respond and assess his injuries. Sotelo was visibly shaken and had blood
1692 coming from both nostrils and an area around a lower lip – stud located above his chin. Sotelo
1693 was questioned about the incident and advised officers of what occurred. He stated that while he
1694 was parked on Clark and at Third Street discussing a fare with potential clients, Huertas
1695 approached him out of Sotelo's line of vision and punched him in the side of the head for no
1696 apparent reason. Sotelo states that he was dazed and tried to collect himself when Huertas came
1697 again and struck him with a closed fist, striking him in the face and causing the injuries
1698 observed. Huertas, who is reportedly a handbiller for A Las Vegas Garden of Love wedding
1699 chapel reportedly yelled out, that was my fare, I was here first, don't "F" with a Puerto Rican,
1700 while he was punching Sotelo. Huertas fled into the company limousine driven by Martinez
1701 after his attack on Sotelo.

1702 It was determined by interviewing several people at the scene, the victim and other people
1703 affiliated with the wedding chapel industry in the downtown area, that this is an ongoing
1704 problem, wherein A Las Vegas Garden of Love is attempting to position itself as an entity
1705 willing to use force and intimidation to control the industry. The business now has several
1706 pending criminal cases before the court where such violent activity and tactics are being used
1707 against other company drivers. One case resulted in the stabbing of a rival driver in the hand
1708 during an armed confrontation.

1709 Several independent witnesses were present and completed voluntary statements reference this
1710 incident, of which, all of which strongly support Sotelo's version of the events. Based on these
1711 reports, the injuries observed and probable cause, a crime report was completed in this regard
1712 listing Angel Huertas as a suspect in the battery upon Sotelo. During this process we also sent
1713 another car to the location of the business where it was believed that Huertas was located. It was
1714 determined that Huertas had in fact gone to the business, A Las Vegas Garden of Love, after
1715 battering Sotelo, however, upon arrival of that area, the car, he had already left for an area, a

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1716 location unknown. You can read the rest of the report yourself. I would like to conclude, by just
1717 asking Mr. DiFiore a few questions.

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1719 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1720 Su, certainly.

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1722 **BRAD JERBIC**

1723 Mr. DiFiore, are you familiar with the Regional Justice Center in the downtown area?

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1725 **JIM DiFIORE**

1726 Yes, I am.

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1728 **BRAD JERBIC**

1729 Is that the location where one would go to get a license to be wedded in Las Vegas, Nevada?

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1731 **JIM DiFIORE**

1732 Yes, it is.

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1734 **BRAD JERBIC**

1735 Is there usually a crowd in that particular area?

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1737 **JIM DiFIORE**

1738 Yes, there is.

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1740 **BRAD JERBIC**

1741 As a result of that being the location for a wedding license, has it become also a place that

1742 individuals who run wedding chapels or agents for wedding chapels also congregate looking for

1743 clients?

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1744 **JIM DiFIORE**

1745 Yes, it is.

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1747 **BRAD JERBIC**

1748 Can you describe, in general, the kind of competitive atmosphere that exists at the Regional
1749 Justice Center, with respect to wedding chapels and their competition for clients?

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1751 **JIM DiFIORE**

1752 If you are a couple that appear to be going to the marriage bureau, on the courthouse – steps, you
1753 are approached by at least one, if not several individuals, with brochures from their wedding
1754 chapels. In some cases, you are handed these brochures and continue on to proceed to the
1755 marriage bureau. In other cases, you are confronted, and I'll say confronted from the standpoint
1756 that you are asked to consider their services, and, in some cases, you are almost not allowed to
1757 continue to pass without that individual completing his solicitation for their services.

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1759 **BRAD JERBIC**

1760 Of all the wedding services competing for customers at the Regional Justice Center, are you
1761 familiar with conduct by agents employees and operators of The Las Vegas Garden of Love
1762 (sic)?

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1764 **JIM DiFIORE**

1765 Yes, I am.

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1767 **BRAD JERBIC**

1768 Given this competitive environment, how would you describe the conduct of The Las Vegas
1769 Garden of Love (sic), with respect to the other individuals or agents who compete for business in
1770 the area?

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1771 **JIM DiFIORE**

1772 I would say that their conduct raises to a higher level of intimidation, of, in some – cases,
1773 harassment. From the standpoint of, again, individuals not allowed to continue onto to their car,
1774 onto wherever they're going and be able to do so without being confronted by these agents.

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1776 **BRAD JERBIC**

1777 Have you seen complaints, since the Regional Justice Center opened, about competitive practices
1778 by The Las Vegas Garden of Love (sic) at the Regional Justice Center?

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1780 **JIM DiFIORE**

1781 Yes, I have.

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1783 **BRAD JERBIC**

1784 Are some of those complaints contained in the booklet that has been marked as Exhibit 2 and
1785 filed with the Clerk?

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1787 **JIM DiFIORE**

1788 Yes, they are.

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1790 **BRAD JERBIC**

1791 Are there are other complaints that you have received, in addition to those which are contained
1792 in the book?

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1794 **JIM DiFIORE**

1795 Complaints in the essence of knowing that the Metropolitan Police Department has exhibited
1796 themselves or has found themselves in a covert operation where the aggressive behavior and the
1797 tactics of the employees of The Las Vegas Garden of Love (sic), that has been reported to me.

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1798 **BRAD JERBIC**

1799 Have you received complaints by individuals who have been victimized by The Las Vegas
1800 Garden of Love (sic)?

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1802 **JIM DiFIORE**

1803 Not more recently. No.

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1805 **BRAD JERBIC**

1806 Have you received them in the past?

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1808 **JIM DiFIORE**

1809 Yes.

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1811 **BRAD JERBIC**

1812 What types of complaints have you received?

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1814 **JIM DiFIORE**

1815 What's indicated in your – packet here and has been entered into as a record.

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1817 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1818 (Inaudible) I know.

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1820 **BRAD JERBIC**

1821 And, based upon the information that's contained in Exhibit 2, that is the booklet filed with the
1822 City Clerk and given at the City Council, based upon the complaints that you've received that
1823 you have described, were those the basis of your denying the renewal of the license for The Las
1824 Vegas Chapel, Garden of Love (sic)?

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1826 **JIM DiFIORE**

1827 Partially.

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1828 **BRAD JERBIC**

1829 And are there other reasons, in addition to that, that you denied the license?

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1831 **JIM DiFIORE**

1832 I think – it's important to state here that on February 14th, two thousand and five, A Las Vegas
1833 Garden of Love had no valid business license, and yet were competing with other agents and
1834 companies at the Las Vegas courthouse. They were given warning notices that they did not have
1835 a valid business license to conduct business at that time. Additionally, the Transportation
1836 Services Authority, another state agency, and you touched upon in your presentation, violations
1837 of the Las Vegas, A Las Vegas Garden of Love not having the proper certificates of convenience
1838 of a necessity. There are at least four, if not more, occasions, over the last three years, where
1839 they have violated these provisions in Nevada Revised Statutes, and they have been fined by the
1840 Transportation Services Authority.

1841 Rising to the level of the complaints, not doing business with a valid business license, violation
1842 of Transportation Services Authority, a cavort, covert operation conducted by the Metropolitan
1843 Police Department in May of this year, the public nuisance charge and the plead by Craig and
1844 Cheryl Luell, those are the basis for my determining that they were not worthy of having their
1845 license renewed on October 1st.

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1847 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1848 All right. May I ask a couple of questions, Mr. Jerbic?

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1850 **BRAD JERBIC**

1851 Your Honor, I'm, done with –

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1853 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1854 All right. Fine. Mr. DiFiore, apparently, over the years, the City has received complaints about
1855 the practices by employees of The Garden of Love (sic); correct?

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1856 **JIM DiFIORE**

1857 Correct.

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1859 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1860 And I think that you've said that in two thousand and five they did not have a valid business
1861 license?

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1863 **JIM DiFIORE**

1864 That's correct.

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1866 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1867 And were receiving reports about this activity at or about the time of their not having a business
1868 license?

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1870 **JIM DiFIORE**

1871 Well, let me preface that by saying that on February 14th, knowing –

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1873 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1874 Of what year?

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1876 **JIM DiFIORE**

1877 Of 2005. Knowing that the level that the competitiveness – had risen to that, at that time, we had
1878 officers stationed at the Regional Justice Center, or I'm sorry, the old courthouse, to be able to –
1879 mediate any kind of contact between agents versus agents or even agents and customers. At that
1880 time, we knew that the, A Las Vegas Garden of Love did not have a valid business license. They
1881 were in the process of trying to open up a new business on South Third Street. They did not
1882 have approval to be, to conduct any business at that time. They were relocating to their present
1883 address at 1431 Las Vegas Boulevard. We made contact with the Luells. We made contact with
1884 their agents and we served them warning notices that they did not have a valid business license
1885 to conduct their operation at that time.

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1886 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1887 Right. But, having this institutional knowledge of these alleged violations that were taking
1888 place, notwithstanding that, you, the City gave them a business license.

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1890 **JIM DiFIORE**

1891 Eventually, we did.

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1893 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1894 I – have a great deal of difficulty with that concept, that if you feel that they’re doing something
1895 that is inappropriate out there, why would we license them?

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1897 **JIM DiFIORE**

1898 This – was a decision I made in – April of two thousand and five. The Metropolitan Police
1899 Department was continuing to investigate the public nuisance part of – their investigation and
1900 there was no, I don’t believe, at that time, there was sufficient grounds for us to deny an
1901 application for a business license. I – I’ll make it similar to another license, an alcohol beverage
1902 license. When we see work card individuals coming before us, and Mr. Jerbic referenced the
1903 fact that there are two convictions of their agents for simply battery charges. For, as much as we
1904 know, those individuals may have been fired. The action might have been taken by the Luells at
1905 that time. We do not know that. But when we consider, when I considered whether or not, and –
1906 this is not a suitability issue, at this point in time, because it’s a general business license, when
1907 they were applied, when they applied for it at 1431 Las Vegas Boulevard South, they met the
1908 Planning Department rules. They met the fire code rules and there was no basis for me to deny
1909 them to go into that location (inaudible).

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1911 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1912 But – the very – activity that you refused to renew their license on was known to you at the time
1913 that you granted them the license, with the exception of the nolo contendere plea; is that a – fair
1914 statement or not?

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1915 **JIM DiFIORE**

1916 That would be, basically, a fair statement. The –

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1918 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1919 All right, then let me ask you this. Why didn't you file an order to show cause, why their license

1920 should not be revoked at some point in time prior the time for whether or not it's gonna be

1921 renewed?

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1923 **JIM DiFIORE**

1924 The public nuisance charge was not adjudicated until May of 2006. Their application for the

1925 license came in subsequent to February 14th of 2005. So, we -- waited that period of time to see

1926 what was going to happen in court. And, I'll be honest with you, when –

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1928 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1929 I hope so; you're under oath.

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1931 **JIM DiFIORE**

1932 Well, I am, but, when the City Attorney's Office, and – their attorney at that time, stipulated to

1933 the plea, this was a period of time for me to look at it and say, they're gonna stay out of trouble

1934 for nine months or they could go back to court and they could serve a jail time. For that nine

1935 months, to the best of my knowledge, they stayed out of trouble. And, they were, basically, in

1936 my mind, on probation. And we see that after February 27th, when that nine months suspended

1937 sentence was vacated, the activity started up again.

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1939 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1940 I see.

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1942 **JIM DiFIORE**

1943 By that time, the license was renewed on March 1st and we're in the process of compiling all of

1944 this information for us to say, we don't wanna it renau, renew it October 1st.

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1945 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1946 All right. Very good. Thank you. Are there any Councilmembers who'd like to ask Mr. DiFiore
1947 some questions before Mr. Stein has the opportunity to cross-examine them? Yes, Councilman
1948 Wolfson?

1949

1950 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1951 Yes, Mayor Goodman, couple of questions, probably for Mr. DiFiore. The Luells, the owners of
1952 this business, are usually off-site. What I mean by that is, most, if not all of the activity, is
1953 occurring outside the RJC. Generally speaking, the Luells are usually not present. Is that right?

1954

1955 **JIM DiFIORE**

1956 No, I would say, in some cases, they were present at the Regional Justice Center and even at the
1957 old courthouse.

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1959 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1960 Okay.

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1962 **JIM DiFIORE**

1963 Not all the time.

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1965 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1966 My next question is that, it seems that, at least the persons that were convicted and at least
1967 accused of doing other things, whether they were prosecuted or not, were the agents. Do they
1968 work on a commission basis?

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1970 **JIM DiFIORE**

1971 To the best of my knowledge, they do.

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1972 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1973 You have any more specific information on that? I mean, do they work on a ten-percent, twenty-
1974 percent basis? Because what I'm trying to do is I'm trying to determine what their motivation is.
1975 I think it's obvious. The obvious motivation is to get people to hire this chapel versus the chapel
1976 down the street. But we're talking about the agent on the street, not the owner. So, does the
1977 agent have a monetary motivation to engage in some of this conduct?

1978

1979 **BRAD JERBIC**

1980 That I don't know. I – would like to pick up on your -- question, though, and maybe expand on
1981 it a little bit. There is more than just allegations of the Luells using hired agents. There's
1982 allegations behind Tab 25, 26 and 27 about them hiring homeless people, paying these homeless
1983 people a dollar as slur, basically, to go up and call a competitor a pervert or some other
1984 derogatory name in front of other customers. Once this happens, and the homeless person or
1985 whoever it is does this, they have seen that person go up and be paid by Cheryl Luell for what
1986 they believe is the conduct. That's in your backup. I'll be glad to read it all, but that's in your
1987 backup. What you have it's not just that conduct, but you have one of the homeless people,
1988 eventually, coming forward and giving a statement and expressing remorse for his conduct,
1989 saying he was drunk the day before he had done something like this, and being paid by the
1990 Luells. This isn't just the Luells, their agents, this is them on the street with street people doing
1991 whatever they can to harass, threaten and intimidate their competition. And, I think this entire
1992 book shows a pattern of that.

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1994 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1995 If you would.

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1997 **BRAD JERBIC**

1998 I'll be glad to present more evidence, if you want me to, but that's in your backup.

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1999 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

2000 If you please, Mr. Stein, I didn't get a great answer to my question, so in sometime during your
2001 presentation, I'd appreciate it.

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2003 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2004 Any other questions of Mr. DiFiore, at this point? Councilwoman?

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2006 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2007 I – just wanna make sure that I understand this. You had several, several years went by where
2008 there were numerous complaints about harassment and other things similar to that, which
2009 involved those people who were hired by the chapel and also the Luells. The statements in here
2010 and the actions, and even though these are not under oath affidavits, they are statements where
2011 people signed their names and that's sticking your neck out some, and – a fair situation, which is
2012 something not usually done, unless there's a really strong pattern and people are trying to stand
2013 up for that. You had an arrest and a conviction and a fine; is that correct? You had, on the nolo,
2014 you had a fine, right?

2015

2016 **JIM DiFIORE**

2017 Yes.

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2019 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2020 And the police department report, using the chronic nuisance ordinance, states that this is a
2021 chronic nuisance; am I correct in that?

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2023 **JIM DiFIORE**

2024 That's correct.

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2026 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2027 Okay. And they themselves are operating without a license in February, oh, excuse me, or was it
2028 April of '05?

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2029 **JIM DiFIORE**

2030 It was February of 2005.

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2032 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2033 Okay. Now, is there anything else that you are stating that I haven't got down here, as far as
2034 your fee, I understand the numerous complaints and even, I'm not a lawyer, but I do work with
2035 people a lot and I know just signing a statement is a big thing for people, usually. So, that's
2036 what I needed to know. And, I, the arrest, the nolo, the fines, the police department report, the
2037 operating without a license, was there anything else upon, with, that I've missed here upon
2038 which you're basing?

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2040 **JIM DiFIORE**

2041 Just the blatant disregard for Nevada Transportation Services Authority regulations –

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2043 **COUNCILMAN TARKANIAN**

2044 Okay.

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2046 **JIM DiFIORE**

2047 – over – a period, I believe, two – or three years.

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2049 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2050 The Transportation Authority's?

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2052 **JIM DiFIORE**

2053 Correct.

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2055 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2056 Okay. Thank you. I'm just trying to summarize in my mind.

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2057 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2058 (Inaudible) Mayor Pro Tem?

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2060 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

2061 Dovetailing on Councilwoman Tarkanian's question, okay, you say they was without a license in

2062 April of – two thousand and five?

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2064 **JIM DiFIORE**

2065 They – obtained a license for 1431 Las Vegas Boulevard April 11, 2005. They were conducting

2066 business down at the courthouse and at 1431 Las Vegas Boulevard South on Valentine's Day

2067 2005, without a valid business license.

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2069 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

2070 And what happened with the time they was told to cease and desist from, was it February the

2071 14th until they got their license, what happened to that time – span?

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2073 **JIM DiFIORE**

2074 Well, they, subsequently, came in and filed for a business license, at that point. They filed for

2075 the handbill license. They filed for –

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2077 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

2078 No, I'm saying, did they continue doing business between February and April, after being

2079 warned not to?

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2081 **JIM DiFIORE**

2082 That, I don't have specific information on.

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2084 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

2085 Thank you.

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2086 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2087 Any other questions at this time? All right, your next witness.

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2089 **BRAD JERBIC**

2090 That's it, Your Honor. I'm, that's the information Mr. DiFiore used to formulate his decision. I'll

2091 turn it over to Mr. Stein –

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2093 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2094 Oh, okay, sorry.

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2096 **BRAD JERBIC**

2097 – so he can cross-examine.

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2099 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

2100 Mayor –

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2102 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2103 You're right. Absolutely. Cross-examination.

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2105 **COUNCLMAN BARLOW**

2106 – Mayor –

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2108 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2109 Yes.

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2111 **COUNCLMAN BARLOW**

2112 – before you move forward, I just have one question, maybe a couple, but it's in regards to the
2113 affidavits, as to your explanation that it was dropped off to your office. Being that the affidavits
2114 are all similar in typing, looks like, as Councilman Wolfson stated, it's very similar, as far as all
2115 of them compiled. If in, my concern would be the authenticity of the affidavits, not to say that

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2116 the actions don't reflect the conviction, but, more so, how true, or how close to the truth you can
2117 provide in – your explanation, as far as the authenticity of these affidavits that have been brought
2118 forward.

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2120 **JIM DiFIORE**

2121 If the Council wishes, I know we have wedding chapel owners and agents, I believe, of the other
2122 wedding chapels here in the audience. The wedding chapel owners could verify whether or not
2123 these were authentic affidavits, or could verify that these individuals worked for them at the time
2124 that the complaint was filed.

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2126 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

2127 My concern would be just making sure that the signatures and the dates on each of the affidavits
2128 are actual people. You understand what I'm asking?

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2130 **JIM DiFIORE**

2131 Yes, I do.

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2133 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2134 And, Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to add that some of those statements, I won't call them affidavits,
2135 some of those statements match up with police reports and other things that you have. So, I
2136 think that substantiates, to some extent.

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2138 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

2139 Your – Honor, if I could.

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2141 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2142 Mayor Pro Tem.

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2143 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

2144 I'm having a little bit of a problem now, because of the, what we're – asking, the question we're
2145 asking here, as far as autism, authenticity of these statements. And so, Mr. Stein is gonna have
2146 witnesses come up telling us that these things probably didn't happen and, so, you know, when
2147 Councilman Barlow and Councilman Wolfson ask these questions, I, too, would like to know, I
2148 mean, it's fine to say that these – events did happen, but I think we need to – make sure that,
2149 even if we have one or two people tell us that, yeah, they did happen. And, then, I know we, I
2150 don't wanna get into a prolonged discussion about it, but I know, Councilman, or our City
2151 Attorney is telling us that he's through, but, and we, the questions have been brought forward,
2152 that maybe these are not authenticated. And, it bothers me a little bit.

2153

2154 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

2155 Well, for – me, Councilman, even if there's someone in the audience that has signed one of these
2156 statements, if they're even here to, basically, just you know, bring some light to at least two or
2157 three of the statements that have been presented as affidavits, that will help, me just so that I'll
2158 know that these are actual people versus just names that have been signed and – dated.

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2160 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2161 All right. I think a request is being made, then, to, wait till Mr. DiFiore is through. A request is
2162 being made to you, Mr. Jerbic, to ask whether or not, and you don't have to accede to the
2163 request, to ask whether or not any of the, quote, affidavits, end quote, which are, basically,
2164 statements, whether the signatory to it is present here today.

