

Mr. Swatek:

I believe that all three statements are accurate in all important respects.

In actions 1 and 2 I represented myself solely as the Spokesperson for the Coalition for Columbia's Downtown.

In action 3, I signed the message as Columbia Council Representative. The name of the column, as set up by my village manager, is "CA Rep's Corner". Therefore, differentiating the roles is muddy, at best. That said, I have no problem seeing what I wrote as being from my role as CA Board member, since we have a duty to ensure the organization is not doing anything illegal. My message warned of a legal opinion that, in fact, we may well be in violation of the original Columbia Deed. We should all be concerned about this as CA Board members. Failing to be concerned about this and not wanting this matter independently investigated is, to me, an ethical violation of our duties to CA.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with any further information. And please feel free to make this information public, including my reply. Sunshine is the best disinfectant, as they say.

I hope that whoever filed this claim feels the same and is willing to engage in this debate publicly.

~Alan Klein
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