

INTERVIEW OF:

JASON DAVIS

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1 THEREUPON,

2 JASON DAVIS

3 was called as a witness and, having first been
4 duly sworn, testified as follows:

5 BY MR. KANEY:

6 Q. You're a member of the county council?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. When were you elected?

11 A. Election cycle '11 of 2012.

12 Q. 2012. Had you run for office before that?

13 A. Oh, yeah.

14 Q. What offices?

15 A. United States House of Representatives in
16 19 -- in 208 -- 2008.

17 Q. Did you -- did you receive any support from
18 other council members when you were running this last
19 time in 2012?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did you receive any support from the
22 company known as Waverly Media?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did you receive any support from a man
25 named Jim or Jimmy Sotolongo?

1 A. No.

2 Q. A woman named Ramara Garrett?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you know them now?

5 A. I know them now.

6 Q. Are you personally acquainted with them?

7 A. Oh, goodness sakes, no.

8 Q. When did you first become acquainted with
9 Jimmy Sotolongo?

10 A. Never have.

11 Q. You said you know them?

12 A. No, I said I did not. I do not know them.
13 Never met them. Wouldn't know them if I ran into
14 them on the street.

15 Q. That's two of us.

16 When you were running for the county
17 council, did you know of them?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you know the names?

20 And did you know them thereafter?

21 A. Yes, after.

22 Q. In what context did they come to your
23 attention?

24 A. When somebody brought up the fact that this
25 -- I can't even pronounce his last name. Whatever.

1 Sotolongo. Whatever it is. When the big Waverly
2 thing came up in the council, and everybody started
3 talking about this Sotolongo guy, or Sotolongo.
4 Whatever it is. What is it?

5 Q. Sotolongo.

6 What was the subject that brought them to
7 your attention when it was discussed to the county
8 council?

9 A. Some sort of in-kind contribution problems
10 that arose during one of the campaigns, or two of the
11 campaigns. Really, that's when it came up.

12 Q. During the campaign, were you aware that
13 there were people who suspected that Waverly, this
14 Waverly thing was going on, people were taking
15 in-kind contributions and not properly reporting
16 them?

17 A. I had no idea who they were during the
18 campaign. I never met them. I never -- I would see
19 the bus benches, I had no idea who ran them. I just
20 thought everybody was paying the big bucks out to get
21 bus benches because I'm sure they're expensive.

22 Q. For some people.

23 A. One can only -- you know, perception is
24 reality, correct?

25 Q. Correct.

1 A. To perceive somebody is paying for that,
2 that has to cost money. And something, as we know
3 with my 7 thousand dollars that I paid for a campaign
4 to win, I didn't have a lot of money to buy a bench.

5 Q. The record shows that you didn't need a lot
6 of money.

7 A. Apparently not.

8 Q. Were you aware of any buzz or gossip that
9 there was anything untoward going on in the campaign
10 financing in any of the campaigns?

11 A. Just my opponent. Somebody -- I was very
12 focused on my race, and it had come to my attention
13 late on my campaign that my opponent had done some
14 illegal actions in his campaign financing. But he
15 went to Tallahassee, and paid his fine, and got
16 slapped on the hand, and that was the end of that.

17 Q. Which opponent are you referring to?

18 A. Mr. Carl Persis. But, other than that, I
19 really didn't pay any attention to anybody else's
20 campaign. I was a little busy running mine.

21 Q. Who was your other opponent?

22 A. Ted Doran.

23 Q. Ted Doran.

24 A. Right.

25 Q. Did -- did you notice that Ted Doran's

1 campaign was being advertised on bus benches?

2 A. Yeah, somebody had to point it out to me.

3 Q. I guess you enjoyed seeing that?

4 A. Well, I'll be honest with you, when I drive
5 by a bus bench, I look at them as a realtor's ad. I
6 really don't pay any attention to them unless I'm
7 buying a house. Somebody actually said, did you see
8 Mr. Doran's bus benches? I said, no. Where are
9 they? Well, there's one in Debary -- or Deltona.
10 Sorry, Deltona. I said, I've got to go out and see
11 this thing. Oh, you you'll get a kick out of it. I
12 went by it, I saw it, I laughed, and got in my truck
13 and drove away.

14 Q. Why was it fun to you?

15 A. Elect Ted, Elected, like as in past tense
16 of elect. I kind of giggled.

17 Q. I forgot that one.

18 Since the campaign --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- since you were elected, have you
21 discussed the events of the campaign with anyone?

22 A. Could you be more specific, please?

23 Q. Well, the reason --

24 A. A lot happened.

25 Q. Yes. The reason you and I are here is

1 because of what they call the Waverly matter, the
2 issue of the recording -- or a misreporting of the
3 in-kind contributions for the bus benches for
4 political ads.