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2166 **BRAD JERBIC**

2167 I'll be happy to, Your Honor. I think that the Council has a question; we're always happy to
2168 answer it. I, again, I'm not standing here telling you, for the record, that I know anything more
2169 about these documents than Mr. DiFiore has told me. And, when I submitted 'em to you, I
2170 submitted 'em to you, in all candor, they are what Mr. DiFiore based his decision on, in part.
2171 And, to the extent that some of them contain names that are later contained in police reports, I
2172 believe them, based upon those two things, to be real people. Those that are not corroborated by

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2173 police reports you don't see the name later on. I'll let you draw your own conclusions about.

2174 But, with respect to the affidavits themselves, anybody whose name was on these affidavits, are

2175 you present in the audience today?

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2177 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2178 Right here. I'm Minister Sherrie Klute.

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2180 **BRAD JERBIC**

2181 Okay. Sherrie Klute is here.

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2183 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2184 All right, and what Exhibit is that?

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2186 **BRAD JERBIC**

2187 I'm sorry, Ms. Klute is, if you pardon me for a moment, Your Honor, is Tab 9.

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2189 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2190 Tab 9.

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2192 **BRAD JERBIC**

2193 And Ms. Klute, can you step forward, please? Your Honor –

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2195 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2196 All right.

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2198 **BRAD JERBIC**

2199 – would you like to have Ms. Klute sworn?

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2201 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2202 Ms. Klute? Swear in, please.

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2203 **BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

2204 (Inaudible)?

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2206 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2207 I do.

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2209 **BRAD JERBIC**

2210 Can you please state your name for the record?

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2212 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2213 Sherrie Klute.

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2215 **BRAD JERBIC**

2216 Can you spell your last name?

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2218 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2219 K-L-U-T-E.

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2221 **BRAD JERBIC**

2222 And who are you employed by, Ms. Klute?

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2224 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2225 I'm a minister. I'm also the owner of the Stained Glass Wedding Chapel.

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2227 **BRAD JERBIC**

2228 And you're the minister there?

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2230 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2231 I'm the minister.

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2232 **BRAD JERBIC**

2233 You perform wedding ceremonies?

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2235 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2236 Yes, I do.

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2238 **BRAD JERBIC**

2239 And, you've heard of Garden of Love (sic)?

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2241 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2242 Yes, I did.

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2244 **BRAD JERBIC**

2245 They are one of, for want of a better term, your competitor in the industry?

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2247 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2248 Yes.

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2250 **BRAD JERBIC**

2251 Let me show you a document that is behind Tab 9 in your book, Your Honor, that is titled

2252 affidavit, that's not to say it is an affidavit; are you familiar with that document?

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2254 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2255 Yes, I am.

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2257 **BRAD JERBIC**

2258 Did you sign it?

2259

2260 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2261 That is my signature.

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2262 **BRAD JERBIC**

2263 Are the representations contained in that document true and accurate?

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2265 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2266 Yes, they are.

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2268 **BRAD JERBIC**

2269 Can you tell us, for the record, who prepared that document?

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2271 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2272 I – believe that this information I gave to an individual. It would be Cliff Evert who typed this
2273 up for me, ‘cause I don’t type very well, and I asked him to prepare this for me for my signature,
2274 to find, make a record of the incidents that have been happening on a regular basis, to make a
2275 history of things that were occurring on a regular basis.

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2277 **BRAD JERBIC**

2278 And Cliff Evert, (sic) that’s E-v-e-r-t (sic)?

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2280 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2281 Yes.

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2283 **BRAD JERBIC**

2284 And who is Mr. Evert, (sic) with respect to the wedding industry?

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2286 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2287 He’s the owner of Vegas Wedding Chapel.

2288

2289 **BRAD JERBIC**

2290 And that is also, for want of a better term, a competitor in this –

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2291 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2292 Yes.

2293

2294 **BRAD JERBIC**

2295 – business?

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2297 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2298 It's also a downtown wedding chapel.

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2300 **BRAD JERBIC**

2301 Are you aware of – other affidavits that Mr. Evert (sic) prepared?

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2303 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2304 Yes. They tried, we were trying to compose a composite of things that we could not, when
2305 nobody listens, you have to make a history, you have to make a record. Because it seemed like
2306 we were talking, nobody was listening. This is a very serious, very dangerous, very scary time.

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2308 **BRAD JERBIC**

2309 Were you sitting here during the early part of the presentation, where I was reading through
2310 documents labeled affidavit?

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2312 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2313 Yes, I was.

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2315 **BRAD JERBIC**

2316 Did you hear the names that I read into the record?

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2318 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2319 Yes, I have.

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2320 **BRAD JERBIC**

2321 Do you know of an individual by the name of Stephen Smith?

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2323 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2324 Yes, that's my husband.

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2326 **BRAD JERBIC**

2327 Okay. Mr. Smith, what is his relationship to the wedding industry?

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2329 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2330 He's a minister as well.

2331

2332 **BRAD JERBIC**

2333 Turning your attention to Tab 4, I'm showing you a document purported, titled affidavit. Do you
2334 recognize the signature on that document?

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2336 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2337 That is my husband's signature, Stephen Smith.

2338

2339 **BRAD JERBIC**

2340 Did he sign that in front of you?

2341

2342 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2343 He might, yes, he probably did (inaudible), but this is definitely his signature.

2344

2345 **BRAD JERBIC**

2346 Do you know an individual by the name of Edward Scheiner?

2347

2348 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2349 No, I do not, but I do know who Michael Joseph is.

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2350 **BRAD JERBIC**

2351 Okay. Let me go to either forward or backward here for a moment. Turning to Tab 2. Who is
2352 Michael Joseph?

2353

2354 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2355 Michael Joseph was a former employee of A Garden of Love (sic) who after an incident with
2356 John Zaremba, he told us of an incident where he was a witness to the procurement of getting
2357 someone to attack another person. And he was very scared and he came to me and told me this
2358 horrifying story that I was, I had to sit back and listen to. But I real, after it happened, I believed
2359 it was true. Plus, the man who did it, later admitted –

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2361 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2362 (Inaudible).

2363

2364 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2365 But I know, but these –

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2367 **BRAD JERBIC**

2368 I'll stop there, Your Honor.

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2370 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2371 There – was a concern, as to the authorship. I think that's been answered, so –

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2373 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2374 Thank you very much –

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2376 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2377 Does that answer you?

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2378 **SHERRIE KLUTE**

2379 – for acknowledging this.

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2381 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

2382 Yes. I just wanna make sure that the folks standing there are also standing as far as names on the
2383 affidavits.

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2385 **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER**

2386 Yes.

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2388 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2389 All right.

2390

2391 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

2392 Okay.

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2394 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2395 You've heard your names being referenced affidavits and you did in fact sign those?

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2397 **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER**

2398 Uh uh.

2399

2400 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2401 All right, thank you.

2402

2403 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

2404 Okay.

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2405 **BRAD JERBIC**

2406 Okay. If I could, Your Honor, one witness that, probably, could clarify a little bit more of this
2407 too. His name is Cliff Evarts. He's present. I'd like to just call him briefly.

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2409 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2410 Fine. I'm concerned about you folks standing up. Have a seat, please and if need be, we'll call –
2411 upon you. We'll certainly get your names for the record.

2412

2413 **BRAD JERBIC**

2414 Thank you. Could you, (inaudible) –

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2416 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2417 Excuse me. I think that Mr. Stein should cross-examine.

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2419 **BRAD JERBIC**

2420 Oh, I'm sorry.

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2422 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2423 I was wondering when my cross-examination –

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2425 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2426 No –

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2428 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2429 – of Mr. DiFiore?

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2431 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2432 – you should cross-examine Mr. DiFiore, if you have any questions.

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2433 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2434 I do.

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2436 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2437 Mr. DiFiore, why don't you come up and then –

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2439 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2440 Well, I can wait until after Mr. Evarts, 'cause I don't even (inaudible) Mr. DiFiore.

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2442 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2443 All right, we'll have Mr. Evarts. I assume it's just gonna be foundational.

2444

2445 **BRAD JERBIC**

2446 And all the witnesses are gonna be here for Mr. Stein –

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2448 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2449 Okay. Fine.

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2451 **BRAD JERBIC**

2452 – to examine anyway he sees fit.

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2454 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2455 All right.

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2457 **BRAD JERBIC**

2458 Could we have the witness sworn, please?

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2460 **BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

2461 Please raise your right hand. Do you swear the evidence you provide today is true?

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2462 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2463 I do.

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2465 **BRAD JERBIC**

2466 Would you please state your name for the record?

2467

2468 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2469 Cliff Evarts, City of Las Vegas.

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2471 **BRAD JERBIC**

2472 And your last name is spelled?

2473

2474 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2475 E-V-A-R-T-S.

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2477 **BRAD JERBIC**

2478 And Mr. Evarts, by whom are you employed?

2479

2480 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2481 I'm the founder and CEO of the Vegas Wedding Chapel and I also have a real estate business.

2482

2483 **BRAD JERBIC**

2484 And is the Las Vegas Wedding Chapel a competitor, sort to speak, with the A Las Vegas Garden

2485 of Love?

2486

2487 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2488 It's actually The Vegas Wedding Chapel and we're competitive with all the other chapels in

2489 town.

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2490 **BRAD JERBIC**

2491 Have you heard the testimony here in chambers today prior to coming to the podium?

2492

2493 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2494 Yes, I have.

2495

2496 **BRAD JERBIC**

2497 Are you familiar with the documents that were referred to as affidavits behind various tabs that

2498 were introduced for the City Council; that is Tabs 3 through 12?

2499

2500 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2501 Yes, I am.

2502

2503 **BRAD JERBIC**

2504 Are you familiar with how those documents came into being?

2505

2506 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2507 Yes, I am.

2508

2509 **BRAD JERBIC**

2510 Could you please describe for the Council how they were created and who created them?

2511

2512 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2513 I was in the process of preparing a restraining order against Craig and Cheryl Luell. My attorney

2514 at the time was Stephen Stein. It's – still is, actually, I think, in that case. He advised me how,

2515 that I should prepare affidavits with all of the people and present that to the – court in an attempt

2516 to get a restraining order. And so, I acted as the scribe for many people because that's what, not

2517 only I needed for the restraining order, but also as Mr. Stein indicated. He was working or trying

2518 to work with the City of Las Vegas and he was my attorney and trying to come up with some

2519 rules or regulations to do this. So, he also wanted those submitted to Business Licensing. So, I

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2520 also delivered those to Business Licensing. But they were actually created as part of a loss, as a
2521 part of a restraining order upon the advice and recommendation of Mr. Stein. He never advised
2522 me as he has now that they had to be notarized. I simply acted as the scribe. And that's how
2523 they were prepared.

2524 Many of those people, I don't know all the affidavits you referred to, but of the ones you've
2525 heard, it's probably half a dozen people here in attendance who can verify that those affidavits
2526 are in fact true. They are, in fact, real people.

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2528 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2529 All right. Okay. Have a seat.

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2531 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

2532 Can I ask a question, Your Honor?

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2534 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2535 I, I'm scared to hear the question.

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2537 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

2538 Well, I – just like to hear about the conflict of interest ethics.

2539

2540 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2541 I recall Mr. Evarts hiring me regarding a restraining order and regarding something to do with
2542 the City and this business. But I also recall where he was not happy with my services and he
2543 terminated me. That's my recollection.

2544

2545 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2546 This happened during the time that he represented me. In fact, he appeared in a court case on my
2547 behalf in 2004. So, he was still my represent, I hired him in February of 2003.

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2548 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2549 All right.

2550

2551 **CLIFF EVARTS**

2552 That was the time when this, he, as he just agreed, admitted to, that's when the, I applied for the
2553 restraining order that he referred to. He was my attorney. I – did, I acted on his advice of how
2554 these should be done. And so, therefore, during that period of time when these, most of these
2555 affidavits prepared, he was my attorney and I prepared them on his advice and I prepared them
2556 the way he told me to do that. I realize he may not find those acceptable today, but that's what
2557 he told me to do then, and I did in fact submitted them to the Business Licensing and I submitted
2558 them to the court.

2559

2560 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2561 All right. Thank you.

2562

2563 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

2564 Thank you.

2565

2566 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2567 Okay. There're other folks who stood up. I don't want to get anything other than your name?

2568 What is your name, Sir?

2569

2570 **ASHLEY SILVER**

2571 Ashley Silver.

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2573 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2574 All right. Thank you. And there're some ladies that stood up as well?

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2575 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

2576 Mayor, it's Joan Vehorkas with Vegas Adventure Wedding Chapel. I just was clarified that one
2577 of the items that I thought was included in there, would you like for me to come forward?

2578

2579 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2580 Yes.

2581

2582 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

2583 I'm sorry.

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2585 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2586 But you're not gonna testify now unless somebody calls you as a witness.

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2588 **BRAD JERBIC**

2589 Your Honor, if, I can also –

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2591 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2592 – and I'm not gonna accept –

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2594 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

2595 Your Honor –

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2597 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2598 – exhibits from anybody –

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2600 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

2601 – it's just that –

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2603 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2604 – unless one of the lawyers –

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2605 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

2606 – I just

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2608 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2609 – puts it into the record.

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2611 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

2612 – I just wanted to clar –

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2614 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2615 Pease state your name for the record again.

2616

2617 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

2618 It's Joan Vehorkas with Vegas Adventure Wedding Chapel.

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2620 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2621 Yes.

2622

2623 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

2624 I thought that one of the documents that I have for my specific chapel was included with this. I

2625 just got clarification that it is not included with this. So, I have my name and my chapel, to my

2626 knowledge, it's not included with this.

2627

2628 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2629 Very good.

2630

2631 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

2632 We kind, we came on board after all of this headache.

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2633 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2634 Fine.

2635

2636 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

2637 And have new headaches.

2638

2639 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2640 Thank you. All right, young lady. Was – your name mentioned as one of the –

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2642 **CIERRA BALDERRAMA**

2643 My name is in there, yes. My name is –

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2645 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2646 You have to come up and give us your name. Please come up and speak in the mike, please.

2647 Yes, ma'am.

2648

2649 **CIERRA BALDERRAMA**

2650 My name is Cierra Balderrama. I'm a former employee of A Las Vegas Garden of Love. I

2651 worked there for almost three years.

2652

2653 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2654 And one of your affi, statements is included in –

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2656 **CIERRA BALDERRAMA**

2657 Yes, it is. It's way towards the very end. I have, actually, a police report that I used to get a

2658 restraining order against Cheryl Luell.

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2659 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2660 Very good. Thank you. Okay. So, I think the concern about veracity or authenticity has been
2661 addressed, at least to my satisfaction. And your turn to cross-examine Mr. DiFiore, Mr. Stein.
2662 How we're doing, Ms. Bridges, on the staff?

2663

2664 **BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

2665 You want to take a break shortly?

2666

2667 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2668 Okay. What we'll do is, we'll finish up Mr. Stein, we'll finish up the City's presentation and
2669 then we'll take a break and then come back for the presentation of Mr. Stein's case.

2670

2671 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2672 I can tell the Council that my cross-examination will be all of about two minutes –

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2674 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2675 Well, let's do it.

2676

2677 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2678 – in one area.

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2680 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2681 Let's do it.

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2683 **BRAD JERBIC**

2684 I'm – done, Your Honor.

2685

2686 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2687 That's fine.

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2688 **BRAD JERBIC**

2689 I will submit it at this point in time –

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2691 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2692 I understand, but Mr. Stein has to cross-examine Mr. DiFiore.

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2694 **BRAD JERBIC**

2695 Absolutely. I've told everybody who was present at the podium to remain present so that Mr.

2696 Stein can ask any questions he wishes to ask during the course of this hearing. (Inaudible) to

2697 stay, Your Honor.

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2699 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2700 Okay. Cross-examination, please.

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2702 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2703 Mr. DiFiore and you confused me and that's why I have you back up here. According to the

2704 paperwork that I got, the public nuisance filing by Metro was in July of the year 2004.

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2706 **JIM DiFIORE**

2707 Correct.

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2709 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2710 And I believe I heard something stated that it was 2006 that it was resolved?

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2712 **JIM DiFIORE**

2713 Correct.

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2715 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2716 When was the filing, when did the City Attorney file the charges in the Municipal Court?

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2717 **JIM DiFIORE**

2718 Well, I – know that it was adjudicated in –

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2720 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2721 I didn't ask that, Mr. DiFiore.

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2723 **JIM DiFIORE**

2724 Okay. I'll –

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2726 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2727 When did they file the charge?

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2729 **JIM DiFIORE**

2730 I don't have the specific date for that.

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2732 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2733 Do you know when the plea was taken?

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2735 **JIM DiFIORE**

2736 The plea was taken, I believe, May 25th, 2006.

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2738 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2739 In what department, do you know?

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2741 **JIM DiFIORE**

2742 I believe it was Department Five of the Municipal Court.

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2744 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2745 Okay. And according to your records, they pled nolo, both pled nolo and were fined?

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2746 **JIM DiFIORE**

2747 Correct.

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2749 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2750 Do you have any abstract of that and printout of that? Any JNC of that with you here today?

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2752 **JIM DiFIORE**

2753 I don't know what JNC means.

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2755 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2756 Judgment and Commitment.

2757

2758 **JIM DiFIORE**

2759 Okay. I don't have documents from the court for those two, for the stipulations that were read
2760 into the record.

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2762 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2763 Were you present in court during any of those proceedings?

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2765 **JIM DiFIORE**

2766 No, I was not.

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2768 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2769 Were any of your agents from your, under your authority present?

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2771 **JIM DiFIORE**

2772 No, they were not.

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2774 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2775 Okay. Nothing further.

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2776 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2777 All right. Have a seat, Mr. DiFiore.

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2779 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

2780 Real quickly. This should be something that can be confirmed or not. I mean, there's, I don't

2781 know if my mike's on. There's a Municipal Court Clerk's office. Over the break we can send

2782 somebody down, you know. I would think we don't have to wait in line 'cause it's us asking.

2783 Let's get the records.

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2785 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2786 Well, I'm not sure it's our obligation. This is – not the (inaudible) proceedings and each party

2787 has their own burden.

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2789 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

2790 And I agree a hundred percent, but it's still is an open question in my mind.

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2792 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2793 It's a good question, too. All right. So, Mr. Jerbic you rest?

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2795 **BRAD JERBIC**

2796 I have rested, Your Honor.

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2798 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2799 All right. Very good. We'll take a recess so that the Clerk will be able to get refreshed and

2800 we'll be back here at 1:15.

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2802 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2803 Mr. Mayor?

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2804 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2805 Yes?

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2807 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2808 Is somebody checking what the, Councilman Wolfson suggested?

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2810 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2811 That's up to the parties.

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2813 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2814 Oh, that's up to the parties. So, Mr. Jerbic –

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2816 **BRAD JERBIC**

2817 (Inaudible).

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2819 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2820 That's up to them, Councilwoman. I'm not going to do their work for them.

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2822 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2823 Are – you –

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2825 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2826 It's the room going to be locked so I can leave these things here?

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2828 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2829 Mr. Jerbic?

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2831 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2832 Yes.

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2833 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2834 Brad? Are you checking this, Councilman Wolfson's request?

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2836 **BRAD JERBIC**

2837 Yes.

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2839 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

2840 All right. Thank you.

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2842 **END OF RELATED DISCUSSION – RESUMED RELATED DISCUSSION**

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2844 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2845 All right. Good afternoon, once again, everybody. We're in the middle of Item Number 58,
2846 which is discussion and possible action regarding an appeal of non renewal of a Wedding Chapel
2847 License for A Las Vegas Garden of Love. The City has rested in its presentation. It's now time
2848 for The Garden of Love (sic) and their counsel to make a presentation to us.

2849 I – I'd like to state for the record that during the noon recess, I had the opportunity to discuss
2850 with Mr. Stein, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Luell, an issue of a possible conflict of interest which
2851 arose this morning. And I explained to them that, even though, it may be disputed, a gentleman
2852 testified that Mr. Stein was his lawyer and that gentleman was acting in an effort to prepare
2853 documents which will be used to close A Garden of Love (sic). And Mr. Stein is now
2854 representing Garden of Love (sic) trying to keep it open. So, to me that was a – least a
2855 extensible conflict. Mr. and Mrs. Luell said they recognized that. They waive any conflict of
2856 interest. Mr. Stein is in a position where he can go forward representing them. Mr. Jerbic was
2857 present when we had that colloquy and Mr. Jerbic says that the City waives any potential conflict
2858 of interest. So, that's behind us, at this point in time, and we'll go forward with the presentation
2859 of evidence on behalf of The Garden of Love (sic).

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2860 **BRAD JERBIC**

2861 Your Honor, I would just like to state for the record as well, everything you said is true and
2862 accurate, of course. But at the, just before I rested, you indicated that you might want copies of
2863 court records that back up representations regarding plea agreements or restitutions or things like
2864 that. I would like to reserve the right to supplement the record with those documents as they
2865 come, and I've asked Mr. DiFiore and his staff to get those documents during the break rather
2866 than take time doing that now. If you'd let me supplement later, I'll turn it over to Mr. Stein.

