

To: Mimi Stewart, State Representative District 21 nominee
From: Howard DeLaCruz-Bancroft, State Representative, District 21 nominee
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Re: Deceiving Voters

I am really sad to see you lie to the voters. You know that you are the only one who has been arrested, charged, jailed and convicted for a criminal offense. The voters have been forgiving you since 2000 and yet you reward them with deception.

You and I both know that civil contempt is not a criminal offense and 20 years is a long time ago to bring up an old divorce case. How could I have been a reserve deputy sheriff until last year if I was a criminal as you attempted to portray me?

Family values is exactly the reason why I fought against a corrupt judge who refused to recuse himself after I sued him in federal court and he ordered me in contempt the first time for my refusal to disobey a federal order by a federal judge. He continued to order me in contempt for my suits against him by finding issues to use against me like ordering one month's attorneys fees of over \$30,000.00 to be paid immediately as child support.

The TRO (temporary restraining order) which was made permanent without me being present was just a ruse used to gain temporary jurisdiction to cover the mother's abduction of my children in violation of the PKPA (Parental Kidnapping Protection Act) and the UCCJA (Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act). Later the mother even admitted that she was wrong when the case was finally settled by being dismissed with prejudice. But you conveniently left out that information.

I learned a lot from my past. I was instrumental in the passing of the 4th degree custodial interference bill to help others. I want to make it mandatory for judges to recuse themselves after ruling any party in contempt. I want to see jury trials as an option for contested custody cases. In other words I want to help others avoid the pain and suffering that my children experienced. What kind of values were you standing for when you were arrested for DWI?

You recently stated in the Albuquerque Journal when asked about your criminal conviction that you asked for no special treatment in your DWI case but in fact you have used your political influence to scrub and hide your public record. Since the filing date in March 08 until today your DWI doesn't show up in any public record or nmcourts.com and is hidden from public view. Something regular people like myself don't have the privilege of doing. I correctly answered that same question stating I have no criminal conviction. So your attack ad against me is confusing to the voters who are readers of the Journal.

The political advertisement sent out by the state GOP merely showed your voting record support for the STD (sexually transmitted disease) HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine for children. Although, I was against the "issue" ad and would have preferred the party spent the money on a positive piece about me, I sent you both an email and letter stating my opposition. Apparently, you perceived my reconciliatory correspondence as weakness. The ad did not attack you personally as you have assailed me.

In my previous email & letter to you I mentioned that negative ads can have a boomerang affect. I suggest that you do not attempt to throw any more dirt against me because eventually the voters will turn on you when they find the truth.

It is interesting to note that although, you have the most liberal voting record of any legislator in New Mexico most of the voters don't even know what you stand for. I know because I have been going door to door since March (since I don't have a lot of money) and I know what they think because they tell me.

You used to be anti-gambling but now you take large sums of casino money from the tribes to pay for your attack ads. You might outspend me by 20 to 1 but eventually the voters will find you out. I just hope they find out sooner then later because your methods nullify all your good intentions.

My heart goes out to you because you appear to be a tormented and tortured soul who is finally showing signs of all the things you have done to people over the years to hold on to your power & position. One of your recent mailing said that "you don't let anything stand in your way" and I believe that. Unfortunately, that means running over people at any price.

I hear from Democrats (legislators & individuals) that tell me when they have disagreed with you on bills you sponsored that you find ways to destroy them and their careers. You even believe you are more powerful than Governor Richardson because you have been unopposed for 8 years and use the money you get from special interest groups to reward or punish fellow democrat legislators so they will stay on your good side or else.

Eventually, the voters will find out that you think you can buy their votes with all your special interest money. In a recent mail out to voters you state your priority is health care and when you look at the money you have taken from the health sector it is obvious why (see followthemoney.org) How can you make changes to health care when you take money from the people who are profiting from "business as usual" the status quo?

No doubt you believe Obama's slogan "We Need Change" but how ironic it is that you are the status quo "business as usual" in New Mexico. There is no way you can freely and honestly represent the people of District 21 with all the special interest money you take. You have sold your political soul just like Manny Aragon and look what happened to him.

I agree, it's time for a change, 16 years of the status quo, "business as usual" is long enough.

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