5 Have you had occasion to discuss the
6 Waverly matter with any of your former opponents or
7 other candidates?

8 A. No. Mr. Persis is -- and I -- for some
9 reason, he does not speak to me. I've called him a
10 couple of times, but he has yet to return my call.
11 And I have met up with Ted a couple of times, but --
12 met him here and there, but the issue of a bus bench
13 never came up. I'm sure there was some other more
14 important matter at hand.

15 Q. Well, I think you asked me to ask this: Do
16 you consider the question of complying with election
17 finance laws unimportant?

18 A. No. That's very important.

19 Q. Well, there was a big conversation going on
20 after the newspaper reported what they reported. I'm
21 sure you recall those stories?

22 A. No, to be honest with you, I do not because
23 I lived the story so I don't want to read any more
24 about it. Believe me, I only get the newspaper to
25 find out if they spelled my name right. That's all.

1 Q. That's not hard.

2 A. You'd be surprised.

3 Q. Well, if you lived the story, then --

4 A. I'm living the story as we speak right now,
5 so, I mean, any conversations that I've had with
6 anybody about Waverly has been right down there in
7 the dais in open chambers, other than this. I don't
8 discuss this matter. It is an open investigation. I
9 have no -- I don't want to talk to anybody about it.
10 Maybe the -- you know, I will rescind that statement,
11 because I did talk to Mr. Larizza, R.J. Larizza, and
12 I said, does this hinder your -- because this was
13 before we brought you on board. I did ask him if
14 that would hinder his investigation, and he said, no,
15 it would not. And we had a little bit of a
16 discussion there on just his level of the
17 investigation.

18 I said, okay. I just want to make sure
19 that we're not causing a problem by trying to fix a
20 problem. So I would say that would probably be the
21 only other individual that I've talked to about it.
22 Did I say it was an open investigation?

23 Q. When the -- when the issue of whether the
24 council should investigate the Waverly matter, did
25 you take any steps to inform yourself about the

1 issue?

2 A. Only as to what was in the paper. And I
3 said, okay. Because in the county charter, as I
4 still -- still scream from the highest mountain,
5 shall we say, at our -- 320 -- 309 investigations,
6 it's county council's job to investigate, to bring
7 subpoena and bring people towards the council, and
8 like a congressional or open chamber meeting, and
9 find the facts. So I did not want to taint the facts
10 in my own mind by reading something somewhere, or
11 another piece of paper or a document.

12 I had a feeling that if we were to bring it
13 into open chambers, the evidence would be presented
14 to us to where we could then see the facts, ask the
15 right questions, and get to the bottom of the matter.

16 Q. At some point it became apparent that it
17 was not going to happen?

18 A. At some point it became apparent that it
19 was not going to happen, you are correct.

20 Q. Did you take steps after that to --

21 A. No.

22 Q. -- inform yourself?

23 A. No, because at that point the county
24 council took it out of our hands and put it in your
25 hands, Jon Kaney's hands. And then it became no

1 longer my job. My job is to run the county
2 government to do investigations as we see, but when
3 we gave you this privilege or headache, however you
4 would like to call it, it no longer became ours, so
5 congratulations.

6 Q. Thank you.

7 So during the period of time from when this
8 story broke in the news --

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. -- it was in the television news and
11 newspaper news, you had no interest in inquiring,
12 looking into, asking anybody, you know, what's up
13 with that?

14 A. I had a feeling that we -- if it came to
15 the county council, we would have the information,
16 that's the job of, you know, subpoena and staff and
17 everybody. But was I going to circum ventilate the
18 system? No. Was I going to go find out more
19 information? Only if I needed to, and nothing had
20 came to the council yet. When the investigation was
21 called, it was immediately said, we're going to hire
22 an attorney to do this.

23 Q. Well, there was an interval between the
24 time that the council decided to do the
25 investigation, and the council passed the ordinance

1 and said for me to do it. And you had to vote on
2 that?

3 A. Yeah, I had to vote on whether or not we
4 would investigate it.

5 Q. Right.

6 A. I agreed. We need an investigation. Then
7 the next breath, you know -- we move at the speed of
8 government, so when we say we're going to
9 investigate, it may be another month and-a-half
10 before we get to the brass tax of the investigation,
11 or the inquiry. So during that time period there
12 would be plenty of time to find contracts, review
13 contracts, look at whatever we needed to look at.
14 Information was handed to us through Mr. Wagner about
15 his e-mails with -- his e-mails about the two or
16 three suggestions on what the contract might read
17 like, but other than that, I was not going to inquire
18 until we -- I knew the basis or the scope.

19 I've got to know where I'm going first
20 before I can draw the map. So am I going to
21 investigate illegal campaign contributions, or are we
22 going to investigate ADA compliancy, or would we be
23 investigating whether or not they have the right to
24 do this business, if it's on a -- you know, I mean,
25 there's a lot of issues that are involved, of course,

1 so I've got to narrow down where I'm going to
2 investigate, so -- and I really had no idea what we
3 were going to investigate because it was one extreme
4 to the other until it barreled right down to just
5 before we -- they voted to bring in an outside
6 attorney. At that time it was an -- illegal campaign
7 contributions.