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2868 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2869 Very good. There's no problem –

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2871 **BRAD JERBIC**

2872 Mr. Stein.

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2874 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2875 – with that. And we're going to use a procedure that folks will be called up to the podium, rather
2876 than to just come up to the podium. They'll be called there by the counsel who's representing
2877 the respective parties. If in fact somebody wants to speak and they're not in a position where
2878 they've been called out, I ask them to raise their hands. I'll have them come up individually, and
2879 not in mass, and hear what they have to say and then consider whether or not we'll consider their
2880 statements as part of this record. So, with that in mind, Mr. Stein we're ready to hear your
2881 presentation.

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2883 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2884 Thank you, Your Honor and members of the Council. The first witness that I will present is
2885 Cheryl Luell.

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2887 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2888 Ms. Luell, if you're kind enough to go to Ms. Bridges, our Clerk, and be sworn in.

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2889 **BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

2890 Do you swear that the (inaudible) today is true and correct?

2891

2892 **CHERYL LUELL**

2893 Yes.

2894

2895 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2896 And I guess you can have a seat and I'll call you. And so that the Council understands, I call

2897 Mrs. Luell first 'cause she is the one primarily involved in the running of the business and the

2898 handling of all business affairs for The Garden of Love (sic).

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2900 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2901 Okay.

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2903 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2904 Mrs. Luell –

2905

2906 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2907 Okay, let's do this, there's a hand-held microphone; I'm going to ask Mr. Stein to use that. I'm

2908 going to ask Ms. Luell and any other witnesses to speak into the microphone that's in front of

2909 you, that way the record will be able to reflect everything that's being said.

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2911 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2912 Mrs. Luell, can you please relate to the Council and the Mayor your history in the business of

2913 wedding chapels.

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2915 **CHERYL LUELL**

2916 That's fine. Back in about 1997, I worked in a tux and gown shop called Balance Formal Wear

2917 in the Target shopping center on Flamingo and Maryland Parkway. We went to a place called

2918 the Cashman Field for a Bridal Spectacular. At the Bridal Spectacular, I was a manager at the

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2919 tux and gown shop. He told me that he did a rental on wedding gowns. He told me that he
2920 wanted to do a sale on them to get rid of all of his old stock. So, I told him how to promote and
2921 market it by, actually, price-marking up the wedding gowns and then putting a sign out for all
2922 brides seventy-five percent off. Okay.

2923 At the Bridal Spectacular we brought two hundred wedding gowns; we ended up leaving with
2924 three. I did all the sales there. Brides were grabbing the gowns like crazy. I was approached by
2925 Ms. Charlotte Richards and Joanie Williams, which own A Little White Wedding Chapel. She
2926 gave me a business card, Ms. Joanie Williams did. Charlotte asked me if I knew who she was. I
2927 denied. I didn't know who she was; I am from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and I didn't know
2928 anything about wedding chapels.

2929 Preceded six months later, the owner of Balance Formal Wear was looking at selling the –
2930 business. I called up Ms. Charlotte Richards. She asked me to meet her at a Denny's on Las
2931 Vegas Boulevard and talk, and talked to me about how much money I can make in the wedding
2932 chapel business working for her.

2933 I then proceeded to do a training period, which Ms. Roseanne Barr, which is present, trained me
2934 at A Little White Chapel. She gave me the initial of "M", for More Money, More Money, More
2935 Money, the movie that was out back then. She said, I have the feeling that you're gonna make
2936 me a lot of money. My commission at Ms. Charlotte Richards' place was six thousand to seven
2937 thousand a month, and what I mean by that is, we received ten percent of what we sold. We, I
2938 received, she received, she handed out flyers every month of who is the highest salesperson, and
2939 that was myself. Charlotte then treated me like her daughter. Then let me drive her Corvette.
2940 Then had me run the other chapels that she had and also, after that, preceding, three years into
2941 working for Charlotte Richards, I left. I quit. I couldn't stand the politics any more and I left.
2942 And I went to live in my home with my family that I take care of and said, for the next six
2943 months, I am going to buy rummage sale stuff and resell it at my house. For six months I did
2944 well, but I didn't have insurance. Island Wedding Chapel went there, Ms. Linda Swift.

2945

2946 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2947 Who is Island Wedding Chapel?

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2948 **CHERYL LUELL**

2949 Island Wedding Chapel is at the Tropicana. Ms. Linda Swift, supposedly, was losing a lot of
2950 money and she wasn't doing well. I then came in and showed her how to proceed with her
2951 business. She was, actually, printing out photos and giving the photos, like the customers would
2952 come back and look at the photos. Okay.

2953

2954 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2955 Excuse me.

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2957 **CHERYL LUELL**

2958 Yes.

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2960 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2961 And, we're now referring to the item –

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2963 **CHERYL LUELL**

2964 July 10th, 2000.

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2966 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2967 – July 10th, 2000 –

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2969 **CHERYL LUELL**

2970 Correct.

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2972 **STEPHEN STEIN**

2973 – Tab Number one.

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2975 **CHERYL LUELL**

2976 Correct. Ms. Swift met my husband, Craig Luell, and offered him a job. Not myself. I did not
2977 bring any of my family members to work for Ms. Swift. On top of that, she met my mother, Ms.

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2978 Barbara Ludwig. She also proceeded to hire her. On top of that, she met Constantina Lisa
2979 Manvilla, which is my aunt, and hired her. And the other person that you have on file is
2980 Christina Manvilla, that is my other aunt, that wrote an affidavit against me, just so you know,
2981 which is, was cheating on my uncle. Let's revolve around that, okay?

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2983 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2984 You know, I'm –

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2986 **CHERYL LUELL**

2987 Sorry.

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2989 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2990 No, don't be sorry because we can't be here for ever.

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2992 **CHERYL LUELL**

2993 No, I understand.

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2995 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2996 Now, the only –

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2998 **CHERYL LUELL**

2999 Basic thing I was, I was –

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3001 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3002 Wait, wait, wait –

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3004 **CHERYL LUELL**

3005 Oh, okay. Sorry.

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3006 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3007 – wait. Mr. Stein, rather than have a narrative, ask questions, okay, because this narrative could
3008 go on for an hour.

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3010 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3011 You went to work for Linda Swift at the Tropicana –

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3013 **CHERYL LUELL**

3014 Correct.

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3016 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3017 – wedding chapel on July 10th, 2000?

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3019 **CHERYL LUELL**

3020 No, I worked for her prior to that.

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3022 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3023 Prior to that.

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3025 **CHERYL LUELL**

3026 Correct.

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3028 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3029 And you – read the allegation contained –

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3031 **CHERYL LUELL**

3032 Correct.

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3034 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3035 – in Tab Number one?

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3036 **CHERYL LUELL**

3037 I was an –

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3039 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3040 Did you – embezzle any money while you worked there?

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3042 **CHERYL LUELL**

3043 No, I did not. I had nothing to do with payroll or financial dealings.

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3045 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3046 And what was your job there?

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3048 **CHERYL LUELL**

3049 I just ran the wedding chapel, made sure all the couples were taken care of, and we got a
3050 commission off of what we sold, just like when I was at A Little White Chapel.

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3052 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3053 Okay. Now, after you worked there, did you quit or were you fired?

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3055 **CHERYL LUELL**

3056 No. I – was, actually, let go by Ms. Linda Swift.

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3058 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3059 Why?

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3061 **CHERYL LUELL**

3062 Because she, I had a ten thousand dollars commission check that she did not want to pay me for
3063 June – of 2000, which I never received and went to the Labor Board against her. But because I
3064 received more than minimum wage, she didn't have to pay me.

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3065 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3066 Were you ever charged with any crimes for any actions at that lo –

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3068 **CHERYL LUELL**

3069 No, Sir. I was –

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3071 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3072 – at that (inaudible).

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3074 **CHERYL LUELL**

3075 No. This is the first time I heard anything about it.

3076

3077 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3078 Following that, did you stay working in the wedding chapel business?

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3080 **CHERYL LUELL**

3081 No. I went to work –

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3083 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3084 Did you come back –

3085

3086 **CHERYL LUELL**

3087 Yeah.

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3089 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3090 – into the wedding chapel business?

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3092 **CHERYL LUELL**

3093 Yes, I did.

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3094 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3095 And what year was that?

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3097 **CHERYL LUELL**

3098 November twenty-first two thousand and two.

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3100 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3101 And where did you go to work then?

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3103 **CHERYL LUELL**

3104 I opened my own wedding chapel on 200 West Sahara Avenue.

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3106 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3107 What was the name of that wedding chapel?

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3109 **CHERYL LUELL**

3110 It was called A Las Vegas Garden of Love.

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3112 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3113 Was it licensed?

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3115 **CHERYL LUELL**

3116 Yes, it was.

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3118 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3119 By the City or the County?

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3121 **CHERYL LUELL**

3122 By the City of Las Vegas.

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3123 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3124 Did there come a time when you moved, you closed that location on West Sahara?

3125

3126 **CHERYL LUELL**

3127 The location was torn down by a condominium that was being built.

3128

3129 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3130 Where did you move your business to?

3131

3132 **CHERYL LUELL**

3133 I called up Chapel of Love (sic) and asked them if they would proceed to do my weddings.

3134

3135 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3136 Chapel of Love (sic), not being your chapel?

3137

3138 **CHERYL LUELL**

3139 Not Garden of Love. No, incorrect. It was Chapel of Love at 1431 Las Vegas Boulevard South.

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3141 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3142 Did you then proceed to do business at that location?

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3144 **CHERYL LUELL**

3145 I proceeded to handle all of the business that was handled at Chapel of Love, not Las Vegas

3146 Garden of Love, at that point in time.

3147

3148 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3149 And you heard Mr. DiFiore state that in, on February 14th, '05 you did not have a license as The

3150 Garden of Love (sic) on the Las Vegas Boulevard location.

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3151 **CHERYL LUELL**

3152 That is correct.

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3154 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3155 Did you have license?

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3157 **CHERYL LUELL**

3158 Yes, we did.

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3160 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3161 Whose license?

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3163 **CHERYL LUELL**

3164 Chapel of Love.

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3166 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3167 You were operating under their license?

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3169 **CHERYL LUELL**

3170 Correct. And we were handing out flyers, as you can see as I have one; Chapel of Love, home of

3171 A Las Vegas Garden of Love. So, because of all my pre-booked weddings, I wanted them to

3172 know we were in the Chapel of Love location. And he has the flyer that we handed out.

3173

3174 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3175 Well, why don't we just mark this and pass it around to be entered. But that was not your

3176 license. It was somebody else's license.

3177

3178 **CHERYL LUELL**

3179 Correct.

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3180 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3181 And you were operating under it.

3182

3183 **CHERYL LUELL**

3184 Correct, because they were trying to help me out for all the weddings that I had.

3185

3186 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3187 Have you moved the admission of this?

3188

3189 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3190 I would move the admission.

3191

3192 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3193 It's admitted.

3194

3195 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3196 When you – were approached by Business Licensing in the City, did you explain the situation to
3197 them?

3198

3199 **CHERYL LUELL**

3200 Correct, we did.

3201

3202 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3203 And who did you meet with and explain the situation?

3204

3205 **CHERYL LUELL**

3206 Lon Grasmick and there was another, actually they came in to the wedding chapel, Chapel of
3207 Love on February 14th. I have a videotaping of it also. They came into the chapel and told us
3208 that Las Vegas Garden of Love (sic) did not have a license. We said we're the Chapel of Love.
3209 And to, Lon Grasmick and another black lady, I do not know her name, I apologize, from the

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3210 Business Licensing, said, well, who informed you of this? We explained, Carol, from the
3211 Business Licensing, said it was okay. It's on video. They said, okay, well, we're gonna give
3212 Carol a call; gave Carol a call. They did not give me a ticket. They did not ask me to close the
3213 door. So, from February to April, until I did receive my own license, we were there doing
3214 business. It was never closed down. We were never ticketed. We were never anything.

3215

3216 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3217 And after they came in, you did apply for a license?

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3219 **CHERYL LUELL**

3220 Yes. They – said it would be easier for the City of Las Vegas to just apply for your business
3221 license and just do a change of address. They said it's \$30.00; it takes no time and just explain
3222 that you're doing a change of location.

3223

3224 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3225 And that's what you did?

3226

3227 **CHERYL LUELL**

3228 Correct. I have all the paperwork on it.

3229

3230 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3231 All right. Now, going back to the allegations, which are basically, and we've been through 'em,
3232 contained in the May, June, 2003. Let, let's, let me direct your attention to the one on May 22nd,
3233 2003, which is Exhibit 5, or an individual by the name of Edward Scheiner stated he worked for
3234 the Luells and that he witnessed a large number of intimidating actions. Did Edward Scheiner
3235 ever work for you at any location where you owned?

3236

3237 **CHERYL LUELL**

3238 No, he did not. Edward Schneiner was never employed by Las Vegas a Garden of Love (sic).
3239 He was employee of Cliff Evarts from Las Vegas Wedding Bureau. He never worked for me.

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3240 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3241 And you've read all these allegations?

3242

3243 **CHERYL LUELL**

3244 I have read every complaint and allegation. I sat and cried because I –

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3246 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3247 Whoa, whoa.

3248

3249 **CHERYL LUELL**

3250 Oh, I'm sorry.

3251

3252 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3253 That's it. We don't have to hear about the crying.

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3255 **CHERYL LUELL**

3256 All right.

3257

3258 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3259 Are any of them true?

3260

3261 **CHERYL LUELL**

3262 None of 'em. Oh, the TSA. I apologize, the TSA is correct.

3263

3264 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3265 Now, you also heard testimony today about a nuisance filing by Metro.

3266

3267 **CHERYL LUELL**

3268 Correct.

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3269 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3270 Following the filing of a public nuisance by Metro, were you, in fact, charged in Municipal
3271 Court for the City of Las Vegas with a nuisance?

3272

3273 **CHERYL LUELL**

3274 Yes.

3275

3276 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3277 Was your husband also charged?

3278

3279 **CHERYL LUELL**

3280 Yes.

3281

3282 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3283 Did you hire an attorney?

3284

3285 **CHERYL LUELL**

3286 Yes, I did.

3287

3288 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3289 And who did you hire?

3290

3291 **CHERYL LUELL**

3292 Mr. Jerry DiPalma.

3293

3294 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3295 And did – there come a time when you went to court on that citation, that case?

3296

3297 **CHERYL LUELL**

3298 We did a whole bunch of sit downs prior to this and then we went to court, yes.

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3299 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3300 And who did you appear in front of, if you remember?

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3302 **CHERYL LUELL**

3303 Judge Cedric Kerns.

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3305 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3306 What was the, how was that case handled?

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3308 **CHERYL LUELL**

3309 The, I believe, it was a City attorney, told us that he believed that we would stay out of trouble

3310 for nine months. As long as we stayed out of trouble for nine months, everything would be

3311 dismissed. And we did that and we returned back in court nine months later and he dismissed

3312 everything on the case.

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3314 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3315 So, it's not a conviction. The case was dismissed after you stayed out of trouble.

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3317 **CHERYL LUELL**

3318 Correct, because I have had no record and that was a big thing for me, not to have a record.

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3320 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3321 Was there a fine?

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3323 **CHERYL LUELL**

3324 I – can't recall if we even received a fine. Jerry DePalma, actually, handled the fine portion. I

3325 remember that we went, they had put bail prior to –

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3327 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3328 Post bail?

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3329 **CHERYL LUELL**

3330 Correct, prior to that. And I believe, we got the bail back. Sorry.

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3332 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3333 It was submitted on the record. You had to post cash bail, if you stayed out of trouble it would
3334 be dismissed and the cash bail might have been –

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3336 **CHERYL LUELL**

3337 Returned.

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3339 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3340 Well, may have been returned or could have been transferred over as a –

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3342 **CHERYL LUELL**

3343 A fine that I paid?

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3345 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3346 A fine.

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3348 **CHERYL LUELL**

3349 It could have.

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3351 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3352 But the case was, in fact, dismissed.

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3354 **CHERYL LUELL**

3355 It was dismissed.

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3357 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

3358 Mayor Goodman?

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3359 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3360 Yes.

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3362 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

3363 May I ask a question, please? Mr. Stein?

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3365 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3366 Yes.

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3368 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

3369 Just because we're on the topic right now, do you have any criminal record at all?

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3371 **CHERYL LUELL**

3372 No.

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3374 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

3375 Nothing at all. You've never been convicted of a crime?

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3377 **CHERYL LUELL**

3378 No.

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3380 **COUNCILMAN WOLSON**

3381 Thank you.

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3383 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3384 Now, you heard quite a bit of allegations about employees of yours, well, first of all let me

3385 answer Councilman Wolfson. Maybe you can answer Councilman Wolfson's question. You

3386 have handbillers who work outside of the RJC and the old courthouse prior.

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3387 **CHERYL LUELL**

3388 Correct.

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3390 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3391 Do they work on commissions?

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3393 **CHERYL LUELL**

3394 No.

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3396 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3397 How do you pay them?

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3399 **CHERYL LUELL**

3400 They get paid an hourly rate.

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3402 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3403 Do –

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3405 **CHERYL LUELL**

3406 Ten dollars per hour.

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3408 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3409 To your knowledge, do any of the other –

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3411 **CHERYL LUELL**

3412 Yes.

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3414 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3415 – wedding chapels pay commissions?

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3416 **CHERYL LUELL**

3417 Yes, they do.

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3419 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3420 But you do not.

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3422 **CHERYL LUELL**

3423 I do not.

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3425 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3426 You've heard these allegations about fights between your employees and employees of the other
3427 chapels?

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3429 **CHERYL LUELL**

3430 Correct.

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3432 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3433 Have you ever fired an employee, handbiller for being involved in a fight?

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3435 **CHERYL LUELL**

3436 Yes.

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3438 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3439 And would that be after you have done due diligence and research then found out that they were
3440 wrong or they caused the fight?

3441

3442 **CHERYL LUELL**

3443 Well, for instance, the Michael Joseph case right here.

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3444 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3445 That's May 16th, 2003.

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3447 **CHERYL LUELL**

3448 No, that, yeah, well, he filed it on that date. I don't believe that's the date that it actually

3449 happened on. Both of those handbillers were my employees.

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3451 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3452 Both of them?

3453

3454 **CHERYL LUELL**

3455 Correct. Michael Joseph and Bradley were both my employees at the courthouse. It's not like

3456 they were fighting another chapel. They had a fight with each other, and the reason was Michael

3457 Joseph didn't like Bradley. They got into a fist fight. I – proceeded to let both of them go. The

3458 very next day Michael Joseph went to work for Stained Glass Wedding Chapel.

3459

3460 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3461 Now, let me jump out of there and go to the TSA.

3462

3463 **CHERYL LUELL**

3464 Un, huh.

3465

3466 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3467 The Nevada Transport Regulatory Agency has cited you, and there are several of them in here,

3468 for operating improperly.

3469

3470 **CHERYL LUELL**

3471 Correct.

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3472 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3473 You had in place a procedure where all of your drivers were taught about the regulations and
3474 rules, correct?

3475

3476 **CHERYL LUELL**

3477 Correct.

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3479 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3480 And who was in charge of your drivers?

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3482 **CHERYL LUELL**

3483 Edwin Wright.

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3485 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3486 And did, when the drivers got cited, you paid fines, did you not?

3487

3488 **CHERYL LUELL**

3489 Correct.

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3491 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3492 Did you terminate the drivers after your investigation and – you determined that they had not
3493 lived within the regulations?

3494

3495 **CHERYL LUELL**

3496 All drivers, after I had been fined, were terminated.

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3498 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3499 Now, let's go to, well, which one would you like to go to? Which allegation do you feel that you
3500 have?

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3501 **CHERYL LUELL**

3502 May 30th.

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3504 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3505 Of what year?

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3507 **CHERYL LUELL**

3508 Two thousand three.

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3510 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3511 Okay. That's a complaint by –

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3513 **CHERYL LUELL**

3514 No, right here.

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3516 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3517 A complaint filed by Jason Miller and that'd be Tab Number seven, Your Honor. And what can

3518 you tell –

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3520 **CHERYL LUELL**

3521 I – just –

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3523 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3524 – us about that.

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3526 **CHERYL LUELL**

3527 – I just would like to tell the court that Jason Miller has never worked for Las Vegas Garden of

3528 Love (sic). Jason Miller worked for Stained Glass Wedding Chapel, and the reason why I know

3529 that is I had two little boys, and Jason Miller is a Nevada registered sex offender.

