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BREAKING (6/8/21 — 2:00 PM): FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — CANDIDATE HUNT CALLS ON ENGEN TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN THREAT TO ACQUIRE BRIDGE APTS, DEMANDS COUNTY COMMISSIONER VERO RESIGN FROM COMMISSION OR WMMHC BOARD AND DISCLOSE BRIDGE-RELATED VOTES AS BOARD MEMBER

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NBC MONTANA REPORTS MAYOR ENGEN'S CONFIRMATION THAT CITY MADE FULL-PRICE OFFER FOR WMMHC APTS, BUT OFFER REJECTED, PUT IN QUEUE; ENGEN ALSO CONFIRMED INTENT TO UTILIZE COVID RELIEF FUNDS AND TO MAKE AN ENHANCED OFFER

WARD 1 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE KEVIN HUNT IMMEDIATELY REACTED TO STORY BY NOTING THAT MAY 20 JOINT DEMANDS BY HIM AND WARD 3 COUNCIL CANDIDATE DANIEL CARLINO — AIRED BY NBC MONTANA — HAD THEREBY PARTIALLY BEEN MET, BUT HUNT CONTINUED TO IMPLORE ENGEN TO WIELD SPECTRE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO PRODUCE WMMHC ACCEPTANCE OF CITY'S OFFER. "THE PROSPECT OF LENGTHY AND EXPENSIVE LITIGATION WITH THE CITY WHILE LIKELY BEING UNDER COURT INJUNCTION TO CONTINUE OPERATING THE APTS. AND PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE TENANTS, WOULD LIKELY PRODUCE WMMHC's ASSENT," HUNT SAID.

HUNT FURTHER DEMANDED RESIGNATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER JUANITA VERO FROM WMMHC BOARD — OR FROM COUNTY COMMISSION — DUE TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST, SAYING "HER OATH TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, NOT A PRIVATE INTEREST, COMES FIRST." HUNT ALSO CALLED FOR VERO'S DISCLOSURE OF WHETHER SHE HAD ABSTAINED ON ENGEN'S OFFER, AS WELL AS HER DISCLOSURE OF HOW SHE HAS VOTED IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO BRIDGE APTS.

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