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Request for investigation of possible violations of election laws by the campaign of Tavares Floyd

Published newspaper stories show that the campaign of Tavares Floyd has made false statements about his qualifications as an attorney, his family relation with George Floyd and donors to his campaign. The information regarding false statements made by the campaign of Tavares Floyd is now a matter of undisputed public record.

There is now strong evidence to suggest that, in addition to falsifying donation reports, Floyd may also have falsified his place of residence and therefore his eligibility for the office of City Council. This is also a violation of Virginia election law per § 24.2-501.

We call on the Commonwealth's Attorney to perform her duties to investigate and to prosecute election law offenses per § 24.2-1019.

If the Commonwealth's Attorney determines that no felonies have been committed, then we ask the Commonwealth's Attorney to permit our campaign's private prosecutor to prosecute misdemeanor offenses as permitted per § 24.2-1017, judicial precedent and opinions of your office. Per *Cantrell v. Commonwealth*, 229 Va. 387, 392, 394 (1985), Virginia recognizes the "common-law right of a crime victim, or of his family, to assist the prosecution with privately employed counsel." (1995 Op. Va. Att'y Gen. 139.)

A truly thorough, competent and impartial investigation will of course include interviews with Councilwoman Ellen F. Robertson and members of her staff to determine what knowledge, if any she or they may have, and also to determine whether she or they assisted in concealing Floyd's false statements.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Willie Hilliard