

January 10, 2026

Dear Director Kerrie Stillman,

I am submitting this brief supplemental statement in support of my previously filed ethics complaint regarding the unconstitutional suppression of protected political speech during Volusia County Council public comment.

I could have easily submitted another complaint. Instead, I am documenting additional facts that further demonstrate an ongoing pattern of **obstructive misconduct, abuse of authority, and unconstitutional interference with public accountability.**

On **January 8, 2025**, approximately **15 minutes before the Council meeting**, **Lieutenant Gordon (Internal Affairs)** attempted to persuade me NOT to have my 12th complaint notarized and demanded that I provide it **only to him**. This conduct was **coercive, improper, and wholly incompatible with neutral oversight**, and is strongly indicative of obstructive interference with lawful citizen reporting.

Twenty minutes later during my public comment, I intentionally used the word “fuck” in a non-threatening, non-violent manner to place a critical constitutional principle on the public record: **political speech remains protected even when it is blunt, profane, and offensive.** Government officials may not censor, interrupt, shame, or suppress speech based on content, tone, or viewpoint. Such conduct constitutes **unconstitutional suppression**, carries a **chilling effect** on public participation, and undermines the integrity of the public forum.

The facts documented reflect a serious and continuing breakdown of constitutional compliance and ethical governance in Volusia. I respectfully request that the Commission act with urgency, within its authority, to protect the public trust, deter further misconduct, and ensure that constitutionally protected speech is not suppressed through intimidation, censorship, or retaliatory enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

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