

Title of These Exhibits: David Shechter and Kevin McNamee Ghost Write Misinformed Letters to Damage Varlotta

Description of Communications

The following set of late December 2021 emails trace the relationships being forged between and among the Gallegys and local VIPs: David Shechter and Kevin McNamee. Varlotta has never met Shechter or McNamee. However, these two men are ghostwriting and editing letters about her—a person they do not know in the least.

This chain underscores the bonds these four these allies are strengthening as they draft letters that others will sign. The signatories submit “their” letter to the press, making it look like there is vast dissatisfaction in the community. In fact, the dissatisfaction is coming from a small group who is manufacturing the broad dissent. In almost all cases, the letters contain misinformation that has been repeated time and time again. The misinformation campaign is meant to damage CLU and its fundraising efforts and personally harm its new president, Lori Varlotta

All of these emails were produced during Phase One of Gallegly v. CLU discovery process. Since they are all part of the official court record, they are open to public review and scrutiny.

Items of Note

- The text has been extracted from a longer document, so formatting may be altered.
- Emphasis has been added in several areas.
- The content and wording are unchanged.

On Dec 28, 2021, at 11:52 AM, Administrator Sleeping Giant <admin@sleepinggiantfilms.org> wrote:

Hello Mr. Gallegly,

I wanted to introduce myself- my name is **David Shechter** and I live in Newbury Park, employed at Amgen. am the administrator for the Sleeping Giant of Thousand Oaks and was referred to you by **Kevin McNamee, Thousand Oaks city councilman**. We were dismayed to hear about the decision that Cal Lutheran is making about the Gallegly Center and have mobilized letters of support to the Acorn. Four (4) of these letters went in to the Acorn last weekend and 3 more are being submitted this week. I have assembled those letters in the attachment.

It is a pleasure and privilege to meet you. Thank you for your decades of service to our county and communities.

Best,

David Shechter, Ph.D.

Administrator, Sleeping Giant of Thousand Oaks

<Letters to Acorn Gallegly Center 12-28-21.docx>

1. From Jim Meyer

In regards to the article, "President pushes back against congressman". The antagonist in this story is CLU President Varlotta not Congressman Gallegly. The headline makes it sound like Congressman Gallegly is the one who reneged on his promises. **Instead It is the CLU President Varlotta who is unilaterally making the decision** even though she "gave the decision to the professional archivists." Which 'professional archivists' would recommend that the best manner to make material available to students, scholars and professors would be to keep them in their cardboard boxes rather than digitizing them? This is such an unbecoming tactic by President Varlotta to shift the responsibility for her own decisions unto (oh my gosh) "The Professionals"! It seems that if Congressman Gallegly and his wife donated the money to CLU for digitizing the records and establishing the Center for Public Service and Civic Engagement, then they have a right to ask for an accounting.

By not digitizing the materials makes them only available to someone who can physically make it to the CLU Library. I hope that President Varlotta would reconsider her decisions. If not, her decisions will create poor feelings among those of who reside in this community and know what Congressman Gallegly did for our community, as well as CLU, in his 26 years of representing us. **The actions of this president should be a wake up call to anyone who would potentially want to donate to Cal Lutheran University.**

2. From Vadim Manzhos

The article in the Acorn about "President pushes back against congressman" (December 16) is a slap in the face to former congressman Elton Gallegly, who has done so much for our community and for CLU. How can CLU go back on a contract signed by the previous CLU president? The CLU's current president said that the decision to do away with the replica of Gallegly's former office in the capitol was made "in the best interest of our students, our faculty, and of our academic community." How exactly is that? What a bunch of nonsense from someone who is intelligent enough to be a university president. CLU certainly welcomed the funding from Mr. Gallegly for the Center for Public Service and Civic Engagement, which has done a lot of good for the university and its students. Now, CLU is saying "Elton, you are no longer welcome but we will keep the money. Thank you very much." **What's worse is president Varlotta's saying that the agreement says only that CLU must store the former congressman's furniture in the library and makes no mention of a replica office.** What is CLU going to do, put the furniture in a closet? Talk about playing with the meaning of words. CLU needs to be a good example to the students and honor its agreements. Leave the replica office alone.

3. From Sophie Daniels

Are history and memory no longer important? Are agreements and generosity meaningless nowadays? The story from December 16 about CLU's President Varlotta pushing back against Congressman Gallegly makes this seem the case. Gallegly's donations helped fund and support programs and tuition for the students of the university, and now because of supposed "space" issues she wants to dismantle the replica office. **This is a nonsensical reason that disguises the true motive at hand- canceling the congressman by removing the history of him from the campus.** Surely in this technological age the archives can be digitalized, better yet, himself that he'd raise money to do so - problem solved. Now Varlotta can work on the real problem at hand: learning to stand up to Woke culture.

4. From Margarita Assael:

The replica office of a congressman, who did much for our county, to be dismantled for the students "welfare?" And this space to be used to store box cartons? Donors gave to have these files digitalized and the President of CLU will not disclose where this money went. Are you kidding me? Mr. Gallegly donated money for the Center of Public Service and a contract was made between CLU and himself. In my opinion, Mr. Gallegly's political leanings are the basis for this attack. **The CLU President, by not upholding the honor and respect for the contract between CLU and Mr. Gallegly, is not an example of moral righteousness for the students.** Keep the office of Congressman Gallegly, as originally agreed to, and not a place to throw boxes.