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3530 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3531 And did –

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3533 **CHERYL LUELL**

3534 And I would not hire him.

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3536 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3537 And I believe you gave me copies –

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3539 **CHERYL LUELL**

3540 I gave you copies of everything.

3541

3542 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3543 – which I would –

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3545 **CHERYL LUELL**

3546 Yes.

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3548 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3549 – like to hand up.

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3551 **CHERYL LUELL**

3552 Right here.

3553

3554 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3555 I would like to move the admittance of this hand-out, which is a Nevada Sex Offender

3556 Registration printout for Jason Miller.

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3557 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3558 Give a copy to Mr. Jerbic and could you mark it, please, so we'll be able to have a record of an
3559 exhibit.

3560

3561 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3562 Here, I have one for everybody.

3563

3564 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3565 Can you mark it exhibit a or b or –

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3567 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3568 Oh, I think we've already had one exhibit. So, it'd be four?

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3570 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3571 All right, Exhibit 4.

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3573 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3574 You want all copies marked?

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3576 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3577 No, just the one for the record.

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3579 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3580 Oh, okay.

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3582 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

3583 Mayor Goodman?

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3585 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3586 Copies for the Council.

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3587 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

3588 Mayor Goodman, may I ask a question?

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3590 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3591 Certainly.

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3593 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

3594 Mr. Stein and Mr. Jerbic, the only information we have on a Jason Miller is in the summary that
3595 precedes the tabs in your book, and – identifies a guy by the name of Jason Miller. And then the
3596 tab, we have the document labeled affidavit Jason E. Miller. So, how do we know, Mr. Stein,
3597 that your Jason Miller is the same as the other Jason Miller?

3598

3599 **CHERYL LUELL**

3600 (Inaudible)

3601

3602 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

3603 I mean, Jason Miller is fairly a common name.

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3605 **CHERYL LUELL**

3606 Any of the handbillers that work down at the courthouse know who he was. On – top of that, I
3607 worked at the courthouse handing out flyers prior to this, and I'm the one that bought Jason
3608 Miller food 'cause he was hungry when he worked for other chapels.

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3610 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3611 (Inaudible)

3612

3613 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3614 All right, go ahead.

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3615 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3616 (Inaudible)

3617

3618 **CHERYL LUELL**

3619 Yes, you can go there.

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3621 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3622 Okay, let's jump now to June –

3623

3624 **CHERYL LUELL**

3625 Second.

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3627 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3628 – 2nd, 2003, Exhibit Number 10, complaint filed by Shane Kober an agent of Las Vegas

3629 Wedding Bureau.

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3631 **CHERYL LUELL**

3632 Also I knew who Shane Kober was. He actually used to play golf with my brother-in-law. Just

3633 so you guys know, Shane Kober, after I found about that, he golf's with my brother-in-law and

3634 on top of that, I knew nothing about any of these charges, but I investigated into Shane Kober

3635 because I knew who he was and you'll see the investigation.

3636

3637 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3638 And we'll now move, well –

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3640 **CHERYL LUELL**

3641 But I have never threatened Shane Kober. I know Shane Kober, which worked for Vegas

3642 Wedding Chapel and Stained Glass Chapel.

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3643 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3644 Mr. Jerbic?

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3646 **CHERYL LUELL**

3647 You'll see – the same names of the same chapels coming up over and over.

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3649 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3650 Marked as Exhibit 5, is a District Court case inquiry regarding a Shane M. Kober with the

3651 Justice Court Grand Jury number, showing a charge of sexual conduct between employees of

3652 school and pupil and the resolution of those charges, with copies for each of the Council.

3653

3654 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3655 I guess it goes to credibility if he has a conviction.

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3657 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3658 And I point out that you can get criminal records if you have time, Mr. Jerbic?

3659

3660 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3661 I assume that the reason this is being offered as to impeach the credibility –

3662

3663 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3664 The credibility of the statements which are delineated as affidavits.

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3666 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3667 Okay.

3668

3669 **CHERYL LUELL**

3670 And –

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3671 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3672 Mr. Mayor –

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3674 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3675 Yes.

3676

3677 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3678 – could I just ask if it's to support or not support the credibility of the statements, a couple of

3679 things that were said here. For example Jason, what was it, what tab was that –

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3681 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3682 (Inaudible)

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3684 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3685 – what – tab was that?

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3687 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3688 That would be –

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3690 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3691 And you were saying that he never worked for you.

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3693 **CHERYL LUELL**

3694 Correct.

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3696 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3697 He doesn't say in his statement he did work for you.

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3698 **CHERYL LUELL**

3699 No, it's says employee by Las Vegas Garden of Love (sic) or an agent for A Las Vegas Garden
3700 of Love.

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3702 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3703 Where are we?

3704

3705 **CHERYL LUELL**

3706 On –

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3708 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3709 On page –

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3711 **CHERYL LUELL**

3712 May 30th –

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3714 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3715 – three, May 30th –

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3717 **CHERYL LUELL**

3718 – two thousand and three.

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3720 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3721 May 30th.

3722

3723 **CHERYL LUELL**

3724 Correct.

3725

3726 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3727 Two thousand and three.

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3728 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3729 It says a complaint was filed by Jason Miller who stated that while he was an agent for A Las
3730 Vegas Garden of Love.

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3732 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3733 Okay. I'm sorry. Can you repeat that tab again? I'm lost in these tabs.

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3735 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3736 Tab Exhibit 7.

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3738 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3739 That was where his statement is?

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3741 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3742 Correct. It refers, the evidence backing the conclusions of –

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3744 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3745 Okay.

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3747 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3748 – Mr. DiFiore are contained in the affidavit behind Exhibit 7.

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3750 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3751 And – what you're stating is he never worked for you in any way as an independent contractor or
3752 as a –

3753

3754 **CHERYL LUELL**

3755 Correct.

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3756 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3757 Okay.

3758

3759 **CHERYL LUELL**

3760 When – I was down at the courthouse, Ma'am, I did the handbilling myself –

3761

3762 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3763 Okay.

3764

3765 **CHERYL LUELL**

3766 – at one point in time, and I just fed Jason Miller. I gave him food because he was hungry.

3767

3768 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3769 And who was, who were the other ones? You named two. You named, you've named three –

3770

3771 **CHERYL LUELL**

3772 Shane Kober.

3773

3774 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3775 Shane Kober, and that was ele, ten?

3776

3777 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3778 That's on June 2nd, 2003 –

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3780 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3781 And –

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3783 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3784 – Exhibit 10.

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3785 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3786 – what were you saying that he didn't say that was true, that was not, what did you say he said
3787 was not true?

3788

3789 **CHERYL LUELL**

3790 No, I actually said that I know the gentleman and he was working for Las Vegas Wedding
3791 Bureau at the time, and then he went from there to Stained Glass Wedding Chapel.

3792

3793 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3794 But I mean, you were talking about credibility now and I'm trying to determine the credibility
3795 here. What is, why are you saying this was not credible? Because he worked for another
3796 wedding agency?

3797

3798 **CHERYL LUELL**

3799 No, because on this – affidavit Kober said that he saw me talking to Chris Kindle on June 2nd,
3800 2000, 2003 and then he said that Chris Kindle was harassing him and things like that that didn't –

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3802 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3803 Yeah, but you're saying it's not true. He saying it is true. We don't know if that's true or not.

3804

3805 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3806 Correct.

3807

3808 **CHERYL LUELL**

3809 Correct.

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3811 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3812 Okay. And what was the third one? I'm just trying to –

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3813 **CHERYL LUELL**

3814 Edward Scheiner. It's over here. Which he – is present today also, just so you know.

3815

3816 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3817 May 22nd, 2003, Exhibit 5.

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3819 **CHERYL LUELL**

3820 Where Edward Scheiner claims an – employee of A Las Vegas Garden of Love, that he has

3821 worked for Luells at A Las Vegas Garden of Love and – witnessed a large number of

3822 intimidating actions by Ms. Luell. He has never worked for me. He has always worked for Cliff

3823 Edwards.

3824

3825 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3826 And he said that he worked for you on, in what paragraph is that?

3827

3828 **CHERYL LUELL**

3829 May – May 22nd, 2003.

3830

3831 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3832 Where does he state that in his statement?

3833

3834 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3835 No, that's (inaudible).

3836

3837 **CHERYL LUELL**

3838 Okay. Hold on.

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3840 **COUNCILMAN WOLSON**

3841 Exhibit 5.

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3842 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3843 I'm on five. I'm just trying to find out where he states that.

3844

3845 **CHERYL LUELL**

3846 Oh, where he said it?

3847

3848 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3849 Well, where he said that he worked for you.

3850

3851 **CHERYL LUELL**

3852 On the (inaudible) –

3853

3854 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3855 Where – you're claiming that he did not say the truth in this?

3856

3857 **CHERYL LUELL**

3858 On the memoranda, on May 22nd, 2003.

3859

3860 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3861 And Mr. –

3862

3863 **CHERYL LUELL**

3864 Page three.

3865

3866 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3867 – Mr. DiFiore's memorandum of what's contained in the exhibits.

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3869 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3870 So, we're not talking about Tab five. We're talking about something in three? See, my

3871 understanding is you're talking about credibility of witnesses here.

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3872 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3873 Correct.

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3875 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3876 So, far we've gone over two and one there is a misstatement. He said he worked for you, you
3877 said he never worked for you.

3878

3879 **CHERYL LUELL**

3880 Correct.

3881

3882 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3883 The other one I didn't see any problem with credibility because you're saying you did it, you did
3884 not do it; he's saying you did do it. We don't know who's telling the truth.

3885

3886 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3887 Correct.

3888

3889 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3890 Okay, so where's this one, so I know –

3891

3892 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3893 Edward Scheiner, what we were referring to is that Mr. DiFiore's synopsis of the affidavit, he
3894 states that Edward Scheiner, an employee of Las Vegas Wedding Chapel stated that he worked
3895 for the Luells at A Las Vegas Garden of Love chapel and has witnessed a large number of
3896 intimidating actions. That is –

3897

3898 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3899 Okay, so that's Mr. DiFiore.

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3900 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3901 – untrue.

3902

3903 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3904 As far as Mr. Scheinder's (sic) statement, he does not say that. He says that he saw these
3905 intimidating things but he didn't, he said he knew you but he didn't say that he worked there.

3906 I'm – just into details. I'm sorry.

3907

3908 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3909 Okay, you are correct. I guess – that the synopsis by Mr. DiFiore –

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3911 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3912 Right.

3913

3914 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3915 – was not accurate.

3916

3917 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3918 Yeah. If we're, I'm just, the purpose here is to determine credibility and that's why I wanted to
3919 check. So, two out of three, one out of three.

3920

3921 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

3922 You're doing well.

3923

3924 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3925 Thank you. I'm trying.

3926

3927 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3928 Next.

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3929 **CHERYL LUELL**

3930 Okay.

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3932 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3933 Sandi Scott.

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3935 **CHERYL LUELL**

3936 Yeah, Sandi Scott, June 25th, 2003

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3938 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3939 Exhibit 16.

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3941 **CHERYL LUELL**

3942 Sandi Scott actually on October 22nd, 2005, worked for A Las Vegas Garden of Love. I brought
3943 a paycheck. Her name is Sandi Scott Medford. She also worked for me when, worked with me
3944 when I worked at Little White Wedding Chapel. So, if she, I'm just saying, if she was scared
3945 and all these tactics that I did and she wrote a statement about it, why would she come and get a
3946 job with me?

3947

3948 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3949 Can I, I'm passing up after it's marked the paycheck to this lady, the original can go into
3950 evidence, with copies, indicating that she, in fact, did work there two years later, which is
3951 contrary to what she has stated in her statement about being afraid.

3952

3953 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

3954 And what tab is that?

3955

3956 **CHERYL LUELL**

3957 Right here.

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3958 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3959 Exhibit 16.

3960

3961 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3962 Thank you.

3963

3964 **CHERYL LUELL**

3965 August 15, 2003.

3966

3967 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3968 Okay. That will be Exhibit 19, the entry of August 15th, 2003.

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3970 **CHERYL LUELL**

3971 I did proceed to go to court and it was Judge Bixler's court, for a protective order, which I do
3972 have copies of the actual, it was in the newspaper article. And Judge Bixler told us that he
3973 would close both of our chapels down if Cliff Evarts or myself, and meaning the agents of A Las
3974 Vegas Garden of Love or the agents of Las Vegas Wedding Bureau, didn't act in a correct
3975 manner. And that, and the dec, the protective order was denied.

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3977 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

3978 Mayor, may I have, may I jump in real quick?

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3980 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3981 Certainly, Councilman Barlow.

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3983 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

3984 Could we go back to sixteen?

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3986 **STEPHEN STEIN**

3987 Yes, Sir.

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3988 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

3989 And regarding Sandi Scott.

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3991 **CHERYL LUELL**

3992 Uh, uh.

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3994 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

3995 You mentioned that Sandi Scott worked for you –

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3997 **CHERYL LUELL**

3998 Two thousand and five.

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4000 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4001 Two thousand and five?

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4003 **CHERYL LUELL**

4004 Correct.

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4006 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4007 So, what was the – what is your rebuttal to her –

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4009 **CHERYL LUELL**

4010 Well, she's saying, in her – affidavit that she has witnessed plenty of threats, things for the
4011 buildings, things of that order, and, well, if I threatened somebody or people are scared of me,
4012 why would you come to work for me? And Sandi Scott, if you knew her from when I worked at
4013 Little White Chapel, we were, we are like best friends. And then she went to work, actually, I
4014 believe, she got terminated from Little White Chapel and went to Las Vegas Wedding Bureau. I
4015 saw her at the courthouse at the –

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4016 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4017 But – specifically, and I understand you’re trying to give as much details as possible –

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4019 **CHERYL LUELL**

4020 Right.

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4022 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4023 – but just reading the statement that she submitted, she is just basically making a statement as far

4024 as the things she either heard or seen.

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4026 **CHERYL LUELL**

4027 No.

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4029 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4030 So, that's not to, to me, that's not to say that she was afraid, but more so the things that she had

4031 seen.

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4033 **CHERYL LUELL**

4034 Well, she told me when she was working for me, she was a wedding coordinator and she worked

4035 for me for over –

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4037 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4038 But we're talking about this statement.

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4040 **CHERYL LUELL**

4041 Correct. On her statement though, she told me that Cliff was having everybody, all these

4042 affidavits right here, Cliff Evarts was doing at his location. He was having everybody, Stained

4043 Glass Wedding Chapel, Crystal Cathedral, which is Stained Glass Wedding Chapel, Chapel of

4044 Dreams, they were all going to his location to write affidavits against A Las Vegas Garden of

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4045 Love so they can get all these affidavits and take them to the Councilman, the Business
4046 Licensing, to the police.

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4048 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4049 But that's, you are not answering –

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4051 **CHERYL LUELL**

4052 Oh, I'm sorry. But –

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4054 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4055 – Councilman Barlow's question.

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4057 **CHERYL LUELL**

4058 She told me that all of this, when – she was writing it, she did it because she worked for Cliff
4059 Evarts. And he was getting affidavits from everyone that worked there or people that didn't
4060 work there.

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4062 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4063 Well – I'm just going off of your statement in regards to, you stated that she was, she stated that
4064 she was afraid and that if she was afraid why would she come to work for you in 2005? I'm, I
4065 can only base my information off of what has been submitted in her statement and your rebuttal.
4066 So, that's what I was trying to get at as far as the clarification.

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4068 **CHERYL LUELL**

4069 The rebuttal is, yeah, I didn't threatened anybody. I haven't threatened anybody.

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4071 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4072 Okay.

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4073 **CHERYL LUELL**

4074 Okay.

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4076 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4077 That's all I need to know.

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4079 **CHERYL LUELL**

4080 Thank you.

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4082 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

4083 I think what he was, if I could Mr. Mayor, I think what he was saying is that she really doesn't

4084 say she is afraid. She was more diligent because of things that had happened in the area, and

4085 then she mentions about the nail. I don't think she said was, yeah.

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4087 **CHERYL LUELL**

4088 Have you looked at the picture of the nail?

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4090 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

4091 Yes. It is suspicious to me.

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4093 **CHERYL LUELL**

4094 Thank you.

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4096 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

4097 I've never seen a nail standing. No, I mean –

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4099 **CHERYL LUELL**

4100 Stand straight up and – the car is, I mean it's just, I didn't see this until I – received all this case.

4101 I have never seen any of these allegations, so called affidavits. I've never seen anything. I've

4102 been hemmed up by the police on a daily basis.

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4103 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4104 Okay.

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4106 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

4107 Thank you.

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4109 **CHERYL LUELL**

4110 Sorry. I apologize.

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4112 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4113 Don't apologize. Just –

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4115 **CHERYL LUELL**

4116 Okay.

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4118 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4119 – Mr. Stein, ask questions –

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4121 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4122 Okay.

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4124 **CHERYL LUELL**

4125 All right.

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4127 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4128 – and let's get answers.

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4130 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4131 The next exhibit, which passed up, is Exhibit 6, I guess.

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4132 **BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

4133 Seven.

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4135 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4136 Seven, is a Review Journal article about Judge Bixler and the temporary restraining order that
4137 the witness testified to. And the reason for that is because in Mr. DiFiore's synopsis of August
4138 15th, 2003, he stated, disposition of the protective order is unknown. The newspaper article
4139 indicates the protective order was denied. And that's Ms. Luell's recollection, as mentioned.

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4141 **CHERYL LUELL**

4142 Correct.

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4144 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4145 (Inaudible).

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4147 **CHERYL LUELL**

4148 Yeah, that's fine.

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4150 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4151 Okay. There are numerous statements submitted by an individual by the name of John Zaremba.

4152 Do you know John Zaremba?

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4154 **CHERYL LUELL**

4155 Yes, I do.

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4157 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4158 How do you know him?

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4159 **CHERYL LUELL**

4160 He was a handbiller for, at that time, I believe, Stained Glass Wedding Chapel and Las Vegas
4161 Wedding Bureau.

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4163 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4164 Are any of the allegations that he has made in here concerning you and your organization
4165 accurate?

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4167 **CHERYL LUELL**

4168 No, they're all false.

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4170 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4171 Do you know anything about Mr. Zaremba's personal life that would indicate his credibility is to
4172 be questioned?

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4174 **CHERYL LUELL**

4175 Prior to working down at the courthouse he was homeless and the wedding chapels hired to
4176 hand-out flyers. He was an older gentleman, probably in his sixties, very loud, and older, older.

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4178 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4179 How do you know him?

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4181 **CHERYL LUELL**

4182 He was a handbiller for, at that time, Stained Glass Wedding Chapel and Las Vegas Wedding
4183 Bureau.

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4185 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4186 All right. Any of the allegations that he has made in here concerning you and your organization
4187 are accurate?

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4193 be questioned?

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4195 **CHERYL LUELL**

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4197 hand out flyers. He was an older gentleman, probably in his sixties, very loud, and older, older.

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4199 **BRAD JERBIC**

4200 I didn't mean to interrupt, but there was a statement that the wedding chapel hired him to hand
4201 out flyers. Can we have a clarification as to which wedding chapel that was?

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4203 **CHERYL LUELL**

4204 I know he was, I believe it was, I can't give a definite. So, I know he is handing out flyers for a
4205 wedding chapel down at the courthouse and it wasn't A Las Vegas Garden of Love.

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4207 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4208 You didn't hire him.

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4210 **CHERYL LUELL**

4211 No, Sir.

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4213 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4214 I am now, having marked and passed up to the Council, a District Court inquiry regarding Mr.
4215 Zaremba indicating that in 1998 he pled guilty to a conspiracy to commit burglary and
4216 conspiracy to commit grand larceny.

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4217 **CHERYL LUELL**

4218 Also Stephen Smith.

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4220 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4221 Mayor?

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4223 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4224 Yes.

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4226 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4227 I'm – just slightly confused, if someone can clarify for me in regards to the names that are being

4228 submitted. Do they relate to this particular case or is it just a history of someone's criminal

4229 background, which to me, at this point, doesn't –

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4231 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4232 Basically –

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4234 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4235 – coincide with –

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4237 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4238 – basically –

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4240 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4241 – where we are.

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4243 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4244 – what is happening, Councilman, is they are attacking the credibility of the persons whose

4245 statements are before us. Most of them with the phrase affidavit on top, and the way they're

4246 doing this, there is a rule of law that says, if somebody is convicted of a felony, the mere

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4247 conviction of a felony could be used to access whether or not they're credible. And – that's the –
4248 purpose of this presentation that we're going through at this point in time. They're – showing us
4249 that these folks who have given these statements are convicted felons and therefore, inferentially
4250 their credibility is affected by that.

