Re: Ethics complaint against Town of Hempstead's Compliance Officer, Thomas Willdigg

Mr. Leventhal,

I am sending this ethics complaint to you, in your capacity as counsel to the Town of Hempstead Ethics Board. I request that it be filed with the Board as a formal ethics complaint against Thomas Willdigg, the Compliance Officer of the Town of Hempstead.

The evidence I present in this document provides IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE that Thomas Willdigg and his company, TCK Investigations made illegal political contributions to Supervisor Clavin, DA Candidate Anne Donnelly, and the Nassau Republican Committee (shown below).



According to the Town's Compliance Officer's law, §65-4 Political activities prohibited, the compliance officer is prohibited from making political contributions , as shown below. Click on the following link to see the entire law: TOH Compliance Officer Law .

- **C.** Solicit funds for, pay an assessment to, or make a contribution to a political organization, a sitting public officer, or a candidate for public office;
- **D.** Attend or purchase tickets for dinners or other events sponsored by a political organization, a sitting public officer, or a candidate for public office;

In 2019 when Mr. Willdigg was asked about political contributions his company made, Newsday reported that Mr. Willdigg said he did not make the contributions but refused to say who did (see: <u>Sept. 10, 2019 Newsday</u>). Clavin, then a candidate for Town Supervisor was quoted as saying: "*if Willdigg said he hasn't made any contributions, then he hasn't.*"

There is clearly a conflict of interest when the Compliance Officer of the Town gives political contributions to a board member who, in part, controls his employment. There is clearly a conflict of interest when a Candidate for Office is willing to take a person's word (without any investigation), that he did not make any illegal contributions.

Mr. Willdigg also continues to cover-up his illegal activity by not publishing the documents referring to case #8-2019.

To be clear, the allegations I am making in this ethics complaint are the following:

- 1. Mr. Willdigg INTENTIONALLY gave political contributions to Supervisor Clavin's campaign committee, and other political allies, to protect his \$150k job.
- 2. Mr. Willdigg is covering up his illegal activity relating to ethics case #8-2019 where Mr. Willdigg interfered with his own investigation. Mr. Willdigg refuses to publish a complete report on this case because it will show that he committed a crime. The report he published on the Town's website (shown below) provides no insight into the complaint made against the Town Board or Mr. Willdigg's response to that complaint (that shows he interfered with the investigation).

#8-2019	4/10/2019	Affidavit of Complaint	Authorized under the TOH Procurement Policy & Procedures -	Compliant
			Guideline 3	

I hope the Ethics Board will do a comprehensive investigation of Mr. Willdigg's illegal actions.

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