

Saturday, December 10, 2022

To: «AddressBlock»

«GreetingLine»

You are receiving this letter because you were listed on a publicly available campaign reporting document, Form 460, which shows you donated \$«amount» for «candidate» for the Yorba Linda Water Board election held on November 8, 2022. You listed your employer as: «Firm»

Why are you being reminded about your political donation?

You donated to «candidate» with the best of intentions. Since you may have a personal or business relationship with «candidate» the accusations below probably come as a shock, as it should.

You should be aware that Barbre, Hawkins and Lindsey ran as a slate. These candidates campaigned in a way that seriously calls into question their moral and ethical behavior. Based on the evidence below and attached, you will be able to draw your own conclusions and decide on any future campaign and personal interactions with these candidates.

My recommendation would be that you confront «candidate» on his behavior and demand an explanation and a commitment to never repeat their reprehensible behavior. I will never vote for «candidate» due to his inappropriate campaign behavior. I hope you will make a similar commitment.

Included with this letter is a copy of a campaign mailer that Barbre, Hawkins and Lindsey created, paid for and distributed. The mailer is replete with misrepresentations, smeared the good name of a fellow YLWD director and blatantly misled Yorba Linda voters. When confronted with the vile misrepresentations included in this mailer candidate Hawkins casually dismissed it as “just the facts”.

Lindsey has turned his back and walked away when spoken to about this mailer.

Three quick examples that highlight the misrepresentations:
At the top left of the mailer (see enclosure) is a photoshopped picture that shows only Director Jones and former Congressman Cisneros, a Democrat. In the original photo, Hawkins and Barbre were directly to the right of Cisneros.

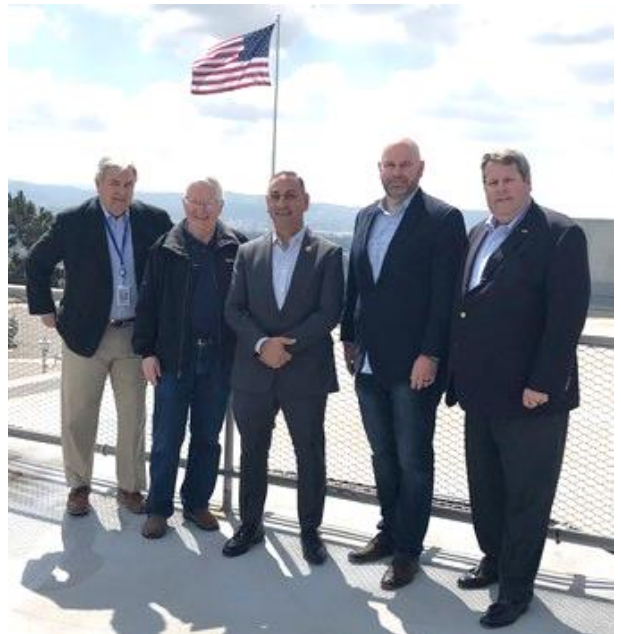
The mailer’s implication was that Jones was tied to Democrat Cisneros and couldn’t be trusted by Yorba Linda Republicans. Barbre was the person who initiated and planned this event with Cisneros. Now he tries to rewrite history.

For the record, Director Jones has been a life-long Republican.

Here’s the original picture so you can decide for yourself.

Second, at the bottom left of the mailer is a graph that “shows” that Jones is a profligate spender who has taken advantage of his position on the YLWD Board.

An obvious red flag on this chart is that the numbers on the left of the graph have been blurred out so a proper comparison can’t be made. Yes, Director Jones “cost” YLWD rate payers the outrageous sum of \$19,000 per



year in stipends and travel costs, \$110,000 over 6 years. Based on the number of hours Director Jones spent dutifully fulfilling his responsibilities this is close to the minimum wage.

Since Director Jones did not access YLWD medical benefits as a director, he saved \$120,000 in expenses over his tenure. Net Cost for YLWD: savings of \$10,000 (\$120,000 savings - \$110,000 directs costs = savings of \$10,000).

Hawkins and Lindsey show very low expenses for the very simple reason that they have failed to actively educate themselves and be engaged. Both have regularly missed YLWD Board meetings, hence their low reimbursements. You really do get what you pay for and these two men have provided very little to YLWD.

On the other extreme is Barbre. Over the last 11 years as a MWDOC and Met director, he was compensated close to a MILLION dollars by MWDOC and was consistently the highest paid director. Barbre's annual pay works out to almost \$100,000 per year. For Barbre to point out the small reimbursement to Director Jones is the height of hypocrisy.