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4252 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4253 But then, my next, it would lead to my next question. Would that prohibit someone from, for
4254 example, being hired by a wedding chapel to pass out leaflets –

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4256 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4257 No.

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4259 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4260 – whether or not they had an ex, whether they were ex-felons?

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4262 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4263 No.

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4265 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4266 Okay.

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4268 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4269 Mayor Goodman?

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4271 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4272 Not in and of itself.

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4274 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4275 Thank you.

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4276 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4277 Yes?

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4279 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4280 Just for a perfectly clean record, I think this last document that came up shows convictions of
4281 gross misdemeanors not felonies. And Councilman Barlow, with your permission, Mayor
4282 Goodman, I don't think Mr. Stein is saying that these convictions relate all to any of the conduct
4283 which we are talking about. It's unrelated conduct. Mr. Stein is offering to show that these
4284 witnesses have convictions for something and therefore it should affect their credibility.
4285 Unrelated conduct is the point.

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4287 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4288 Okay.

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4290 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4291 Thank you, Councilman –

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4293 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4294 I appreciate the explanation.

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4296 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4297 – Wolfson.

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4299 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4300 Is that right, Mr. Stein?

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4302 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4303 That is correct. Since I don't have them here to cross-examine them, the only thing I could do
4304 was show that their credibility is to be questioned.

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4305 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4306 Okay.

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4308 **CHERYL LUELL**

4309 Mr. Stephen Smith also says that he is, right here.

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4311 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4312 On June, the – entry of June 8th, 2003, Exhibit 13.

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4314 **CHERYL LUELL**

4315 It says, an agent of A Las Vegas Garden of Love grabbed the victim, threw him to the ground

4316 and said, we told you if you come back to the courthouse we're going to beat you up. Don't

4317 come back. These charges were denied to insufficient evidence. First of all, I knew nothing

4318 about this matter. I know nothing about an agent. I know nothing about that, but in his clip

4319 clapping through downtown to make a way for his horses that are coming out, he, on May 17th

4320 states –

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4322 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4323 To the City Council.

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4325 **CHERYL LUELL**

4326 – to the City Council, that Stephen Smith, the owner resides of downtown community church,

4327 said he walks four to five miles everyday and has a different impression of the downtown and its

4328 reputation. It says, I've never had a problem, he said. Now, maybe if you walked in the wrong

4329 parts of downtown you could have a problem, but you'd have a problem in some parts of any –

4330 major American city. So, if he didn't have problems, how did he write police reports that he was

4331 being beat up?

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4333 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4334 And again, this is – a Review Journal article concerning his testimony before the City Council.

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4335 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4336 Not to – defend anyone, Mayor, but that, is, wouldn't that be taking this out of context, as far as
4337 that item that came before Council and this one, as far as not having any issues in relation to that
4338 particular –

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4340 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4341 Well –

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4343 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4344 – item?

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4346 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4347 – we can give it whatever weight it deserves. I think it's being offered to show a prior
4348 inconsistent position and –

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4350 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

4351 Okay.

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4353 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4354 – may be entitled to no weight.

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4356 **CHERYL LUELL**

4357 Okay. But where is that paperwork?

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4359 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4360 (Inaudible).

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4362 **CHERYL LUELL**

4363 I'll get it.

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4364 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4365 Next we would refer you to the entry of March 20th, 2004, referring to Exhibit 24. And I believe
4366 you heard testimony about an individual who had some fire, something was lit on fire and was
4367 thrown at an individual and two people, well, one person pled nolo and was sentenced to sixty
4368 days suspended. I have here, without copies, a copy of the transcript of the proceedings before
4369 the Honorable Cedric Kerns on September 21st, 2004 and case number C582125, City of Las
4370 Vegas versus Ashraf M. Yasin.

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4372 **CHERYL LUELL**

4373 I had heard that at an, is name is Alex, said that he worked for my wedding chapel at the time of
4374 this. So, I proceeded to get the transcript and it's dated September 30th, 2004.

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4376 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4377 No, the transcript it's –

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4379 **CHERYL LUELL**

4380 No, I mean, when I purchased it. Alex never worked for me at that point in time. After he lit the
4381 flyer on fire, he wasn't working for me. It's in the transcript that it says –

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4383 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4384 Was he ever working for you?

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4386 **CHERYL LUELL**

4387 After, yes. After but not during.

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4389 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4390 How much after?

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4391 **CHERYL LUELL**

4392 I didn't know, probably a month, two months. I didn't even know about this until I heard it from
4393 one of the other handbillers that supposedly he used my name. But my name is not in here for A
4394 Las Vegas Garden of Love that he worked at. He had – told the judge, do you work for that
4395 chapel anymore, let me find the page, 'cause I don't want to give you any inconsistency. It's
4396 says, are you still working at the same place of business? The defendant says no. Oh, a different
4397 place completely? Defendant says yes. You have no reason to go within a hundred miles from
4398 him –

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4400 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4401 Yards.

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4403 **CHERYL LUELL**

4404 – oh, a hundred yards. Hold on, I apologize. It's the page before that.

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4406 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4407 Okay, but it's the – what is the purpose here?

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4409 **CHERYL LUELL**

4410 The point is he says – I'm here at the point in time –

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4412 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4413 (Inaudible)

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4415 **CHERYL LUELL**

4416 – Alex says – on this thing, on March 2004, in this statement, it says Alex worked for A Las
4417 Vegas Garden of Love. I have the transcript that shows he did not work for me at the time that
4418 he lit the flyer on fire.

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4419 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4420 Thank you. Do you want to make that part of the record?

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4422 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4423 Yes, I do, and I don't have copies.

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4425 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4426 You wanna show it to Mr. Jerbic?

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4428 **BRAD JERBIC**

4429 I don't need to object, Sir. I just want to read it Your Honor.

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4431 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4432 Very good. No problem.

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4434 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4435 Mayor Goodman? I know we're going all over the place on this –

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4437 **CHERYL LUELL**

4438 Yeah.

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4440 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4441 – but just for a clean record. I'm reading the voluntary statement that's behind Tab 24, which is

4442 relating to what you're talking about now, and apparently it's the alleged victim, Esmeralda

4443 Flores, that states that Hector and Alex from The Garden of Love (sic).

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4445 **CHERYL LUELL**

4446 She wasn't the victim. The victim was Ashley Silver.

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4447 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4448 Well, okay. Maybe it wasn't the victim, but it's on a voluntary witness statement. My point is
4449 that a third party said this person was working for The Garden of Love (sic).

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4451 **CHERYL LUELL**

4452 Okay.

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4454 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4455 So, maybe that's where Mr. DiFiore got his information.

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4457 **CHERYL LUELL**

4458 Okay.

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4460 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4461 So, maybe –

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4463 **CHERYL LUELL**

4464 I just wanted to make sure.

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4466 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4467 Excuse me.

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4469 **CHERYL LUELL**

4470 Sorry.

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4472 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4473 Maybe the person who you're saying is lying, wasn't lying, it was the independent witness who
4474 said this guy was working for The Garden of Love (sic), who may be mistaken.

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4475 **CHERYL LUELL**

4476 Okay.

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4478 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4479 So, Mr. DiFiore wasn't wrong and this guy, Alex, or whatever his name was, wasn't necessarily
4480 wrong either.

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4482 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4483 But we wanted to clear up the innuendo that he did work for The Garden of Love (sic).

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4485 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4486 Very good. Mayor Pro Tem.

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4488 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

4489 You should say I'm clearing up an innuendo and not the way it was presented.

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4491 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4492 All right.

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4494 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4495 Fine.

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4497 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4498 Mayor Pro Tem.

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4500 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

4501 I just have a question that, it keeps coming back to a person by the name of Chris Kindle or
4502 Christopher Kindle. Does he work for you?

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4503 **CHERYL LUELL**

4504 Correct.

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4506 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

4507 He seems like he's always in the middle of all these so called incidents and stuff.

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4509 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4510 Quite a few of 'em. Yes, Sir.

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4512 **CHERYL LUELL**

4513 But he's right –

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4515 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

4516 Is he still work for you?

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4518 **CHERYL LUELL**

4519 He – wasn't at that point in time after that, but he does now. But he's worked at every wedding

4520 chapel. He's worked at Stained Glass. He's worked at Chapel of Dreams. He's worked for

4521 Adventure Wedding Chapel. He's worked for A Las Vegas Garden of Love. He's worked for,

4522 he's here. Stained Glass –

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4524 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4525 He is here as a witness.

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4527 **CHERYL LUELL**

4528 – is here.

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4530 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4531 We are gonna call him.

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4532 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

4533 Okay.

4534

4535 **CHERYL LUELL**

4536 The fight for Angel.

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4538 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4539 Okay. Now, directing your attention to the entry of April 7th, 2007 referring to Exhibit 43. That
4540 deals with –

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4542 **CHERYL LUELL**

4543 (Inaudible)

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4545 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4546 – the two detectives going out to investigate the crime, I believe it was the last thing that Mr.
4547 Jerbic presented. An Angel Huertas was the individual they were looking for. To your
4548 knowledge, Mrs. Luell, was Angel Huertas working for your organization on the date of this
4549 incident?

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4551 **CHERYL LUELL**

4552 No.

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4554 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4555 Did you check the employment records with a Constance Manville (sic), who is in charge of
4556 your employment records?

4557

4558 **CHERYL LUELL**

4559 Yes.

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4560 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4561 Did they show that Mr. Angel Huertas was not working that day?

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4563 **CHERYL LUELL**

4564 Correct. He was not scheduled to work at all.

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4566 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4567 That, in fact, he did get charged with a crime. Did he not?

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4569 **CHERYL LUELL**

4570 Correct.

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4572 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4573 And it says in the, in Mr. DiFiore's synopsis, that he appe, that he failed to appear and a bench
4574 warrant was issued.

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4576 **CHERYL LUELL**

4577 That, that's incorrect.

4578

4579 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4580 Well, he did fail –

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4582 **CHERYL LUELL**

4583 Well, he failed, well, no. He was picked up, actually, by his probation officer.

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4585 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4586 Okay. He was on probation at the time of this incident.

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4588 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4589 Correct.

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4590 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4591 And he was charged with this crime, correct, this crime of battery?

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4593 **CHERYL LUELL**

4594 They didn't charge him. They reinstated him.

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4596 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4597 All right. That's different. They charged him with the crime.

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4599 **CHERYL LUELL**

4600 Okay. They charged him. I'm sorry.

4601

4602 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4603 After that, do you know what happened to his –

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4605 **CHERYL LUELL**

4606 Everything –

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4608 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4609 – probationary status?

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4611 **CHERYL LUELL**

4612 It was reinstated.

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4614 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4615 And what was he on probation for, if you know?

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4617 **CHERYL LUELL**

4618 I don't know.

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4619 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4620 I do have the document showing that he was reinstated on probation in case number C-2-2-3-5-
4621 1-9, which is a District Court case number, on August 8th of 2007. Is he now an employee of
4622 yours?

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4624 **CHERYL LUELL**

4625 No.

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4627 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4628 And when did you terminate him?

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4630 **CHERYL LUELL**

4631 When I came back from the UFC fight, I was in Houston on that day.

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4633 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4634 On the day that this occurred?

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4636 **CHERYL LUELL**

4637 Correct. I was at the UFC fight in Houston.

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4639 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4640 On April 7th, 2007?

4641

4642 **CHERYL LUELL**

4643 Correct, and Mr., the police officer, the detectives told me that I was in town, and I was actually
4644 out of town.

4645

4646 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4647 And that's you, and you terminated him because of this?

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4648 **CHERYL LUELL**

4649 Correct. (Inaudible).

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4651 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4652 Okay. We now would, well, let me ask you a general question. While we've been specific with
4653 exhibits –

4654

4655 **CHERYL LUELL**

4656 Correct.

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4658 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4659 – you have read these allegations through.

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4661 **CHERYL LUELL**

4662 Correct.

4663

4664 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4665 You have read the backup materials.

4666

4667 **CHERYL LUELL**

4668 Yes.

4669

4670 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4671 The allegations about your intimidating people and your hiring people to intimidate people, is
4672 there any truth to that, Ma'am?

4673

4674 **CHERYL LUELL**

4675 No.

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4676 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4677 Have you ever intimidated anyone regarding your business or any of your competitors?

4678

4679 **CHERYL LUELL**

4680 No.

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4682 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4683 Have you ever asked anyone to intimidate, coerce or batter any of your competitors or their
4684 employees?

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4686 **CHERYL LUELL**

4687 No. And, can I say one thing?

4688

4689 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4690 Sure.

4691

4692 **CHERYL LUELL**

4693 I was the only handbiller for A Las Vegas Garden of Love, just so you guys know. I didn't have
4694 handbillers at that point in time. The other wedding chapels, meaning Las Vegas Wedding
4695 Bureau, Chapel of Dream and Stained Glass had other employees. I did it myself. I was down at
4696 the courthouse steps from eight o'clock in the morning until midnight, every single day. Chris
4697 Kindle at that time was working for another chapel. He did not work for me. I was just his
4698 competitor, as you would say. I never had problems with Chris Kindle. I never had problems
4699 with the other handbillers. The only problems that they had with me is the handbill rules and
4700 regulations state that they're only supposed to handbill, hand out a flyer to the couple that comes
4701 down and not solicit. A wedding chapel owner can solicit their business and kind of explain
4702 things to a wedding couple. So, I was down there, hey guys, how you're doing? I'm the owner
4703 of Las Vegas Garden of Love (sic) and I had, can I, and I – received a lot of couples from it.
4704 After that is when I started being pushed around, hit. I mean, just numerous things; bomb

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4705 threats, hit men. It was ridiculous, and I'm an only child and my mother said, you can't go down
4706 to that courthouse anymore. And that's when I hired handbillers.

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4708 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4709 Back then you did not?

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4711 **CHERYL LUELL**

4712 No, I did not. There was – actually a Las Vegas Weekly article of a woman by the name of Kate
4713 Silver that did an investigation on all of it. And she was in my chapel. She watched what I did.

4714 They – went down with fake wedding couples to the courthouse and she investigated the whole
4715 thing. And she went to the hit man that said he was going to kill me, and that was back in –

4716

4717 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4718 And now I'm passing up an abstract of the article from the Las Vegas Weekly.

4719

4720 **CHERYL LUELL**

4721 It's all over. Everything in here is, actually –

4722

4723 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4724 Now, Ms. Luell, there are quite a few complaints and letters and affidavits, and I use quotes
4725 around that, from an Ashley Silver, contained in this pamphlet, this booklet handed out. Do you
4726 know Ashley Silver?

4727

4728 **CHERYL LUELL**

4729 Correct, I do.

4730

4731 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4732 And who is Ashley Silver?

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4733 **CHERYL LUELL**

4734 He was a handbiller for Las Vegas Wedding Bureau and then he drove limousine after that.

4735

4736 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4737 Are any of his allegations true?

4738

4739 **CHERYL LUELL**

4740 There's a lot.

4741

4742 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4743 There's a lot that's true or –

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4745 **CHERYL LUELL**

4746 No, a lot of allegations.

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4748 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4749 Oh, okay. For instance?

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4751 **CHERYL LUELL**

4752 Two thousand and four, I know nothing of it.

4753

4754 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4755 April 18, 2004 –

4756

4757 **CHERYL LUELL**

4758 Correct.

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4760 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4761 – Exhibit 25?

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4762 **CHERYL LUELL**

4763 Correct. It says that a complaint was filed by Ashley Silver stating that an agent from A Las
4764 Vegas Garden of Love was harassing and trying to intimidate him by shouting vulgar names. He
4765 also related an incident when an agent followed him, when he entered his vehicle and slammed
4766 the door to the vehicle knocking over his briefcase in the door's paths.

4767

4768 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4769 And you know nothing about that?

4770

4771 **CHERYL LUELL**

4772 No.

4773

4774 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4775 And where else do you see Ashley Silver?

4776

4777 **CHERYL LUELL**

4778 He's all – over in this exhibit. The only exhibit that I know that is correct was there was a fight
4779 between Jeff, Jeffrey Dukes, Chris Kindle and Ashley Silver.

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4781 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4782 And that is accurate?

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4784 **CHERYL LUELL**

4785 That is accurate.

4786

4787 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4788 Did you know about that?

4789

4790 **CHERYL LUELL**

4791 Yes, I did.

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4792 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4793 Did you participate in it?

4794

4795 **CHERYL LUELL**

4796 No.

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4798 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4799 You knew about it afterwards.

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4801 **CHERYL LUELL**

4802 Correct.

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4804 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4805 And now handing up as an exhibit the NCIC check by an Ashley Silver.

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4807 **COUNCILMAN ROSS**

4808 Your Honor, before he does that, may I interject here?

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4810 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4811 Councilman Ross?

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4813 **COUNCILMAN ROSS**

4814 You just informed us that Alex, the handbiller, didn't work with you at the time he caught,

4815 started the fire (inaudible).

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4817 **CHERYL LUELL**

4818 Correct.

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4820 **COUNCILMAN ROSS**

4821 That's not what this article says.

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4822 **CHERYL LUELL**

4823 The article says that a Hector worked for me and, no, the article, Alex never worked for me.

4824

4825 **COUNCILMAN ROSS**

4826 Two weeks ago, Alex, a handbiller from A Las Vegas Garden of Love was handing out flyers, a
4827 handbiller from rival, okay. He was working for the Las Vegas Wedding Bureau at the time.

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4829 **CHERYL LUELL**

4830 Thank you.

4831

4832 **COUNCILMAN ROSS**

4833 I apologize.

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4835 **CHERYL LUELL**

4836 No problem, Sir.

4837

4838 **COUNCILMAN ROSS**

4839 Forgive me, Your Honor.

4840

4841 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4842 No problem.

4843

4844 **CHERYL LUELL**

4845 Thank you. Ashley Silver, the only incident that I didn't know, that is correct, is the fight down
4846 at the old courthouse, at 200, 201 Clark Street.

4847

4848 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4849 And I passed up an NCIC printout on Ashley Silver indicating a burglary offense, harassment
4850 offense.

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4851 **CHERYL LUELL**

4852 (Inaudible) extradited him, right here.

4853

4854 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4855 And I will also hand to the Council –

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4857 **CHERYL LUELL**

4858 While all of this was going on, Ashley – Silver, I guess, was a wanted fugitive and they just

4859 expedited (sic) him 2006.

4860

4861 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4862 I'll pass up a District Court Inquiry Case Action showing that Ashley Silver was ordered,

4863 extradited in February of two thousand and six by Judge Bixler from Judge Bell. And for those

4864 who don't know what extradition means, it means another state wanted him for a crime or a

4865 probation or parole violation because he committed some wrong doing. It was Oregon that

4866 requested him and the State of Nevada sent him back to Oregon to face whatever it was that

4867 Oregon wanted.

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4869 **CHERYL LUELL**

4870 Council, if you read some of these allegations of me –

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4872 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4873 There is no question before the witness.

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4875 **CHERYL LUELL**

4876 Sorry.

4877

4878 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4879 Is there anything else you would like to tell the Council?

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4880 **CHERYL LUELL**

4881 Yes, Sir.

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4883 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4884 No, no. I don't wanna hear it that way. Is this a summation or what?

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4886 **CHERYL LUELL**

4887 (Inaudible)

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4889 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4890 All right. Let me direct your attention –

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4892 **CHERYL LUELL**

4893 (Inaudible).

4894

4895 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4896 – to February 23rd, two thousand and five referring to Exhibit 32. There is an allegation in there
4897 for malicious destruction of private property by Mr. Evarts, Cliff Evarts. And that, while he was
4898 driving on Interstate 15 he had a blowout and people came to fix his tire said that it had been
4899 sliced. Did you have anybody slice his tires?

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4901 **CHERYL LUELL**

4902 No, Sir.

4903

4904 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4905 Did you slice his tires?

4906

4907 **CHERYL LUELL**

4908 No, Sir.

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4909 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4910 Do you know anything about anybody slicing his tires?

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4912 **CHERYL LUELL**

4913 No, Sir.

4914

4915 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4916 Did you ever key his car?

4917

4918 **CHERYL LUELL**

4919 No, Sir.

4920

4921 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4922 In the entry about that on February 23rd, Exhibit 31?

4923

4924 **CHERYL LUELL**

4925 No. And there is another one that says, I didn't rip off his antenna of his car, drive-by and beep
4926 the horn.

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4928 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4929 Okay.

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4931 **CHERYL LUELL**

4932 Right here.

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4934 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4935 That's on September 11th, 2003. Those are all false?

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4937 **CHERYL LUELL**

4938 Correct. Also, the City Attorney said that I paid people a dollar to harass people (inaudible).

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4939 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4940 You heard Mr. Jerbic in his presentation indicate that you were accused of paying people a dollar
4941 to harass individuals in your industry. According to the synopsis of Mr. DiFiore, it's Hector,
4942 who worked for you, who was accused of paying the dollar. Is that correct?