To be submitted prior to deadline for January 6 Acorn

5. From author TBD:

The decision by CLU to do away with the replica of Elton Gallegly's office is disturbing, and not only because it's a breach of contract. **It shows disrespect to our former congressman, who contributed to CLU and his district in so many ways.** I also don't think that the reason the CLU president gave made much sense. How will anyone beyond CLU be able to review the records and documents if they aren't digitized? Why not leave the replica as is, which is what Gallegly and the former CLU president agreed on, and digitize the documents? That is the solution that makes the most sense. I have a feeling there is a backstory to this that we don't know about. Is it because the former congressman is a republican? **We don't know, but the CLU president hasn't given any logical reasons for her unfair decision.** I really think that Elton Gallegly deserves our support and I would strongly encourage CLU to reconsider its decision.

6. From David Shechter:

People have short attention spans these days. The Acorn and CLU both seem quite aware of that, because the December 16 article on CLU's decision to dismantle the replica of Elton Gallegly's office insults the intelligence of anyone who actually read it. First, the title is "President pushes back against congressman." Evidently the Acorn wants to give its readers the impression that Gallegly is "pushing" against CLU for something he is not entitled to, knowing full well that many people read no more than the headline and that no one likes pushy people. Yet, contract disputes happen all the time, with both parties advocating for their interests. Mr. Gallegly is not "pushing" on anyone. Second, the former congressman justifiably asked CLU to show how it spent the 1 million dollars that he and his wife donated to the Gallegly Center. **The CLU president, Lori Varlotta, refused his request, stating "The records the university has with donors are between the university and the donors." Is she for real?** Mr.

Gallegly himself is the donor in this case, and the Acorn should be embarrassed to report that non-sequitur as if it makes sense. Finally, Varlotta stated that she asked professional archivists: "What is the best way to get this archived and make it available in the near future for student and faculty scholarship?" She and/or the Acorn expect us to believe that the archivists' response gave rise to the university's decision to keep the records and documents in cartons. In this digital age, no rational person believes that the best way to make documents accessible is to keep them in cartons rather than digitize them. **CLU's decision to dismantle the office replica of the former congressman, who has done so much for our community over the years, is disgraceful, and the Acorn's reporting on the matter is even worse.**

7. From Barbara Sponsler:

The story in the December 16 Acorn about CLU's decision to remove the replica of former congressman Elton Gallegly's office is suspicious. The CLU president's reason for breaking the university's contract with Mr. Gallegly was vague, and didn't really say anything at all. Of course the

university is going to say it makes decisions in the best interests of the students and faculty. But how exactly will that decision be beneficial? It doesn't benefit anyone to keep 500+ cartons of documents stashed away where no one can get to the documents. In today's world everything is digitized. Varlotta's claim that they are keeping the furniture but dismantling the replica also makes no sense - what good does the furniture do anyone if it's hidden where no one can see it? I smell a rat. I can't help wonder if it has something to do with the fact that Gallegly is a republican and that offends the university's woke sensibilities. Maybe I am wrong. But CLU owes a better explanation to the community and to Mr. Gallegly, an accomplished public servant who deserves much better.

From: Elton Gallegly <janicegallegly@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Administrator Sleeping Giant <admfn@sleepinggiantfilms.org>
Subject: Re: -Letters of support - Gallegly Center at Cal Lutheran

Hi David

I don't know if you have seen the Acorn yet today - but they published two of the letters - and they are fantastic Letters. I don't know who composed them but they are the best I have seen from anyone!!! Sophie Daniels and Maureen Meyer.

There are no words to thank you enough - this sure lifts our spirits and we are deeply grateful. If it is proper, and they sent the letters themselves, please get me their contact information so we can send a thank you note.

Janice and Elton

On Dec 31, 2021, at 11:38 AM, Administrator Sleeping Giant <admin@sleepinggiantfilms.org> wrote

Dear Elton,

Yes, I saw the letters - they actually published not two but three of them; the third was from Margarita Assael. All three people wrote the letters themselves based upon talking points that I provided. It would be totally proper to thank them. Here are their email addresses:

Sophie Daniels: sophiemdanie1s1@gmail.com
Maureen Meyer: jmeyer.family.com
Margarita Assael: stoptheviolins28@yahoo.com

Three more are going in soon, in time for the January 6 Acorn.

I spoke with Kevin this morning. Our next step is to get letters in front of President Varlotta herself and the Board of Regents. I am working on that plan now.....stay tuned.

Best,

David Shechter

From: Janice Gallegly <janicegallegly@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Administrator Sleeping Giant <admin@sleepinggiantfilms.org>
Subject: Re: Letters of support - Gallegly Center at Cal Lutheran

David

You and Kevin are a Godsend to us.

Thank you so much! Looking forward to seeing your next plan of action!!! Please send our appreciation to Kevin!

Janice and Elton Sent from my iPhone
