



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Protection District

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### **RESOLUTION #2023-20-04**

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLDEN GATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Golden Gate Fire Protection District of Jefferson County, State of Colorado (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), is a duly organized and existing quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado, existing and operating under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, including but not limited to Parts 1 through 16 of Article 1 of Title 32, C.R.S., as amended (the "Special District Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District has determined that Board Member Steve Green has violated the By-Laws of the District, as noted below:

- Monday, March 13, 2023 at 11:05AM
- Email from [steve.green@goldengatefire.org](mailto:steve.green@goldengatefire.org) to The Grange and Community Center President, Terri Costeldia with 3 members of the Board and other community members on CC.
  - o Violation of District By-Laws – Section 9b. **Director's Performance of Duties**. *A District Director shall perform duties as a Director, including duties as a member of any committee of the Board upon which the Director may serve, in good faith, in a manner in which the Director reasonably believes in the best interest of District, and with such care as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.*
    - Violation – Steve Green, while using a District provided email address, placed a bet and offered to gamble with a community member on matters related to the District.
      - See Email #1 Below
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    - Violation – Steve Green, while using a District provided email address, placed a bet and offered to gamble with a community member on matters related to the District.
      - See Email #2 Below

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Fire Protection District of Jefferson County, Colorado:

1. The Board hereby censures member Steve Green for the conduct and actions demonstrated herein and expresses the strongest possible disapproval and disavowal thereof.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2023

GOLDEN GATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
By: President Deb Curlee 04.20.2023

## Email #1

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**Put your money where your mouth is please. Lets make a \$100 bet on who is telling the truth.**

1 message

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**Steve Green** <steve.green@goldengatefire.org>

Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 11:05 AM

To: ggc Terri Costeldia <terrircosteldia@hotmail.com>

Cc: Deb Curlee <deb.curlee@goldengatefire.org>, GGC Sam & Mitzy Wineland <sam@auburntool.com>, Chris Creech <chris.creech@goldengatefire.org>, Niffy Ovuworie <niffy.ovuworie@goldengatefire.org>

Dear Terri Costeldia,

I heard that yesterday at the pancake breakfast you told Sam Wineland, Gerrit Verschuur and maybe others about the supposed Chief Hiring Committee and you heard I declined to be on it. **This is an issue because Ovuworie and Curlee kept other board members out of the loop when interviewing candidates and did not give us an opportunity to meet the other candidate. It is also an issue of integrity.**

**Sam Wineland told me you claim:**

A Chief Hiring Committee was created on 9/1/22 by the board which at that time consisted of Kinnard, Carlon, Ovuworie, Curlee and Green. (Curlee and Ovuworie are making the same claims.) You go on to claim that at the September 1, 2022 meeting you saw me "throw my arms up in the air and say I did not want to be on the Chief Hiring Committee."

Is the above accurate?

**I claim:**

A Chief Hiring Committee was not formed on 9/1/22 (matter of fact it was never officially formed). At the 9/1/22 meeting it was brought up by me, talked about by some and then the conversation died out with no clear conclusion. At the 9/1/22 meeting Ovuworie twice requested the decision be put off until the next meeting. I never said I did not want to be involved in a Chief Hiring Committee. To the contrary I said "I did want to have input."

**Lets make a \$100 cash bet and put this to rest once and for all. Lets all sit down and listen in a quiet environment (Creech and Ovuworie have to be quiet if they attend.) to the 3 minute portion of recording supplied by Ovuworie to the board. I have a copy of this recording. Lets invite others so the results can be verified.**

The bet will be as follows:

- If we hear that a Chief Hiring Committee was actually formed on 9/1/22 and not just spoken about in passing, and you hear me say I did not want to be on this committee you win an easy \$100 cash.
- If we do not hear that a Chief Hiring Committee was actually formed and we hear me say "I want input in hiring the chief" as well as Ovuworie twice saying "lets put this off until the next meeting" without ever actually forming the hiring committee then I will \$100 cash from you.

If you are telling the truth this will be an easy \$100 for you.

If your are telling a turd this will be an easy \$100 for me.

Who would you like to be a neutral arbitrator of our bet?

I am tired of the lies that so many people in this district like to spread so lets do this. If I am wrong you can forever tell me and be \$100 dollars richer. We can be friends afterward too.

However, If you do not take my bet I consider that an indication that you are unwilling to back up your words with the facts.

Steve Green  
GGFPD board member

## Email #2

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**Re: Put your money where you mouth is please. Lets make a \$100 bet on who is telling the truth.**

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**Steve Green** <steve.green@goldengatefire.org>

Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 8:19 AM

To: ggc Terri Costeldia <terrircosteldia@hotmail.com>, GGC Sam & Mitzy Wineland <sam@auburntool.com>

Cc: Deb Curlee <deb.curlee@goldengatefire.org>, Niffy Ovuworie <niffy.ovuworie@goldengatefire.org>, Chris Creech <chris.creech@goldengatefire.org>, ggc Dave Primmer <janddprimer@gmail.com>

Good Morning Terri Costeldia,

I'm pretty sure by now you read my email and \$100 challenge below. I have not received a reply from you.

To me that is proof you are not telling the truth when you go gossiping all over the canyon saying that "I declined to be on the Chief Hiring Committee." The 3 members of the board are lying about it too and just because they voted a lie into the 9/1/22 minutes does not make it true. The 9/1/22 audio recording shows that a Chief Hiring Committee was never formed. It was spoken about but never formed. Even though it was never formed I did say on the recording that "I wanted to have input" on the Hiring Committee.

I want Sam Wineland to see my very fair challenge to you and offer for you to prove your case but you have not replied.

**Sam please take note that Terri does not stand behind her words nor can she prove what she says. Terri is a gossip and this sort of deceptive behavior hurts our canyon. Please stop spreading false rumors Terri.**

Steve Green

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