4943

4944 **CHERYL LUELL**

4945 That's correct. It says Hector paid Mr. Weiland a dollar every time he would harass Ashley
4946 Silver and call him ugly names.

4947

4948 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4949 Did you have Hector do that?

4950

4951 **CHERYL LUELL**

4952 No, Sir and I knew nothing about it.

4953

4954 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4955 You do give out money to a lot of people, don't you? What kind of people do you hand out
4956 money to?

4957

4958 **CHERYL LUELL**

4959 Homeless people, people that tell me that they're hungry or I buy them food.

4960

4961 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4962 And is that around the Regional Justice Center or the old courthouse?

4963

4964 **CHERYL LUELL**

4965 Old courthouse, new courthouse, bar and grill, everywhere, at my chapel.

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4966 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4967 So, you do hand out a lot of money?

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4969 **CHERYL LUELL**

4970 I do, and food.

4971

4972 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4973 I believe –

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4975 **CHERYL LUELL**

4976 That's fine. I mean, I'm good.

4977

4978 **STEPHEN STEIN**

4979 I believe, Mr. Mayor, I'm done with my directing (inaudible).

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4981 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

4982 All right, fine. Mr. Jerbic, cross-examination?

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4984 **BRAD JERBIC**

4985 Thank you Ms. Luell. Mr. Stein at the beginning of his presentation, showed a number of
4986 documents, which would indicate that persons who indicated they were employed by you, either
4987 as an independent contractor or an agent, had felony convictions of one type or another. Did
4988 you, you heard all that testimony?

4989

4990 **CHERYL LUELL**

4991 What was that?

4992

4993 **BRAD JERBIC**

4994 Mr. Stein, at one point in time during his presentation, indicated, introduced documents to the
4995 Council showing that several people who said that they had worked for you were convicted

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4996 felons or had a criminal history. Do you remember that testimony? Somebody was a sex
4997 offender and you wouldn't hire a sex offender.

4998

4999 **CHERYL LUELL**

5000 No, they said Jason Miller. I never hired Jason Miller.

5001

5002 **BRAD JERBIC**

5003 Right. And you said because he was a sex offender.

5004

5005 **CHERYL LUELL**

5006 Correct, Sir.

5007

5008 **BRAD JERBIC**

5009 The representation was that you knew he was a sex offender and that's why you didn't hire him?

5010

5011 **CHERYL LUELL**

5012 Correct.

5013

5014 **BRAD JERBIC**

5015 And you knew, did you run background check on people who (inaudible)?

5016

5017 **CHERYL LUELL**

5018 I do run background checks, especially if you've seen some of the people that work down at the
5019 courthouse, you have to.

5020

5021 **BRAD JERBIC**

5022 So, each of the people that claim that they've worked for you, you had run a background check
5023 on before making a decision whether to hire them or not. Is that correct?

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5024 **CHERYL LUELL**

5025 Not every person, so I'm not going to sit here and say that because I didn't hire some of the
5026 people.

5027

5028 **BRAD JERBIC**

5029 Fair enough.

5030

5031 **CHERYL LUELL**

5032 Thank you.

5033

5034 **BRAD JERBIC**

5035 Did you run a background check on Angel Herrera, Huerta (sic)?

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5037 **CHERYL LUELL**

5038 I ran a background check after the fight happened.

5039

5040 **BRAD JERBIC**

5041 And did you find anything interesting?

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5043 **CHERYL LUELL**

5044 Yes, I did and he was terminated.

5045

5046 **BRAD JERBIC**

5047 And what did you find out?

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5049 **CHERYL LUELL**

5050 I found out that he was for sex coercion.

5051

5052 **BRAD JERBIC**

5053 You found out about –

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5054 **CHERYL LUELL**

5055 Coercion I think it is.

5056

5057 **BRAD JERBIC**

5058 – you found out about other employees before you’ve, before you hired them, but in the case of

5059 Mr. Huerta (sic) you didn’t find out ‘til after this particular allegations?

5060

5061 **CHERYL LUELL**

5062 Angel only worked for me for a short period of time and Tory Manvilla is the one that hired him

5063 down at the courthouse.

5064

5065 **BRAD JERBIC**

5066 You claimed that the date that that incident happened, April 7th, 2004, you were out of town?

5067

5068 **CHERYL LUELL**

5069 Correct.

5070

5071 **BRAD JERBIC**

5072 How do you remember that?

5073

5074 **CHERYL LUELL**

5075 ‘Cause I was at the UFC fight with, I can actually tell you. I was at the UFC fight because

5076 George Saint Peter is my favorite fighter. He was fighting in Houston. I stayed at the Double

5077 Tree. It was actually, you can show me those because the – detective showed me that I signed,

5078 which is not my signature, marriage licenses. The detective said that I was in town. I was never

5079 in town. Phillip Williams’ name is on it, and any minister that works for me, which some of

5080 them are here, knows I was not here on that day. And I have, or I will, I mean, I don’t have ‘em

5081 here, but I had airplane tickets. It was actually myself, Craig Luell, Barbara Ludwig, Joey –

5082 Manvilla, Tory Manvilla, Wes Luell, John Manvilla, all with me at the fights.

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5083 **BRAD JERBIC**

5084 Well, I'll let them speak for themselves, Your Honor. Can you take a look at these documents
5085 that I'm handing you?

5086

5087 **CHERYL LUELL**

5088 I saw them before.

5089

5090 **BRAD JERBIC**

5091 Are these documents that were shown to you by a detective of the Las Vegas Metropolitan
5092 Police Department?

5093

5094 **CHERYL LUELL**

5095 Correct and I explained to him that I wasn't here on this day.

5096

5097 **BRAD JERBIC**

5098 Okay. Let me ask you a couple of questions.

5099

5100 **CHERYL LUELL**

5101 No problem.

5102

5103 **BRAD JERBIC**

5104 Did they, did these documents purport to be certified copies of certificates, marriage certificates?

5105

5106 **CHERYL LUELL**

5107 Yeah. What they are, when the wedding couple comes in to the wedding chapel they need a
5108 witness on them. Okay, so the witness is actually what the ministers do, is print a name on there,
5109 and they were using my name and I was not there.

5110

5111 **BRAD JERBIC**

5112 These are stamped by the –

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5113 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5114 Whoa, folks?

5115

5116 **BRAD JERBIC**

5117 These are stamped by the court?

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5119 **CHERYL LUELL**

5120 I'm not the minister. I didn't perform the wedding service.

5121

5122 **BRAD JERBIC**

5123 These are stamped by the County Clerk?

5124

5125 **CHERYL LUELL**

5126 Correct. Because after that –

5127

5128 **BRAD JERBIC**

5129 Have you (inaudible) to examine each one of these?

5130

5131 **CHERYL LUELL**

5132 I – saw there was numerous ones when Mr. Shawn (sic) brought them to me.

5133

5134 **BRAD JERBIC**

5135 Can you stipulate that there's seventeen of 'em?

5136

5137 **CHERYL LUELL**

5138 Is my name of this one? Where's my name? My name is not on this one. And as you see for

5139 some of them, and some of 'em are printed and some of 'em have a stamp with my name. And if

5140 you, I'd love to print for you, that's not my handwriting.

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5141 **BRAD JERBIC**

5142 And if I could Your Honor, let me go through these one by one, then. Showing you the first
5143 certified document, as it purports to be a document –

5144

5145 **CHERYL LUELL**

5146 Correct and that's –

5147

5148 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5149 You have to speak into the microphone, Mr. Jerbic.

5150

5151 **BRAD JERBIC**

5152 I'm sorry.

5153

5154 **DAVID RIGGLEMAN**

5155 There's one right there, Brad.

5156

5157 **BRAD JERBIC**

5158 Okay. I'm sorry, Your Honor. Does the first document that I'm pointing to purport to be a
5159 certified document –

5160

5161 **CHERYL LUELL**

5162 Correct.

5163

5164 **BRAD JERBIC**

5165 – executed April 7th, two thousand and seven –

5166

5167 **CHERYL LUELL**

5168 Correct.

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5169 **BRAD JERBIC**

5170 – that’s stated that a wedding occurred, and I’m reading the operative language, with their
5171 mutual consent in the presence of Cheryl Luell.

5172

5173 **CHERYL LUELL**

5174 Correct and that is –

5175

5176 **BRAD JERBIC**

5177 And that was stamped by the County Clerk.

5178

5179 **CHERYL LUELL**

5180 – but I did not sign it. I was not there. You can ask my ministers. I had a talk with Mr. Phillip –
5181 Williams after this happened and said, and my exact words were, why would you put my name
5182 on this, I wasn’t here? So, I told him to go and rectify it with the courts and he did not. That
5183 goes for his license, not mine. He is an independent contractor or an independent minister that
5184 comes in and performs wedding services. Who he puts as a witness, he has to know who the
5185 witness is and make sure that they’re over eighteen and they have to be present in the room when
5186 he’s performing the ceremony. I was not present. He did not have me present and I told him to
5187 rectify the situation and he didn’t. And if you’d like to know more about him, I will be happy to
5188 tell you.

5189

5190 **BRAD JERBIC**

5191 Well, there appears to be a wedding between a Mr. Smith and a Mrs. Whiteman of Tucson,
5192 Arizona. Is that correct?

5193

5194 **CHERYL LUELL**

5195 Correct.

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5196 **BRAD JERBIC**

5197 On the same date does it purport to be a similar certificate, same date, April 7th, 2007, that
5198 purport to be a wedding between Mr. Pivee and, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Pivee?

5199

5200 **CHERYL LUELL**

5201 Correct.

5202

5203 **BRAD JERBIC**

5204 And that also says that you were present?

5205

5206 **CHERYL LUELL**

5207 Correct, not my handwriting.

5208

5209 **BRAD JERBIC**

5210 Next document.

5211

5212 **CHERYL LUELL**

5213 All the handwriting –

5214

5215 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5216 Let me ask you this. Do any of these documents have a signature which purports to be that of

5217 Mrs. Luell?

5218

5219 **CHERYL LUELL**

5220 No.

5221

5222 **BRAD JERBIC**

5223 Every one of them purports to have been in her presence and it appears to be stamped by the seal
5224 of the County Clerk. So – (Inaudible).

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5225 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5226 No, I understand that, but I'm saying, are any of these documents purportedly signed by her?

5227

5228 **BRAD JERBIC**

5229 No, we're not claiming that, but her wedding chapel filed these documents –

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5231 **CHERYL LUELL**

5232 My minister filed it.

5233

5234 **BRAD JERBIC**

5235 – with the Clerk of the Court as wedding certificates performed, representing that there was a
5236 legal marriage in Clark County, Nevada, seventeen of them, saying that Mrs. Luell was present
5237 on the Seventh of April two thousand and seven. Either she was and these are accurate and,
5238 which case there is an inconsistency in her testimony about her being present during, from the
5239 battery report or these are inaccurate and her wedding chapel has produced seventeen certificates
5240 with the County Clerk that are inaccurate with respect to what incident occurred at her chapel.

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5242 **CHERYL LUELL**

5243 First of all, the wedding chapel doesn't record the marriage licenses. Each individual minister
5244 has to record their own marriage license.

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5246 **BRAD JERBIC**

5247 But your wedding chapel produced these, is that correct?

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5249 **CHERYL LUELL**

5250 What do you mean produced them?

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5252 **BRAD JERBIC**

5253 Somebody from your chapel put your name on that certificate.

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5254 **CHERYL LUELL**

5255 A reverend, a minister performed a wedding.

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5257 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5258 Let me ask you this, to cut this to the chase. Is the minister here?

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5260 **CHERYL LUELL**

5261 No, he's not. And he doesn't work for me anymore.

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5263 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5264 Is the minister in town?

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5266 **CHERYL LUELL**

5267 Yes, he is.

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5269 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5270 The, where does he work?

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5272 **CHERYL LUELL**

5273 He might work at Little White Chapel.

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5275 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5276 What's his name?

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5278 **CHERYL LUELL**

5279 Phillip Williams.

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5281 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5282 I'd like to ask, Marshalls –

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5283 **CHERYL LUELL**

5284 There's other ministers here that can attest and everyone on my staff members know I was out of
5285 town, and I would be happy to go run to my chapel and pull a schedule of me being on an
5286 airplane.

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5288 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5289 (Inaudible).

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5291 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5292 Yes, Mayor Pro Tem.

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5294 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

5295 Mr., oh –

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5297 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5298 I need to ask a question Mr. Jerbic, through you, did these weddings happen at your chapel?

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5300 **CHERYL LUELL**

5301 The weddings did, were performed at my wedding chapel. Was I present? No.

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5303 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5304 But you, to me, and again, these weddings took place at your chapel and that's why we're here.

5305 We're having a hearing to see whether you should have your license removed. You had

5306 seventeen weddings at this da, at this time with your signature on there. I don't, now I don't care

5307 who's responsible. It's your wedding – chapel though.

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5309 **CHERYL LUELL**

5310 But how can I stop –

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5311 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5312 You're – responsible.

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5314 **CHERYL LUELL**

5315 But how can I stop, that would be like me being a minister and performing a wedding and saying

5316 Mayor Goodman was there; I signed his name.

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5318 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5319 Yeah, but this is – your chapel.

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5321 **CHERYL LUELL**

5322 But I wasn't there.

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5324 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5325 Okay. This is what I want. I want to ask the Marshal, a Marshal to contact this reverend. I want

5326 him down here. If we have to have a subpoena issued for him then I'm asking the Clerk to issue

5327 a subpoena.

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5329 **CHERYL LUELL**

5330 Can – I take a (inaudible).

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5332 **MAYOR OGDON**

5333 All right, Mr. Jerbic, I'm directing you to get a subpoena for the reverend. This is gonna be,

5334 make it or break it here.

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5336 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5337 Mayor?

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5338 **CHERYL LUELL**

5339 May – I say one other thing? As you see, the ministers without my authorization from A Las

5340 Vegas Garden of Love –

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5342 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5343 Okay, I wanna – see the minister.

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5345 **CHERYL LUELL**

5346 – went and got a stamp with my name on it.

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5348 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5349 Okay. I wanna get the minister here.

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5351 **CHERYL LUELL**

5352 That's fine.

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5354 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5355 I'm gonna give him his Miranda warnings too.

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5357 **CHERYL LUELL**

5358 Thank you.

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5360 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5361 And maybe take him into custody.

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5363 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5364 Mayor?

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5365 **BRAD JERBIC**

5366 Let me – represent to the Council, I will do my best to produce him. I, as well as you, do not
5367 even know where to find him.

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5369 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5370 I understand, but let's get this –

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5372 **BRAD JERBIC**

5373 But I will do my best to locate him –

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5375 **CHERYL LUELL**

5376 He lives – I can give –

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5378 **BRAD JERBIC**

5379 – happy to produce him.

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5381 **CHERYL LUELL**

5382 – I can get you a phone number.

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5384 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5385 Let me say, wait, wait.

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5387 **BRAD JERBIC**

5388 Anything will help.

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5390 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5391 You know, Mr. Jerbic I wanna, I want this minister here today. If we have to send the Marshals
5392 out to arrest him, I want him here today.

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5393 **BRAD JERBIC**

5394 I'll do my very best, Your Honor.

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5396 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5397 Mayor –

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5399 **BRAD JERBIC**

5400 I will –

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5402 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5403 – I have a question after Brad, after you –

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5405 **BRAD JERBIC**

5406 Go ahead.

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5408 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5409 Go ahead and finish, Brad, but I do have a question.

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5411 **BRAD JERBIC**

5412 I just wanna state that while there was some conversation between Ms. Luell and the Council,

5413 Mr. Stein and I went through these documents, and I think (inaudible) stipulate, there are

5414 seventeen of these certificates, for seventeen different marriages, all the same day, all purporting

5415 that Ms. Luell was present.

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5417 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5418 And I also wanna find out from the City Attorney's Office, do we have a City Attorney here?

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5420 **BILL HENRY**

5421 Yes.

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5422 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5423 Yes, Mr. Henry, I wanna find out whether or not, if in fact there was a fraudulent entry here,
5424 whether that nullifies seventeen different marriages.

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5426 **CHERYL LUELL**

5427 He should – have went in, and like I told him, and taken my name off. But he –

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5429 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5430 Well, I'm just saying. I wanna find out what a mess has been created here, if anything.

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5432 **CHERYL LUELL**

5433 Okay.

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5435 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5436 I don't wanna undo seventeen marriages of people who think they're happy.

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5438 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

5439 You wanna say something?

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5441 **COUCILMAN BARLOW**

5442 Actually – Mayor, that, that's exactly where – I was headed.

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5444 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5445 You just got married, so, you don't have any standing.

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5447 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5448 You're right. You're right. And that, that's why, I – wanted, to at least, stand up for those –

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5450 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5451 By the way, where did you get married?

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5452 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5453 In California.

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5455 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5456 After hearing this, I don't blame you. How do you like that, Councilman?

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5458 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5459 Listen, that's exactly the direction I was headed. Just, you know, hearing this, it seems like, if in

5460 fact this was fraudulent, then what is, and I know that we can't oversee these seventeen

5461 marriages, but, you know, it does bring into question as far as what the validity or – the – level

5462 of their license stand. But let me ask you this question as well. So, in your absence, are you

5463 stating that your business is shut down, in your absence, and there's no marriage to take place –

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5465 **CHERYL LUELL**

5466 No, Sir –

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5468 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5469 – in your absence?

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5471 **CHERYL LUELL**

5472 – that's incorrect. In my absence Constantina Lisa Manvilla was the manager, but the weddings

5473 that are performed, the minister goes in and performs the wedding, goes into a minister's office

5474 fill out, fills out all the paperwork. We don't – look at the paperwork that they fill out. They

5475 have to record their own paperwork. The wedding chapel only sets up the weddings and then the

5476 wedding minister comes in and marries them. Okay. I'm not a minister. But we don't record

5477 the licenses. We don't touch the licenses. We don't have anything to do with the

5478 documentation, and –

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5480 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5481 So, let me ask you this question.

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5482 **CHERYL LUELL**

5483 I'm sorry.

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5485 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5486 I understand that.

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5488 **CHERYL LUELL**

5489 All right.

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5491 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5492 Let me ask you this next question. Then in your absence what is the protocol for someone to –

5493 receive, to conduct business – in your absence –

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5495 **CHERYL LUELL**

5496 Explain (inaudible).

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5498 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5499 – with the appropriate stamp?

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5501 **CHERYL LUELL**

5502 I don't understand what he's saying.

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5504 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5505 Okay.

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5507 **CHERYL LUELL**

5508 All right.

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5510 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5511 What – you're stating right now is that someone either wrote your name or stamped your name –

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5512 **CHERYL LUELL**

5513 Right.

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5515 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5516 – incorrectly.

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5518 **CHERYL LUELL**

5519 Okay.

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5521 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5522 In your absence –

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5524 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5525 As – the witness to the wedding.

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5527 **CHERYL LUELL**

5528 Correct.

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5530 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5531 That, that's where it's relevant because if this witness is to be believed, then she was not there,

5532 and therefore did not wit, witness it and it was a false statement on a public document or she –

5533 was there and she is not telling the truth.

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5535 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5536 Your Honor if I could –

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5538 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5539 That's why I wanna get the minister here.

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5540 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

5541 Okay.

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5543 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5544 Your Honor, I think – this question is pertinent. Excuse me, Larry, please.

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5546 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5547 Mayor Pro Tem and then (inaudible) –

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5549 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5550 When – did you find out – that these signatures was invalid?

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5552 **CHERYL LUELL**

5553 When Mr., the detective, Mr. Schoen (sic), I believe it was, came back into my wedding chapel –

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5555 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5556 Well, how – much time has it lapsed?

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5558 **CHERYL LUELL**

5559 I wanna say, May first. You got the late report in. But it was May first, I believe.

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5561 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5562 Of what year?

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5564 **CHERYL LUELL**

5565 Of the same year that the fight was with Angel Huertas; this year.

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5567 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5568 In other words, you –

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5569 **CHERYL LUELL**

5570 Correct.

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5572 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5573 May 7th, you – okay, when –

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5575 **CHERYL LUELL**

5576 I found out when the detective came up to me and said, hey were you here when this fight
5577 happened with Angel Huertas, I said, no, I was – in Houston. I went to the UFC fight. And he
5578 said, no, you were here. And I said, no, I wasn't here. I called Steve Stein on the phone because
5579 I said, what do I do? He said, well, don't talk to him. Tell him that I'll talk to him. And what
5580 happened was, he said, well, look at these marriage licenses. If you weren't here how did you
5581 sign all these marriage licenses? And I said, I wasn't here, Sir. And then I talked to Pastor
5582 Phillip Williams and told him to rectify it, to go in and he could have, actually, put a correct
5583 witness on there and he –

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5585 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5586 Thank you, Ma'am.

