

5 February

Latesha Holmes: Chief of Staff, Richmond, Va., City Council

Ref: Conduct of a Liaison official

On Nov 29, 2022 my wife and I were returning for errands. Upon entering the designed parking area of the complex we observed an automobile parked in a manner that occupied three parking spaces. Only after the encounter with the owner ' I learned of his identity. His rhetoric' was opprobrious to say the less.

I have attached the narrative that I mailed to Councilwomen Ellen Robertson. To date, there has not been a response from her office. I also included pictures of the vehicle's parking position. I am entitled to, at least, a response.

Attached is a copy of the narrative that I mailed to Councilwomen. It describes in full details the encounter with Mr. Tavares Floyd, ESQ

It is anticipated that you will investigate the abusiveness, the expletives that came from his "lips", when asked " Why?" would you have parked in such a disrespectful manner", is deplorable. Mr. Floyd's conduct was "off the charts" of professionalism. Many of the seniors that live here are assisted in their movements by "canes or other mobile devices". Where was there any consideration, showed my Mr. Floyd's actions and response that exemplifies ethics and morality?

Please review the attachments.

Mr. Floyd has an obligation to personally apology to me and the residents of this Senior Citizens complex, as well as council members.

Respectfully,

S. L. Artis, II

From: Holmes, LaTasha S. - Council Chief of Staff

LaTasha.Holmes@rva.gov

Subject: RE: Conduct of Liaison Official

Date: Feb 7, 2023 at 11:33:21 PM

To: sartis@aol.com

Good Morning Mr. Artis,

I appreciate your patience in this matter. Thank you for sharing your detailed account and the associated photos. It appears that Council Member Robertson has reached out to you to offer her apologies.

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Please also advise if there is anything additional in which you are requesting.

Thank You,

LaTasha S. Holmes, MPA

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From: sartis@aol.com <sartis@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 12:40 PM

To: Holmes, LaTasha S. - Council Chief of Staff <LaTasha.Holmes@rva.gov>

Subject: Conduct of Liaison Official

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Latesha Holmes, Chief of Staff
Richmond, Virginia City Council
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Holmes,

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From: sartis@aol.com,
To: LaTasha.Holmes@rva.gov,
Subject: Re: Conduct of Liaison Official
Date: Fri, Feb 10, 2023 1:39 pm

Latesha Holmes, Chief of Staff
Richmond Virginia City Council
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Ms. Holmes,

Thank you for your reply. As stated in my last email to you, to date I have not received an apology from Mrs. Robertson nor Mr. Floyd, ESQ.

As per your suggestion I am willing to discuss my issues with you. I am available and can meet with you as your time permits. Let us together, reprimand the concerns. "Res Ipsa Loquitor!". The thing speaks for itself.

In closing I await your response as to a scheduled meeting.

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2 Dec 2022

Dear Mrs. Ellen Robertson, 6th District council member, Richmond, Va. 23222

Ref: Floyd Tavares, Esq.

As discussed during our phone conversation on 30 Nov 22, I am writing you this narrative regarding an awful exchange with Mr. Tavares Floyd, Esq. on the 29 Nov 22.

On the 29 Nov 2022, my wife and I were returning to our apartment building (1611 4th Ave) after running errands we observed a black Mercedes Benz occupying several spaces in the designated parking area of this complex; parked in a manner that obstructed any other vehicles from having access to a park on either side of his automobile. The vehicle was angled parked which would prevent two other residents from having a space to park next to his automobile.

After dropping off the items that my wife and I had purchased in our apartment, I had to make another trip to the store. Once in the parking area, I observed the above mentioned automobile in the same location. While out on this errand, my wife phoned to inform me of a meeting with Mrs. White (Resident Manager) and that I should stop in her office upon my return. I did meet with Mrs. White but did not mention the car issue to her as there were others present. I chose not to change the subject. The automobile was still in its' same location. The meeting with Mrs. White and others lasted a spell. Upon returning to my apartment at about four-ish (4:00 PM), my wife phoned Mrs. White regarding the automobile. She stated that she would investigate the issue. Whether she did or did not, neither my wife nor I can say. Mrs. White left the premises. We don't know if she made contact with the automobile owner or not. However, the automobile remained in the same location after Mrs. White had departed. At about 4:20 PM, I had cause to go back out. As I existed the elevator on the 1st floor, Mrs. Watts (a resident) and a bloke were standing at the elevators' exit doors as they opened waiting to board it. As I was existing the elevator I inquired of the bloke, casually, if he were the driver of the automobile. His response was an outburst of rage including expletives laced with "Mother Fu__ers". He stated that he could park where he wanted to and I didn't know who he was. I said to him, "I didn't curse you". He dropped another "F" bomb toward me. As I was turning to exit the building (an attempt to de-escalate) I mentioned that i intended to take pictures of the automobile. His retort was another "F you", etc. "boasting", I didn't know who he was and he could park where he wanted to. It shows his presence of mine when he parked his vehicle. He thinks more of his property then the tenants residing in this complex. He has illustrated that there may be other issues happening in his life. His response, attest to my perception of his character. I took the pictures of the car in question and they are enclosed with this letter.

My wife related to me his identity after the encounter. It was astounding to learn that he is an attorney and also your liaison. My question, is this outrageous behavior indicative of the persons representing the voters in this district, your office or the capital city of Virginia? Is this an acceptable behavior for anyone; most especially disturbing, is Mr. Floyd's position as a representative of an office of a city council member in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I am a voter, and voted here, in Richmond. I am seventy-seven years of age and have been voting since becoming eligible to do so. He (Mr. Floyd) is an "officer of the court". He has offered commentary regarding police reform. His behavior was opprobrious. There is a lot of reforming necessary to humanize us all, Mr. Floyd included. As well as displaying a recalcitrant attitude toward law and order; hence, his abusive language and disregard for any tenant's privilege and right to park at this complex warrants serious consideration about his ability to control his impulses: to wit, mindfulness of his surroundings and communications with others.

I deserve a personal apology from him, not your office, and hope that this issue serves as a learning experience for us all going forward.

I thank you for your attention regarding this horrible incident. The pictures are enclosed. As is said, "A picture" is worth a thousand words. I wish you continuing success as a council member of our district.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.L. Artis, II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

S.L. Artis, II

Cc: Gov. Glenn Youngkin

Mayor: Levar Stoney

Council President. Cynthia Newbille

Resident Mgr: Kathy White



