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Stephen Varela for Colorado

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Conservative congressional candidate Stephen Varela responds to baseless allegations

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1. I announce a run for Congress as a conservative
2. Angry Dem union bosses make baseless allegations against me going back 5+ yrs
3. Liberal Denver Post eats it up
4. Call me surprised
5. Following are the actual audits, for those concerned with the facts. Clean bill of health.

From: Stephen <stephen.a.varela@gmail.com>
 Date: March 6, 2019 at 6:20:15 PM MST
 To: Albert.Rivera@afge.org
 Cc: jrtubbs@hotmail.com, hope.villegas@va.gov, Michael.Dachel@va.gov, stephen.varela@va.gov, SWANKG@afge.org, Lance.Stewart@afge.org
 Subject: Fwd: Documentation

AI, please see attached this was provided to Mr Swanke per your request. During Ledge Conference Mr. Swanke and I met and he said this was sufficient. I look forward to working with you in the future. You had some great ideas I hope sometime in the future you would be willing to meet with our new secretary to help us develop some processes.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Stephen <stephen.a.varela@gmail.com>
 Date: February 15, 2019 at 5:34:11 PM MST
 To: SWANKG@afge.org
 Cc: stephen.varela@va.gov
 Subject: Fwd: Documentation

Mr. Swanke,

Please see attached response to questions. Let me know if there is anything my local can do for you. Also can you set up an E-Dues training for us so we can be proactive and switch over.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Stephen Varela <stephen.a.varela@gmail.com>
 Date: January 5, 2024 at 11:55:32 AM MST
 To: Stephen Varela <vote4varela@gmail.com>
 Subject: Fwd: 2018 Receipts Local 2430

From: Gerald Swanke <SWANKG@afge.org>
 Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 5:10 PM
 To: Villegas, Hope M. (ECH) <Hope.Villegas@va.gov>; Lance Stewart <Lance.Stewart@afge.org>
 Cc: Varela, Stephen (ECH) <Stephen.Varela@va.gov>; Tubbs, Jason R. <jason.Tubbs@va.gov>; tmorheim@hotmail.com
 Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: 2018 Receipts Local 2430

Based on these receipts and reports I find no probable cause in the charge of misconduct relating to L2430 Expense Misappropriations.

Gerald Swanke
 NVP AFGE D11

AFGE Local 2430
 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
 (AFFILIATED WITH THE AFL - CIO)
 Rocky Mountain VA Network 19 - Eastern Colorado VA Healthcare System
 Complete Audit Report
 Period: 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

Primary Findings

1. Disbursements were accurately reflected in the union's record and issued for legitimate purposes.
2. Receipts were accurately reflected in the union's records
3. Cash and equipment assets were properly accounted for the above mentioned period
4. The Local is complying with the Labor-Management reporting and disclosure Act's provisions for financial reporting.
5. The LM3 report for fiscal year 2018 was timely submitted to OLMS. The Treasurer is working on our LM3 report for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2019 and will file it before the March 31, 2020 deadline.
6. The Local is using good internal financial controls and is complying with financial practices and procedures of our parent body

Financial Condition Statement
 Cash Balance (Last Audit Report) \$82,855
 Less Total Disbursements \$91,027.45
 Cash Balance (this audit report) \$33,253.12
 Members at end of period \$201

Signatures and dates

Signature: *Stephen Varela* Date: 1/27/20
 Signature: *Andrew Pearson* Date: 1/27/20

A.F.G.E. Local 2430
 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
 (AFFILIATED WITH THE AFL - CIO)
 Rocky Mountain VA Network 19
 Eastern Colorado VA Healthcare System
 30 January 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR Local AFGE 2430

SUBJECT: Local Clearance Memorandum

1. This certifies that I, Stephen A. Varela, am resigning as Local 2430 President with my last day being 02/13/2020. I executed the position in due diligence and gave 100% of time and effort as Local President. I attest I have not taken any of the Local's property and I turned in all the Local's equipment, documents and items that were in my care to the Incoming Secretary-Treasurer. At the bottom of this document will be My signature and the incoming Secretary-Treasurer, Andrew Pearson signature. Nicole Setser the SOCO Vice Presidents signature will also be present as a witness and attesting to the above statements. With their signatures on this document they are attesting that they have received all property and documentation of this Local and excepting all responsibility on this day 01/30/2020.

Stephen Varela
 Outgoing/ Interim Local President

Andrew Pearson
 Incoming Secretary Treasurer.

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**Jason Tubbs**

I was Vice President of AFGE 2430, the union in question, for several years, including the time Stephen Varela was President. The Denver Post was selective in who they chose to interview to get information to manufacture this slanderous and erroneous article. I was never personally contacted by anyone from the media in regards to this particular article. One would think the Denver Post would interview the other officers of the former local.

Here's the truth. Stephen Varela, unlike his predecessor, served as president honorably and ethically and always in good faith. Stephen Varela is a great leader who did his job by the numbers to ensure positive results for both the local and the VA. This story is absolutely what is wrong with people who live by hearsay and not facts. This article is clearly politically driven and a misrepresentation of the facts. I feel that the attack on Steven Varela's character and professionalism has been unjustifiably defamed. The fact that the Denver Post would write and publish such a libelous and disgusting article is not a way to do business.