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5588 **CHERYL LUELL**

5589 – wanted not to.

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5591 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5592 Thank you.

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5594 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5595 All right. And now, Councilman Brown?

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5596 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5597 Thank you, Your Honor. How does payment work, if, under – your scenario, your business
5598 model, if a minister comes in and marries someone –

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5600 **CHERYL LUELL**

5601 Correct.

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5603 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5604 – how is payment handled?

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5606 **CHERYL LUELL**

5607 They handle, they give him an envelope for a donation basis. So, they hand him an envelope and
5608 the couple puts a donation into it. The minister then takes the donation, whatever it is, and fills
5609 out the paperwork and then he takes the paperwork to the City (sic) recorder's office, the County
5610 Recorder's Office.

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5612 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5613 And how does the business get paid?

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5615 **CHERYL LUELL**

5616 We get paid by the weddings that we perform, meaning the photos, the flowers, whatever
5617 package that they deal with.

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5619 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5620 So, this independent contractor doesn't pay your business anything.

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5622 **CHERYL LUELL**

5623 No. Correct, not.

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5624 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5625 You just create the form for which he –

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5627 **CHERYL LUELL**

5628 Correct.

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5630 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5631 – performs.

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5633 **CHERYL LUELL**

5634 Ministers come in, and he actually owns a local church here, and what they do, is they come in
5635 and perform the weddings.

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5637 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5638 Thank you. Brad, as far as, I know we've talked about independent contractors before, so a
5639 general question, not specific to this case, but a general question. If an independent contractor is
5640 performing business in a City licensed establishment, what responsibility does the owner of that
5641 establishment have for independent contractor behavior?

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5643 **BRAD JERBIC**

5644 It's a good question because, I think technically, the term independent contractor is meant to
5645 denote somebody who's in charge of independent judgment. You hire them, for example, to do a
5646 job. You hire somebody to build a building; you don't tell 'em where to put every nail. You
5647 hire somebody to clean your house; you don't tell 'em where to dust every single thing or
5648 exactly how to do the job. An independent contractor is just an independent judgment. And I
5649 think, in that case, if an independent contractor veers from the scope of the contract, then you
5650 have an argument, that I hired them to do that and they are, therefore, independently of – you.
5651 Now, two things; one, if you hire an independent contractor, no matter what you called them.
5652 And over time they end up doing the same thing over and over again with your knowledge,

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5653 obviously, you consider that they're responsible for it. And the other thing I point out is, we've
5654 seen this in these strip club industry in this town.

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5656 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5657 That was going to be my next question.

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5659 **BRAD JERBIC**

5660 People (inaudible) call the dancers independent contractors and they create contracts or call them
5661 independent contractors. So, it's really the behavior between the employer and the employee.

5662 Call them what you want; independent contractor or employee or agent. It's their behavior that
5663 you look at and their relationship.

5664 Our Code states that you are subject to the discipline for the action of your principals, managers,
5665 agents, representatives, servants or employees. Now, we didn't say independent contractors in
5666 there, but we have a pretty broad definition of who you're responsible for. I wouldn't stand here
5667 and argue before you today that if somebody had one rogue employee on one rogue day that
5668 went bad, that you should take action against them. I think that, you know, that – be pretty far
5669 fetched. We wouldn't – expect that behavior from anyone. So, I would urge you to look at the
5670 pattern and whether or not you think in your mind, regardless of what the title is, the person is
5671 ultimately responsible to the owner.

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5673 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5674 In – that scenario, this Council has heard before, if an independent contractor, a dancer at a
5675 gentlemen's club, is cited by Metro or the City for illegal behavior, don't we go back to the
5676 owner, at times –

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5678 **BRAD JERBIC**

5679 We do.

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5681 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5682 – and say that you are, directly or indirectly, responsible for that independent contract behavior.

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5683 **BRAD JERBIC**

5684 We have. We've – done exactly that because quite often we don't think that the term
5685 independent contractor means much. Sometimes it's a veil to try and separate somebody from
5686 somebody's contact and not be responsible, have the best of both worlds; let them get away with
5687 bad conduct and not be responsible for it. That's up to you to decide as a Council; that's what's
5688 happening here.

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5690 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5691 And a final question, just on this issue. If – in fact this minister has placed the owner's name on
5692 the document, would that be considered an illegal or fraudulent activity?

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5694 **BRAD JERBIC**

5695 It's a good argument it is.

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5697 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

5698 Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.

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5700 **BRAD JERBIC**

5701 And I have some more questions though, if you don't mind.

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5703 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5704 I don't mind. That's your job.

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5706 **STEPHEN STEIN**

5707 Can I just state one thing? Ministers have to get licensed individually through the County;

5708 Shirley Parraguirre.

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5710 **BRAD JERBIC**

5711 Ms. Luell –

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5712 **CHERYL LUELL**

5713 Yes, Sir.

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5715 **BRAD JERBIC**

5716 – you testified that the individual reverend who’s on the certificates, with your name on it,

5717 Reverend Phillip Williams, no longer works for you?

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5719 **CHERYL LUELL**

5720 Correct.

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5722 **BRAD JERBIC**

5723 You discovered all of this after the fact? You discovered that your name was on these

5724 documents after he had put these names, your name on these documents?

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5726 **CHERYL LUELL**

5727 I discovered it by the police officer.

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5729 **BRAD JERBIC**

5730 Okay, that’s the first time you saw that.

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5732 **CHERYL LUELL**

5733 Correct.

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5735 **BRAD JERBIC**

5736 And have you ever had a problem with the reverend before?

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5738 **CHERYL LUELL**

5739 Yes.

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5740 **BRAD JERBIC**

5741 Who else?

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5743 **CHERYL LUELL**

5744 What do you mean?

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5746 **BRAD JERBIC**

5747 Any other reverends that have worked for you, had a problem with you –

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5749 **CHERYL LUELL**

5750 Oh, no, no, the – reverends.

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5752 **BRAD JERBIC**

5753 Right.

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5755 **CHERYL LUELL**

5756 Not that I can remember, not reverends.

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5758 **BRAD JERBIC**

5759 Is this the first time a reverend has used your name on a document saying you were there as a

5760 witness when you really weren't? Is this the first and only time that's happened?

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5762 **CHERYL LUELL**

5763 I – can't recall any other time.

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5765 **BRAD JERBIC**

5766 So, none has ever been called to your attention?

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5767 **CHERYL LUELL**

5768 Not that I know of 'cause, usually, the reverends would come to me and say, here's false
5769 documentation.

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5771 **BRAD JERBIC**

5772 Do you know a Reverend Jesus Diaz?

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5774 **CHERYL LUELL**

5775 Jessie Diaz, yes, I do.

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5777 **BRAD JERBIC**

5778 Oh, Jessie Diaz.

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5780 **CHERYL LUELL**

5781 Correct.

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5783 **BRAD JERBIC**

5784 Does Jessie Diaz, did he work for you on April 7th, 2007?

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5786 **CHERYL LUELL**

5787 Correct.

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5789 **BRAD JERBIC**

5790 Let me show you two documents, I'm pointing to one that purports to be a marriage certificate.

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5792 **CHERYL LUELL**

5793 I didn't know about these ones.

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5794 **BRAD JERBIC**

5795 And this has you as a witness on the same day, but this is, this time not Reverend Williams, this
5796 is Reverend Diaz?

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5798 **CHERYL LUELL**

5799 I wasn't there.

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5801 **BRAD JERBIC**

5802 And, pardon me one moment, Your Honor.

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5804 **CHERYL LUELL**

5805 That's Reverend Williams, Williams, Williams, Diaz.

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5807 **BRAD JERBIC**

5808 And I can point to a second certificate also on that date –

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5810 **CHERYL LUELL**

5811 Correct, it has a stamp.

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5813 **BRAD JERBIC**

5814 – where Reverend Diaz has performed a wedding where you purportedly were the witness?

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5816 **CHERYL LUELL**

5817 Correct, I wasn't there.

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5819 **BRAD JERBIC**

5820 Can we stipulate, Mr. Stein, that there are seventeen certificates that purport to have been
5821 marriages witnessed by Ms. Luell involving Reverend Williams on April 7th, 2007, and two
5822 certificates purporting to have been witnessed, weddings purporting to have been witnessed by
5823 Ms. Luell also on April 7th, 2007, this time by Reverend Diaz?

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5824 **CHERYL LUELL**

5825 Correct.

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5827 **BRAD JERBIC**

5828 Would you like me to have them both here, Your Honor?

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5830 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5831 Yes. Is Reverend Diaz here?

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5833 **CHERYL LUELL**

5834 No, he is not here, Your Honor.

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5836 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5837 Can you help Mr. Jerbic find him?

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5839 **CHERYL LUELL**

5840 Yeah.

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5842 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5843 All right.

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5845 **BRAD JERBIC**

5846 If you want, Your Honor, I have representatives of the Metropolitan Police Department here.

5847 I'm gonna ask them right now to see if they can go out and find these individuals and produce
5848 them.

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5850 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5851 All right. When –

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5853 **CHERYL LUELL**

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5854 I can give you the address for Phillip Williams.

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5855 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5856 Yeah. What we're gonna do, in my opinion, because this is critical to the credibility issue, as
5857 soon as Mr. Jerbic is through his cross-examination, I'm going to recess this hearing pending the
5858 arrivals of one or both of the Reverends. I have a couple questions I wanna ask them, and we'll
5859 continue the hearing thereafter, if it's appropriate.

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5861 **BRAD JERBIC**

5862 I just have a few more, Your Honor. I would reserve the right, because I think that from in
5863 trying to compartmentalize this issue, I have all the questions I can think of regarding it right
5864 now. And then perhaps, after the recess, if you give me the opportunity to re-pick up where I left
5865 off, depending on what happens with the Reverends.

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5867 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5868 Certainly.

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5870 **BRAD JERBIC**

5871 Just really quickly and I'll wrap this up.

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5873 **CHERYL LUELL**

5874 Okay.

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5876 **BRAD JERBIC**

5877 Do you recall approximately when the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department brought these
5878 marriage certificates to your attention?

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5880 **CHERYL LUELL**

5881 Can I go to my, over there and get my paperwork?

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5883 **BRAD JERBIC**

5884 Sure.

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5885 **CHERYL LUELL**

5886 Thank you.

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5888 **BRAD JERBIC**

5889 And I'm sorry, Your Honor, I misspoke there. Seventeen certificates total, I think fifteen
5890 involve Reverend Williams. Two involve Reverend Diaz. Seventeen total.

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5892 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5893 Very good. I hope Metro is able to bring them here.

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5895 **BRAD JERBIC**

5896 Metro is here, Your Honor, and I'm going to lodge a (inaudible) with the Clerk, as well.

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5898 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5899 All right. Now, is Metro getting these Reverends or is or are the Marshals getting the
5900 Reverends?

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5902 **BRAD JERBIC**

5903 We're gonna discuss that, Your Honor. Whoever is the most capable of getting them for you is
5904 who we're gonna use.

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5906 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5907 Okay. Maybe they go out together. I know Sergeant McManeny is a big old fugitive arrester,
5908 so, maybe, you'll go with them, Sergeant.

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5910 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

5911 Captain Myer is out there.

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5913 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5914 But I'd like to get them in here. Maybe a phone call will bring them in, hopefully.

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5915 **CHERYL LUELL**

5916 I believe it was May 10th, 2007, and Mr. Schoen is the detective that was here, he –

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5918 **BRAD JERBIC**

5919 Five months ago is when you learned from the Detective Kenny standing –

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5921 **CHERYL LUELL**

5922 It was –

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5924 **BRAD JERBIC**

5925 – to my right about these certificates?

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5927 **CHERYL LUELL**

5928 Correct. It was about a month and three days after the wedding.

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5930 **BRAD JERBIC**

5931 Have you ever brought to the Clerk's attention that there were false certificates filed regarding

5932 seventeen marriages at (inaudible) wedding chapel?

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5934 **CHERYL LUELL**

5935 No. I brought to the head minister, the minister and all the ministers.

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5937 **BRAD JERBIC**

5938 That's not my question. My question is, did you, these were filed with the Clerk of the court. Is

5939 that correct?

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5941 **CHERYL LUELL**

5942 Correct.

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5943 **BRAD JERBIC**

5944 Have you ever filed these personally?

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5946 **CHERYL LUELL**

5947 No.

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5949 **BRAD JERBIC**

5950 You've never filed a marriage certificate personally with the Clerk of the Court?

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5952 **CHERYL LUELL**

5953 Did I file a marriage license?

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5955 **BRAD JERBIC**

5956 Is that correct?

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5958 **CHERYL LUELL**

5959 The ministers do.

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5961 **BRAD JERBIC**

5962 You have never been, listen to my question, please. Have you ever been to the – Clerk's Office

5963 to file a certificate?

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5965 **CHERYL LUELL**

5966 I have been to the Clerk's Office, yes.

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5968 **BRAD JERBIC**

5969 Have you ever filed certificates of marriages like these, not necessarily these, but like these in

5970 the past?

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5971 **CHERYL LUELL**

5972 Yes, a long time ago; 2002 through 2003.

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5974 **BRAD JERBIC**

5975 You did not file these. Is that correct?

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5977 **CHERYL LUELL**

5978 No, Sir.

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5980 **BRAD JERBIC**

5981 After you learned –

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5983 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

5984 Yes, Sir, it's correct.

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5986 **CHERYL LUELL**

5987 Well, it's correct. I didn't file them.

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5989 **BRAD JERBIC**

5990 After you learned in May of this year that seventeen false marriage certificates were filed with

5991 the Clerk of the Court –

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5993 **CHERYL LUELL**

5994 Correct.

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5996 **BRAD JERBIC**

5997 – did you ever tell the Clerk of the Court about this?

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5999 **CHERYL LUELL**

6000 Mr. Phillip Williams said he was going to rectify the ordeal himself.

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6001 **BRAD JERBIC**

6002 My question, did you ever –

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6004 **CHERYL LUELL**

6005 No, I did not.

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6007 **BRAD JERBIC**

6008 Thank you.

6009

6010 **CHERYL LUELL**

6011 No problem.

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6013 **BRAD JERBIC**

6014 I don't have any more questions at this time, Your Honor. I'll be glad to try get your witness.

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6016 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6017 Okay. Any redirect?

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6019 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6020 None at this time.

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6022 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6023 All right. Very good. Then we're in recess, as far as Item number 58 is concerned, and we'll go

6024 on to the afternoon calendar.

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6026 **BRAD JERBIC**

6027 And I'm gonna have this marked as an exhibit, Your Honor, before you recess, have it filed –

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6029 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6030 Okay, what exhibit number?

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6031 **BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

6032 Number 15.

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6034 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6035 Fifteen. Thank you.

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6037 **BRAD JERBIC**

6038 Fifteen. That'll be after the City's exhibit. I think it's Number 3 for the City.

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6040 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6041 What time do you think we should be back?

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6043 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6044 I can't tell you. We're going to go back into the hearing as soon as the Reverends are here.

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6046 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6047 Okay. I'll check with Metro.

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6049 **END OF RELATED DISCUSSION – RESUMED RELATED DISCUSSION**

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6051 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6052 Okay, folks. We have Item 58. It looks like the public is trickling in.

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6054 **UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER**

6055 Five-minute break.

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6057 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6058 You wanna a five minute break? All right, we'll take a five-minute break. Take a five minute

6059 break. We'll take a five minute break, please.

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6060 **END RELATED DISCUSSION – RESUMED RELATED DISCUSSION**

6061

6062 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6063 Good afternoon, once again, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for bearing patience with us.
6064 We're going to reconvene Item 58, which is the matter concerning the – wedding chapel, A Las
6065 Vegas Garden of Love. I requested that two witnesses appear to be asked certain questions by
6066 myself and the Council, counsel for the parties. In order to do that, I would like to have the
6067 Exhibit, which is Number 15, handed to me. This is a composite exhibit of various wedding,
6068 State of Nevada wedding certificates. Has the Marshal or the Sheriff been able to arrange that
6069 one or more of the pastors are here?

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6071 **BRAD JERBIC**

6072 Reverend Diaz is present in the chambers at this time. Reverend Williams is on, in transit right
6073 now; should be here within a few minutes.

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6075 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6076 All right. Do you have the doc, I do have the documentation. All right. I'd like to have
6077 Reverend Diaz come forward, please. Reverend Diaz?

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6079 **JESUS DIAZ**

6080 Yes.

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6082 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6083 Please come forward. Are you Reverend Jesus Diaz?

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6085 **JESUS DIAZ**

6086 Yes, Sir.

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6087 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6088 Mr. Diaz or Reverend Diaz, there has been testimony in this particular proceeding, which
6089 apparently is contested, and there is an issue as to whether or not certain representations that
6090 have been made before this Council are true. And you're involved as the pastor in, at least, two
6091 of the representations that were made. I have to advise you that, if in fact, certain facts turn out
6092 in a certain way you could very well be implicated in some type of criminal action. And
6093 therefore, I'm going to give you your rights. You need not testify without having an attorney
6094 present. Anything that you may say may be used against you. So, with that in mind, it's going
6095 to be your decision as to whether or not you'll testify, whether you want counsel or whether you
6096 want to assert the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.

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6098 **JESUS DIAZ**

6099 I think I would want counsel.

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6101 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6102 All right. Do you have a lawyer?

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6104 **JESUS DIAZ**

6105 No.

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6107 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6108 Do you know a lawyer that you could call?

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6110 **JESUS DIAZ**

6111 No.

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6113 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6114 Well, we're not gonna provide you with a lawyer, but I think you're entitled to adequate time –

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6115 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

6116 How you doing buddy?

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6118 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6119 – if we need your testimony to have legal counsel. Maybe, based on this record, maybe, Mr.

6120 Stein, you can represent him too.

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6122 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6123 Why not?

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6125 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

6126 You've represented everybody else.

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6128 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6129 Okay. All right, then, I'm gonna give you time to get a lawyer and I'm gonna, I'll take certain

6130 actions as a result of that. So, stick around for a moment and you'll be advised as to when you

6131 have to be back here with counsel.

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6133 **JESUS DIAZ**

6134 Okay.

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6136 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6137 Okay? Very good. Is Reverend Phillip Williams here?

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6139 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6140 He's on his way, I understand.

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6142 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6143 Reverend Williams?

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6144 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6145 Oh, he's here.

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6147 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6148 Please come up. I don't know whether you were here for my representations to Pastor Diaz, but
6149 I think it's imperative that I give you the same background. There's been certain testimony here
6150 given today under oath, which would suggest that certain activities taking place and you're right
6151 in the middle of it, based on the fact that your name is on the various marriage certificates which
6152 are in question here. And I'm going to ask you questions which could very well, if you answer
6153 'em in a certain way, tend to incriminate you. So, I'm going to give you the same admonition
6154 that I gave to Pastor Diaz. I'm going to advise you that you have a right to an attorney before
6155 you answer any of our questions and anything that you say, may tend to incriminate you. So,
6156 based on that, do you want to go forward or do you want to get an attorney or whatever or do
6157 you want to assert the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination?

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6159 **PHILLIP WILLIAMS**

6160 I need to get an attorney.

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6162 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6163 All right. So, we have two pastors who need lawyers. This is great. I will, I'm gonna give you
6164 time to get a lawyer and I – I'd be happy to advise the lawyer as to what the issue is. I – will tell
6165 both you and, Pastor Diaz, if you would come forward too, as to what the issue is going to be, so
6166 you'll be able to tell the lawyer why you're going to hire them.

6167 There has been certain testimony given today under oath that marriages were performed at the A
6168 Las Vegas Garden of Love on the date of April the 7th and the marriage certificates which were
6169 signed, some by Reverend Diaz and some by Pastor Williams, would reflect that a witness to the
6170 actual wedding was Cheryl Luell, who testified under oath that she was not present on that, on
6171 those occasions, and therefore, whoever indicated that she was, was in fact, making a
6172 misrepresentation. There was further testimony, under oath, that you had these documents filed
6173 with the Clerk of Court and that she had advised one or more of you, that she felt that the

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6174 information on the documents was incorrect and that she asked that those documents be amended
6175 to reflect the correct information. I think I have stated that fairly. Have I not?

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6177 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

6178 I think so.

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6180 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6181 Okay. So, based on that, I think you need lawyers and I'm going to continue this hearing in toto
6182 over to, let me have everybody's indulgence, for a moment, please. Councilman Wolfson, you
6183 can't be here on Monday.

