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CORRECTION: MSLA COUNTY COMMISSIONER JUANITA VERO HAS LEFT ME A VOICE MAIL STATING THAT SHE IS NOT ON THE WMMHC BOARD AND THAT SHE SHARES MY FRUSTRATION REGARDING THE PLIGHT OF TENANTS OF 'THE BRIDGE' SPECIAL NEEDS APTS WHO ARE CLIENTS OF WESTERN MONTANA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER WITH MENTAL CHALLENGES AND DEPENDENT ON DISABILITY BENEFITS, IN THE WAKE OF WMMHC PLACING THE APTS ON THE REAL ESTATE MARKET FOR $2.19 MILLION. I had found Commissioner Vero listed among numerous elected officials on the WMMHC Board on what appeared to be a WMMHC web site. I appreciate the correction and am sharing it with all addressees of my Press Release of this afternoon and others likely to have seen it. I will look for that erroneous web site and make it known when found again, as well. Numerous elected officials throughout Western MT do sit on the WMMHC Board.

Obviously, I rescind my demand in the prior press release that Commissioner Vero resign from any position based on conflict of interest. I thank Ms. Vero for the very courteous and friendly tone of her phone message, in which she asked nothing of me.

My call upon Mayor Engen to raise the spectre of eminent domain stands.

The corrected Press Release:

BREAKING (6/8/21 — UPDATED 6:00 PM): FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — CANDIDATE HUNT CALLS ON ENGEN TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN THREAT TO ACQUIRE BRIDGE APTS.

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THE MISSOULIAN'S DAVID ERICKSON, NBC MONTANA AND MISSOULA CURRENT REPORT 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 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.

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WHILE UNDER A LIKELY COURT INJUNCTION TO CONTINUE SERVICES TO ITS CLIENT TENANTS, WOULD BE VERY LIKELY TO PRODUCE WMMHC'S ASSENT TO MISSOULA'S OFFER," HUNT SAID, ADDING THAT WMMHC's COURT POSTURE WOULD BE WEAK, HAVING REJECTED ENGEN'S FULL-PRICE OFFER.

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