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Sent: 2/11/2016 2:05:27 PM
To: Lamkin, Brian; Watson, Bessie; Priester, Nicole; Webb, Beth; Haley, Nikki; taygoinres@aol.com; Priester, Nicole
Cc: Priester, Nicole; Webb, Beth; Haley, Nikki; kennethbattle@hotmail.com
Subject: Fwd: SC Commission on minority affairs

Dear Office of Inspector General/Brian Lamkin & Bessie Watson:

I received this (below) Email UNSOLICITED. Please Read Below! I hesitated forwarding this to you. But I don't know this individual, don't know that any of concerns/accusations stated here are TRUE or LIES or misinformation. I don't really care to know about ANYTHING of any CMA Staffers personal life, away from the CMA office.

I sent this, most importantly, so that you could place this email and information in your files, for future reference and in conjunction with your recent investigation of the Commission for Minority Affairs. Certainly this information should be properly placed in those files.

I am NOT in the habit of trying to investigate veiled accusations or innuendos, especial from anonymous sources that won't stand by their conviction and statements. I am ONLY interested in the work of the office and staffers, as it relates to the citizens of South Carolina and the impact on Native American Indian communities and individuals.

I do suggest that you investigate the source of this email (Lonniecoast@gmail.com).

I also suggest that you further look into the accusations presented to me by the anonymous individual to see if any of it may be true.

I remain,

Dr. Will Moreau Goins, CEO
Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois &
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member of the *State Mandated* Native American Advisory Committee-CMA

P.S. (below is the South Carolina Law/Code of Ethics surrounding these issues of hiring family and relations in a governmental office)

Rules of Conduct

Section 8-13-700, etal.

SECTION 8-13-700. Use of official position or office for financial gain; disclosure of potential conflict of interest.

(A) No public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a family member, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated. This prohibition does not extend to the incidental use of public materials, personnel, or equipment, subject to or available for a public official's, public member's, or public employee's use which does not result in additional public expense.

(B) No public official, public member, or public employee may make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his office, membership, or employment to influence a governmental decision in which he, a family member, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated has an economic interest. A public official, public member, or public employee who, in the discharge of his official responsibilities, is required to take an action or make a decision which affects an economic interest of himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated shall:

(1) prepare a written statement describing the matter requiring action or decisions and the nature of his potential conflict of interest with respect to the action or decision;

(2) if the public official is a member of the General Assembly, he shall deliver a copy of the statement to the presiding officer of the appropriate house. The presiding officer shall have the statement printed in the appropriate journal and require that the member of the General Assembly be excused from votes, deliberations, and other action on the matter on which a potential conflict exists;

(3) if he is a public employee, he shall furnish a copy of the statement to his superior, if any, who shall assign the matter to another employee who does not have a potential conflict of interest. If he has no immediate superior, he shall take the action prescribed by the State Ethics Commission;

(4) if he is a public official, other than a member of the General Assembly, he shall furnish a copy of the statement to the presiding officer of the governing body of any agency, commission, board, or of any county, municipality, or a political subdivision thereof, on which he serves, who shall cause the statement to be printed in the minutes and require that the member be excused from any votes, deliberations, and other actions on the matter on which the potential conflict of interest exists and shall cause the disqualification and the reasons for it to be noted in the minutes;

(5) if he is a public member, he shall furnish a copy to the presiding officer of any agency, commission, board, or of any county, municipality, or a political subdivision thereof, on which he serves, who shall cause the statement to be printed in the minutes and shall require that the member be excused from any votes, deliberations, and other actions on the matter on which the potential conflict of interest exists and shall cause such disqualification and the reasons for it to be noted in the minutes.

(C) Where a public official, public member, or public employee or a member of his immediate family holds an economic interest in a blind trust, he is not considered to have a conflict of interest with regard to matters pertaining to that economic interest, if the existence of the blind trust has been disclosed to the appropriate supervisory office.

(D) The provisions of this section do not apply to any court in the unified judicial system.

(E) When a member of the General Assembly is required by law to appear because of his business interest as an owner or officer of the business or in his official capacity as a member of the General Assembly, this section does not apply.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lonnie Coast <lonniecoast@gmail.com>

To: goinscolumbia <goinscolumbia@aol.com>

Sent: Thu, Feb 11, 2016 9:15 am

Subject: Re: SC Commission on minority affairs

Obviously I would like to remain secret and this secret will protect person that shared with me.

1. Thomas Smith hires and promote and give raises to church members.
2. He has a employee working there that has a baby from him. This on surf sounds personal but they tell me that everyone in office knows that he has personal relationship with this lady but scared to say it or bring it up. One employee left (Cynthia Haddad) in part because of lost respect for Thomas and that situation. The lady does not hardly do anything in the office other than copying and stuffing envelops. But. But Haddad wanted to get her sister a job working in the office but they told her NO because it was family but Thomas has his baby's mother working there. The lady's name is Ms. Dykes. Some employees feel the work environment has been strained because of this relationship. All this proof is in personnel records.
3. This says something about leadership and how state funds are being spent. They spend money on what they want to spend money on...this lady does nothing in the office but Smith tries to tell others about money issues.

Write back and share with me your comments, questions or concerns.

On Thu, Feb 11, 2016 at 12:48 AM, <goinscolumbia@aol.com>
<<mailto:goinscolumbia@aol.com>> wrote:

Please send me any information that you may have that might be of interest or assistance

I appreciate your willingness to assist

Dr. Goins