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6185 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

6186 Correct. No, unless, I'm going to Washington (inaudible).

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6188 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6189 All right. Well, maybe you don't have to go to Washington. Councilman Ross, are you
6190 available on Monday?

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6192 **COUNCILMAN ROSS**

6193 (Inaudible).

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6195 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

6196 Well, we all have to change our schedule.

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6198 **COUNCILMAN ROSS**

6199 Monday afternoon.

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6201 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6202 Monday afternoon? You're going to be able to make it?

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6203 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

6204 Absolutely. Yeah, I'll change it.

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6206 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6207 Larry, are you, will you able to make it on Monday afternoon?

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6209 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

6210 Yeah, morning (inaudible).

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6212 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6213 Okay. Lois, will you be available Monday afternoon? Ricky? Will you be able to be here

6214 Monday afternoon?

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6216 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

6217 (Inaudible).

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6219 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6220 Okay. I'm going to adjourn this, recess this matter. Mr. Jerbic, will you be available Monday

6221 afternoon?

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6223 **BRAD JERBIC**

6224 I will, Your Honor.

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6226 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6227 Mr. Stein, are you available Monday afternoon?

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6229 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6230 I have an appointment. I have a MRI on my lungs at three o'clock.

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6231 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6232 Well, we'll start this at one o'clock.

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6234 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6235 One o'clock.

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6237 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6238 And we should be through by three o'clock.

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6240 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

6241 Can we do it late morning, then?

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6243 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

6244 How about late morning?

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6246 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6247 Councilman Ross can't do it. He can't be here until one, so we'll do it at one and maybe you can
6248 push your appointment over a little bit later?

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6250 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6251 I doubt that.

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6253 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6254 Well, we'll do what we have to. If you have to go to your doctor, we'll have another recess. It's
6255 that simple. I'm not gonna –

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6257 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6258 Thank you.

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6259 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6260 – cause you to be put in a dangerous situation with your health. I am going to admonish both
6261 Pastors not to have any communication with any – of the parties hereto, including our City
6262 Attorney’s Office, including Mr. Stein, including the Luells. I do not want any – conversation
6263 about your testimony. I don’t want you talking to each other. I trust that being men of the cloth
6264 you will adhere to that admonition, and we’re going to start with a fresh approach to this on
6265 Monday afternoon at one o’clock.

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6267 **BRAD JERBIC**

6268 If I could advise the Council, I just need (inaudible) let you know that Mr. Stein and I did meet
6269 with Reverend Diaz before he came up to the podium. We showed him the exhibit. We asked
6270 him questions relevant to that exhibit. That’s all I’ll state on the record. But since you
6271 admonished us to this point to have no more communication, we won’t. But we did speak with
6272 him prior to (inaudible).

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6274 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6275 I appreciate that, but we’re going from this point forward. So if –

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6277 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6278 And Mayor for their benefit, as well as yours, I have paperwork, exhibits, showing the flights of
6279 Ms. Luell to Houston and the hotel in Houston on the date in question.

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6281 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6282 Well, I would –

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6284 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6285 You should know that.

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6286 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6287 – I would like that very much to be made part of the record. At this time I would like to see –
6288 those documents.

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6290 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6291 Madame Clerk?

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6293 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6294 I think it's wise at this point.

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6296 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6297 I did not have time to make copies.

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6299 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6300 What we're going to do is we're going to make copies of the marriage certificates, as well as the
6301 airplane record. We're going to give those to the Pastors so they can share those with their
6302 lawyers. They won't have to ask for further time on Monday. They'll know what the issues are.
6303 If any of the attorneys need any questions answered, have them call me. I'll be here both
6304 tomorrow and Friday, and I'll be able to answer any of their questions and then will make a
6305 record of those conversations when we get back here on Monday.

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6307 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

6308 (Inaudible).

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6310 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6311 That's tough.

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6313 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

6314 (Inaudible).

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6315 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6316 I don't think so. I don't think so. I'll ask Mr. Henry for a legal opinion. Mr. Henry, if the
6317 Pastors are unable to afford a lawyer, are we in a position where we have to appoint one? I do
6318 want their testimony.

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6320 **BILL HENRY**

6321 Well, we do not force a lawyer upon them. I guess you could appropriate monies for it but I
6322 think –

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6324 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6325 Into the mike – please. Into the mike, please. Well, do we have a system, Mr. Henry, in our
6326 Municipal Court, where there are public defenders who represent indigent misdemeanants or
6327 alleged misdemeanants?

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6329 **BILL HENRY**

6330 We do have a system with – public lawyers but the – authority to appoint is based on –
6331 allegations or charges brought in Municipal Court. So, that would not apply to this.

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6333 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6334 Well, I think we – could ask a favor if either of these men need a lawyer to have one of those
6335 attorneys volunteer their services. At least I could ask the Muni Court for that. Are you
6336 gentlemen in a position where you're able to afford a lawyer? Pastor Diaz?

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6338 **JESUS DIAZ**

6339 No.

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6341 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6342 All right. Pastor Williams?

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6343 **PHILLIP WILLIAMS**

6344 I'm not sure if my attorney will be (inaudible) on Monday or if I can get a hold of him.

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6346 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6347 Who is your attorney?

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6349 **PHILLIP WILLIAMS**

6350 (Inaudible) Mr. Cook.

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6352 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6353 Frank Cook?

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6355 **PHILLIP WILLIAMS**

6356 He's with Woodbury.

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6358 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6359 Okay. Well, tell him this is of great import to the City, please, and to do whatever he can to be
6360 here. I will listen to anything that's reasonable. We realize this is being done on a moment's
6361 notice. I'm going to ask Mr. Henry, if you would, to contact Mr. Carmany or the Chief Judge,
6362 Judge Gregory, and see whether we can borrow a public defender and get the name of that public
6363 defender and then provide that public defender to Pastor Diaz. Do we have, if you would be
6364 kind enough, when we conclude to see Mr. Henry, and I know I'm imposing upon you, but I
6365 don't know anything else to do other than – that?

6366

6367 **BILL HENRY**

6368 That's fine.

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6370 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6371 And provide Mr. Henry with your phone number so he can have an attorney contact you.

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6372 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6373 (Inaudible).

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6375 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6376 Reverend Diaz?

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6378 **JESUS DIAZ**

6379 Okay.

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6381 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6382 All right. Good. Would you do that for me, Mr. Henry?

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6384 **BILL HENRY**

6385 Absolutely, Mayor.

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6387 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6388 I appreciate that. Thank you. Okay.

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6390 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6391 Mr. Mayor, may I ask for a copy of the marriage licenses on that date and of the airline ticket?

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6393 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6394 Yes, and we're going to ask the Clerk to make copies and copies will be given to both Pastors.

6395 They'll be given to Mr. Jerbic. They'll be given to Mrs. Luell, to you Mr. Stein and the originals

6396 will be filed with the Clerk, so we'll have them when we resume on Monday.

6397

6398 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6399 Thank you, Sir.

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6400 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6401 Okay. So, the Council meeting, as far as that part of it, is recessed until Monday at one o'clock.

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6403 **BRAD JERBIC**

6404 Right.

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6406 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6407 Everybody –

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6409 **BRAD JERBIC**

6410 And also, for the record, Your Honor, the license for this business was not reviewed (sic) and as

6411 of Jan, October 1st they did not have one. We've indicated to Mr. Stein that no enforcement

6412 action would be taken pending this hearing today. We'll continue to honor that until following

6413 the hearing on Monday.

6414

6415 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6416 I think that's appropriate. That's appropriate. All right. Thank you gentlemen, thank you for

6417 making yourselves available. We appreciate it. Thank you very much. All right, we're now to

6418 Citizen Participation. You are, you're excused.

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6420 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

6421 Mr. Mayor?

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6423 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6424 Yes.

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6426 **COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN**

6427 Before we get to Citizen Participation, since we've discussed marriage and licensing so much, I

6428 just thought we should congratulate Attorney Steve Stein on his recent marriage.

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6429 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6430 I – thank you. I have to follow in the footsteps of Councilman Barlow.

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6432 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

6433 And you know those are big shoes to step in, right?

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6435 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6436 Very big.

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6438 **COUNCILMAN BARLOW**

6439 Okay.

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6441 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

6442 (Inaudible).

6443

6444 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6445 I have, I still have witnesses.

6446

6447 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6448 I'm sure you do, but I want –

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6450 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6451 Do you want Citizen Participation first?

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6453 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6454 We're recessed until –

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6456 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6457 Oh, the whole meeting.

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6458 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6459 – one o'clock on Monday, as far as the hearing is concerned.

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6461 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6462 Okay.

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6464 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6465 And then, of course, you're able to call the witnesses that you'd like to call.

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6467 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6468 (Inaudible).

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6470 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6471 But I – want to resolve this matter with the ministers because to me it could be positive.

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6473 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6474 And Mr. Jerbic, can I approach for a minute?

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6476 **END RELATED DISCUSSION – RESUMED RELATED DISCUSSION**

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6478 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6479 Does everybody understand that the A Garden of Love (sic) matter has been put off for the rest

6480 of today and we will resume it on Monday at one o'clock? You're welcome to stay. I'm not

6481 asking for people to leave, but we will resume The Garden of Love (sic) matter at one o'clock on

6482 Monday. There'll be no further testimony, nor argument nor any addressing that issue until

6483 Monday at one o'clock.

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6485 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

6486 Mayor?

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6487 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6488 Yes.

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6490 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

6491 Can I just ask a question?

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6493 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6494 Certainly. You have to come up to the mike, ma'am. Ms. Barnes, if you'll let this lady, please,

6495 come up to the mike and –

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6497 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

6498 (Inaudible).

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6500 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

6501 This young lady flew in.

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6503 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6504 Well, you have to identify your name.

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6506 **REBECCA WILSON**

6507 My name is Rebecca Wilson.

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6509 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6510 Okay. And you have to give –

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6512 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

6513 And I'm Joan Vehorkas with Vegas Adventure Wedding Chapel –

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6515 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6516 Yes.

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6517 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

6518 – and I just know that she was flown in for this particular hearing and they're going, they're not
6519 going to be able to be here on Monday –

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6521 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6522 And may I ask –

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6524 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

6525 – and stay.

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6527 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6528 – who flew you in?

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6530 **REBECCA WILSON**

6531 A bunch of the wedding chapels here in Vegas got together and put some funds together to get us
6532 here.

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6534 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6535 Okay. How many are in your like position?

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6537 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

6538 I believe it's just her and her husband –

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6540 **REBECCA WILSON**

6541 My husband and I.

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6543 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

6544 – for the hearing –

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6545 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6546 All right, this is what we're going to do –

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6548 **JOAN VEHORKAS**

6549 – on a major issue.

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6551 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6552 – to accommodate you. We – where's your husband? Sir, would you please identify yourself for
6553 the record?

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6555 **DOUGLAS WILSON**

6556 Douglas Wilson.

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6558 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6559 Okay. You are now being videotaped as part of these proceedings and the Council has the
6560 opportunity to look at you so we know who will be making certain statements. I'm going to
6561 swear you under oath or have the Clerk swear you under oath at this time. What we'll do is, you
6562 will give the Clerk your telephone number and when a party wants to call you, whoever that may
6563 be, we will then get you on the phone, telephonically. And Mr. Stein –

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6565 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6566 Mr. Jerbic will have to call them.

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6568 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6569 It's all right. I'm just saying. I don't think Mr. Jerbic was calling them as his witness. But if
6570 you're calling them as your witness –

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6572 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6573 No, I was not.

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6574 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6575 Well, then, I'm not going to hear them.

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6577 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

6578 (Inaudible) here to speak, though.

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6580 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6581 (Inaudible) that will be my request.

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6583 **BRAD JERBIC**

6584 Your Honor?

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6586 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6587 Yes.

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6589 **BRAD JERBIC**

6590 If I could, I met with the individuals who are at the podium right now. Forgive me, I don't recall
6591 your names, but I read the article in the newspaper. I informed them that it is my opinion that
6592 my burden before this Council is to demonstrate the evidence that Mr. DiFiore relied on in
6593 making his decision to not renew the license of The Garden of Love (sic). It's also my
6594 understanding based on conversation, Mr. DiFiore, he was not aware of their situation at the time
6595 he denied the renewal of the license for The Garden of Love (sic). Therefore, I was not planning
6596 on using their testimony because I thought it probably inappropriate given the fact that not even
6597 Mr. DiFiore relied on it.

6598 I would consider using their testimony in rebuttal if necessary to talk about their experience. But
6599 then again, they were not paid for by the City to be here or subpoenaed by the City to be here.

6600 With those facts, I submit to you.

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6602 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

6603 (Inaudible).

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6604 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6605 I don't think so. We'll see after a year. We'll play it by ear. I'll talk to you about it, but I don't
6606 have any intention to, not in a hearing like this. Mr. Jerbic, I'm going to ask that you get the
6607 telephone number of these folks, and if you want to use their testimony, they're going to be
6608 sworn in right now. They will be under oath for purposes of answering your questions and
6609 responding and cross-examination, should Mr. Stein want to ask 'em questions or if the Council
6610 does; and we can do it. I know that's an inconvenience, but I, I'm not going to inconvenience
6611 you further and have you fly back and forth from wherever you came. We'll just set it up
6612 telephonically.

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6614 **DOUGLAS WILSON**

6615 Okay.

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6617 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6618 All right. Thank you very much. And you'll give Mr. Jerbic your number, please. Yes. I can't
6619 help it.

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6621 **COUCILMAN BARLOW**

6622 Okay.

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6624 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6625 You have to do what you have to do. All right. Yes, Ms. Bridges, please.

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6627 **BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

6628 Please raise your right hand. Do you both swear that any evidence you're providing in this
6629 hearing is true and correct?

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6631 **REBECCA WILSON**

6632 I do.

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6633 **DOUGLAS WILSON**

6634 I do.

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6636 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6637 All right, thank you, folks. Where you're from?

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6639 **REBECCA WILSON**

6640 Connecticut.

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6642 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6643 Oh, man. You came all the way out?

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6645 **REBECCA WILSON**

6646 Yeah.

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6648 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6649 Well, all right. Just remember this, okay?

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6651 **REBECCA WILSON**

6652 Yes.

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6654 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6655 While you're here –

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6657 **REBECCA WILSON**

6658 Yeah.

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6660 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6661 – what happens here stays here.

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6662 **REBECCA WILSON**

6663 Okay.

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6665 **BILL HENRY**

6666 Pardon me, Mr. Mayor?

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6668 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6669 For the record, I object to this proceeding.

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6671 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6672 Fine.

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6674 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6675 I was –

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6677 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6678 That's fine.

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6680 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6681 Mr. Jerbic and I discussed that (inaudible).

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6683 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6684 You have to speak into the mike, Mr. Stein.

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6686 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6687 Mr. Jerbic and I discussed this, these – people. I was informed they would not be called. I do

6688 not have my paperwork. I have not properly prepared to cross-examine them.

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6690 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6691 I appreciate that.

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6692 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6693 And therefore, I object to this questioning.

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6695 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6696 And your record is, and your comments are noted for the record, but the bottom line is, Mr.

6697 Jerbic says he's going to use 'em as rebuttal witnesses. And I don't think he has to give you

6698 anything until he uses them.

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6700 **STEPHEN STEIN**

6701 Possibly use them, but I avoided any mention of this incident and I was going to continue to

6702 avoid it.

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6704 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6705 I'll – give you the opportunity to go on redirect on your case, if Mr. Jerbic brings up something

6706 that you feel you should respond to.

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6708 **REBECCA WILSON**

6709 Mayor, if I may say something? They are prepared for us because I was just outside –

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6711 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6712 It's okay.

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6714 **REBECCA WILSON**

6715 – and I saw a bunch of my pictures –

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6717 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6718 No problem.

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6720 **REBECCA WILSON**

6721 – laid out.

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6722 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6723 No problem.

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6725 **REBECCA WILSON**

6726 So they knew we were coming.

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6728 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6729 No problem.

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6731 **REBECCA WILSON**

6732 They brought their own proof.

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6734 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6735 No sweat. No sweat. Have a good trip home.

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6737 **REBECCA WILSON**

6738 Thank you.

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6740 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6741 Okay. Anybody else have issues that they want us –

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6743 **BILL HENRY**

6744 Mr. Mayor?

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6746 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6747 – clear up before we start Citizen Participation?

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6749 **BILL HENRY**

6750 Do we have a record of their names individually so the record shows who was sworn?

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6751 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6752 I thought we did. All right, please. Please state your names again.

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6754 **REBECCA WILSON**

6755 My name is Rebecca Wilson.

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6757 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6758 Okay.

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6760 **DOUGLAS WILSON**

6761 Douglas Wilson.

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6763 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6764 Thank you.

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6766 **DOUGLAS WILSON**

6767 Thank you.

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6769 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6770 Very good. Thank you, folks.

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6772 **BRAD JERBIC**

6773 And I don't want to (inaudible) but we are on Citizen Participation.

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6775 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6776 Yeah.

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6778 **BRAD JERBIC**

6779 We just recessed Item 58 to a time certain, which is what this testimony is relevant to.

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6780 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6781 Right.

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6783 **BRAD JERBIC**

6784 I – in order to comply with the open meeting, I think we need to reopen Item 58, get back on the
6785 record and put it on there. I also have a solution. I don't know if it's a perfect one, but given the
6786 choice of taking testimony now out of context, when I have neither interview these witnesses nor
6787 is Mr. Stein –

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6789 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6790 I'm not interested in it. I'm not interested in that.

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6792 **BRAD JERBIC**

6793 The compromise or?

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6795 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6796 Nope. I wanna hear from the pastors. We'll do it on the phone, if they want to call them.

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6798 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

6799 Well, I think Mr. Jerbic is indicating, we recessed, so, what we've experienced is not on the
6800 public record from our hearing.

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6802 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6803 Well, I'll – correct that real fast.

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6805 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

6806 Okay.

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6807 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6808 All right. I'm going to recall Item 58 and make a record as to what has just transpired and
6809 counsel, correct me if it's not accurate. That we had these two folks, I believe, your names
6810 again?

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6812 **REBECCA WILSON**

6813 Rebecca and Douglas Wilson.

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6815 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6816 Rebecca and Douglas Wilson, who were both placed under oath by Ms. Bridges. They were
6817 advised that they will be in contact with the lawyers. That the lawyers want to call them, they
6818 will be able to be contacted and testify telephonically, recognizing that they are under oath. Mr.
6819 Jerbic indicated that he was not going to call them on his direct case or his case in chief, but
6820 might use them on rebuttal. Mr. Stein indicated he did not want their testimony. He said,
6821 though, as far as cross-examination is concerned, he hasn't seen documentation necessary to
6822 prepare for a meaningful cross-examination and objects. And the record should reflect all of
6823 that, and that's where we are.

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6825 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

6826 Mayor, if I could.

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6828 **BILL HENRY**

6829 Mayor?

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6831 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6832 Yes.

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6834 **BILL HENRY**

6835 Out of an abundance of caution, now that you've reopened, can we have them sworn in the
6836 reopened proceeding, please?

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6837 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6838 That's fine. They don't mind.

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6840 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

6841 We need to (inaudible).

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6843 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6844 Okay. Let's have, all of those in favor to reopening, please push the yes button. Against. No,

6845 no, folks, the Council, the Council. It's all right, it's been a long day for all of us. Okay. All

6846 right. Post, please. All right, it's reopened. **(Motion carried unanimously)** And Ms. Bridges,

6847 would you be kind enough to sworn in the witnesses again.

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6849 **BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

6850 Raise your right hand. Do you both swear that any testimony you provide to the attorney is true

6851 and correct?

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6853 **REBECCA WILSON**

6854 I do.

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6856 **DOUGLAS WILSON**

6857 I do.

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6859 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6860 All right. Thank you, folks, and thank you Ms. Bridges. All right, I think we'll close the hearing

6861 then, once again, on Item 58 and we're into Citizen Participation.

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6863 **END RELATED DISCUSSION – RESUMED RELATED DISCUSSION**

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6865 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6866 Mr. Jerbic?

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6867 **BRAD JERBIC**

6868 I just want to inform you, Your Honor, not on Citizen Participation, but the witnesses, that we
6869 were told not to talk to, I had to, to let them know to come back on Monday. They're still under
6870 subpoena and I can't talk to them other than that.

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6872 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6873 Thank you.

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6875 **BRAD JERBIC**

6876 That's for the record.

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6878 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6879 Very good. Okay. Anybody else? All right. The meeting is adjourned, thank you. No, the
6880 meeting is in recess until one o'clock on Monday.

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6882 **BEVERLY K. BRIDGES**

6883 Thank you.

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6885 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

6886 Thank you.

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END OF DISCUSSION)

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