Third, Director Jones is accused of visiting "swanky resorts to vacation at YLWD's expense". Recently MWDOC and OCWD, the two largest water agencies for Orange County and key suppliers to YLWD, held a policy and education event at The Grand Californian Resort at Disneyland. Both Hawkins and Lindsey attended this "vacation" at YLWD's expense. Another example of blatant hypocrisy by Hawkins and Lindsey.

Finally, Barbre and Lindsey, have both accepted significant donations from vendors to YLWD. Although this type of donation is not illegal, it shows the questionable moral choices these men are willing to make, just like with the mailer. Soliciting vendor campaign funds is a violation of the YLWD Board of Directors Policies Manual.

Barbre, Hawkins and Lindsey each accepted \$1,000 donations from Townsend Public Affairs, a lobbying agency that is under contract to YLWD. Demand that these men recuse themselves from voting on this contract. Demand that they no longer accept donations from YLWD vendors.

Lindsey accepted \$3,000 donation from Pacific Hydrotech, a company that has been paid millions of dollars for YLWD construction projects.

Both Barbre and Lindsey accepted \$2,000 donations from candidate Hawkins. Is Hawkins trying to buy the future votes of these YLWD Board members? What is this financial relationship all about?

SUMMARY

Barbre, Hawkins and Lindsey campaigned in the most hypocritical, sleazy way possible to win this election. Their unacceptable behavior is clearly documented in the mailer they paid for and by their questionable campaign funding.

If you would like to discuss or respond to any of these facts and conclusions, you're welcome to contact me at: nederhood@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,



Al Nederhood
Resident of Yorba Linda and former YLWD Board Member



Brooke Jones (left) and Democrat Gil Cisneros (right).

YLWD Ratepayers Can't Afford Incumbent **Brooke Jones**

YLTA Yes-Man **Brooke Jones** was elected in 2016 as a "fiscally responsible reformer."

Unfortunately, since 2016, Jones has **cost the ratepayers of YLWD over \$110,000** in travel, pay and benefits - **MORE THAN 1/3 OF THE TOTAL COST FOR ALL 7 DIRECTORS**. That is almost \$5 per customer!

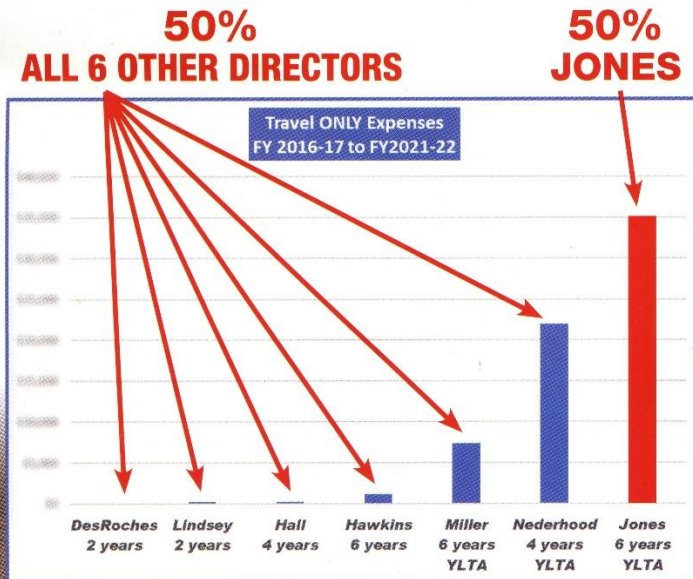
(Source - YLWD travel expense, pay, and benefit records - FY 2016-17 to FY2021-22)

In fact, he **cost the ratepayers 150% more** than the next highest spending Director.

(Source - YLWD travel expense, pay, and benefit records - FY 2016-17 to FY2021-22)

Jones spent **50%** of all travel funds spent by **all 7 Directors**.

(Source - YLWD travel expense, pay, and benefit records - FY 2016-17 to FY2021-22)



Brooke Jones travelled to swanky resorts all across the west.



BROOKE JONES voted to increase your water rates so he can continue to travel at your expense.

(Source: Minutes of the Board of Directors of the YLWD, May 24, 2022)

It's time the Yorba Linda Water District ratepayers tell Brooke Jones **NO MORE VACATIONS** at our expense.

VOTE NO on BROOKE JONES