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October 16, 2026

Via Email
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Re: Response to your October 9, 2026 letter

Dear Ms. Hofmeyr and Mr. Wang:

I write on behalf of the Town of Sahuarita in response to your October 9, 2026 letter. The Town's position remains as stated in my September 22 letter, and this reply addresses the principal points your letter raises.

At the center of your letter is your client's denial that any authorized representative of Save the Scenic Santa Ritas Association participated in the encounter reported to the Sahuarita Police Department. The Town takes that denial seriously, and, as I wrote on September 22, it does not treat an unverified claim of affiliation as a finding about SSSR. But a denial is not proof that the encounter did not occur. That a person denies involvement is evidence to be weighed; it does not establish, as a matter of fact, that the reported event never happened or that the individual who reported it was mistaken or untruthful. The two propositions — that SSSR authorized no one, and that a councilmember reported being approached at his home — are not mutually exclusive. Indeed, your own client's Executive Director publicly raised the possibility that others may have presented themselves as associated with the cause. For that reason, the Town cannot accept the premise that SSSR's denial, standing alone, obligates it to declare that no encounter took place.

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It follows that the Town will not issue a public retraction to that effect. Commander Amado has acknowledged that his statement "we know" the individuals were from SSSR was too categorical, and the Town has said as much. That acknowledgment is the correction the record supports on the present facts. The Town remains willing to correct the public record as warranted by reliable information — that offer was not, and is not, conditioned on your client withdrawing anything. We simply decline to substitute one unverified conclusion (that the individuals were SSSR members) for another (that no encounter occurred).

On the question of the incident date, the Town will let its records speak for themselves. Any apparent discrepancy between a call-log entry and a later recollection of timing goes to when a report was made or an event occurred — not to whether an event occurred at all — and it does not advance the inference your letter draws from it.

As to records, the Town is processing your requests under A.R.S. §§ 39-121 and 39-121.01, subject to applicable redactions and grounds for withholding. Responsive incident reports have been released, and the records custodian continues to search for and produce other responsive materials. As noted previously, the Town cannot create records that do not exist — such as a witness list or a narrative description — and it cannot produce private security footage or other materials it does not possess or control. If your client has information identifying the individuals or bearing on their claimed affiliation, we again ask that it be provided to Chief Noland so that SPD may evaluate it.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Jon Paladini

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For the Firm

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CC: Mayor and Council, Town Manager, Police Chief, Assistant Town Manager