8 Q. Just to clarify, when you said contract
9 earlier --

10 A. Um-hum.

11 Q. -- Josh Wagner brought you information
12 about "the contract"?

13 A. Yeah, he brought it to the council.

14 Q. You are referring to what contract?

15 A. I guess it was one of the original signings
16 of a contract. This was before I was on board. It
17 was just a suggestion that he had.

18 Q. For a contract with whom, is what I'm
19 trying to get on the record?

20 A. It was the Waverly contract, I guess, was
21 coming up for renewal and he had some suggestions
22 about it, which was e-mailed to the county manager,
23 and then sent out to all of the council members. And
24 that was brought forth in council, and everybody had
25 a copy of it, and we looked at it. Of course

1 Mr. Daniels said, well, this is, you know, illegal,
2 and this, this, and this, and it got a little heated.
3 It got to a point where I had to gavel them to stop,
4 take a recess, let everybody calm down for a few
5 minutes, and then we came back to it. Then it went
6 fairly smooth after that.

7 Q. Just another example of your work as a
8 peacemaker.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. When -- when the election was over, have
11 you -- before the election, were you acquainted with
12 Ted Doran?

13 A. Oh, yes.

14 Q. In what way?

15 A. Well, during the campaign. I met him on
16 the campaign trail.

17 Q. You first met him on the trail?

18 A. Yes. Actually, our first meeting was
19 telephonically, and it wasn't pleasant.

20 Q. Can you explain that?

21 A. But there's a lady in the room. No, it
22 wasn't that -- it wasn't that bad. There was some
23 issue about HAAA board appointments, or an attorney
24 somewhere -- I can't really remember the issue. But
25 I picked up the phone and I called them, and his

1 secretary put me straight to him. And I told him who
2 I was, and I was a candidate for county council
3 chair. And -- because it was a -- he wasn't even --
4 he was not even on the ballot yet. He was just
5 having an argument with, I think, Mr. Persis. And I
6 called him to get, you know, a little information.
7 Told him who I was. I said -- and his answer was,
8 who? Who are you? I have no idea who you are.
9 You're not even a viable candidate, I have no time to
10 talk to you, goodbye, click, and hung up the phone.

11 Q. Seriously?

12 A. I was sworn to tell the truth, sir. I was,
13 like, well, that was quite rude. Okay. Now, I'm
14 inspired. So I gathered up my 7 thousand dollars and
15 ran down the campaign trail, and --

16 Q. Have you, since the election, established a
17 more convivial relationship with --

18 A. Yes. Yes, Ted and I are friends. After he
19 lost his -- in the primary, he turned and he
20 contacted me, and he says, I will do whatever I've
21 got to do to help support you. I said, okay. Cool.
22 He says, what can I do? I said, go talk to five
23 thousand of your favorite friends, and tell them all
24 to give me \$500. And he says, okay, other than that,
25 what can I do in? I said, why don't you have five

1 thousand friends? You could plead the fifth at that
2 point.

3 And, no, Ted was very supportive after his
4 loss in the primary. Didn't really have a lot of
5 contact with him. Maybe a little telephonically, you
6 know, he would call and say, hey, they've got this
7 thing going on over here, you might want to go and
8 kind of rub an elbow or two in this meeting, or go
9 rub an elbow here, or kiss a baby here, or do this.
10 He knew of some things coming up that I was not aware
11 of, or my scheduler was not aware of. So we made
12 sure that everything was on the calender, and as you
13 see, I was a very busy person.

14 Q. Did you ever have occasion to talk to Ted
15 about the Waverly matter?

16 A. Oh, no.

17 Q. The issue?

18 A. No. Like I said, really -- it never -- I
19 joked about it because the "elected" signs are out,
20 too. I actually asked him, I called him after the
21 election, I said, do you want me to pick up your
22 signs? He goes, yeah. I said, do you want them
23 back? He says, burn them. I says, no, I use them.
24 And I do. I use the signs for things, projects,
25 stuff like that. I don't recall ever speaking with

1 him on the Waverly because, like I said, it was not
2 an issue to me in any way, shape, or form until last
3 year when somebody said, oh, by the way, and this
4 came out. I wasn't pleased with the way it came out,
5 but --

6 Q. How do you mean that?

7 A. It almost seemed like a little -- I'm
8 thinking my words through here because I don't want
9 to be -- but there's really no other way. It all
10 seemed like this was a -- like a pissing contest
11 between two council members to me, and I'm in the
12 middle of it. I've got one guy going after, to tell
13 the truth and all, I have Mr. Wagner who has made
14 comments about Mr. Daniels and his wife working at
15 the Ocean Center, and how he should recuse himself
16 from votes. And oh, you can't do that because you do
17 this and that. And then he comes over with something
18 that he was doing, and then everything seemed calm
19 and quiet for a couple of meetings. I was, like, we
20 meet with through this. And then all of a sudden the
21 Waverly thing comes out, and I go, the what? And
22 that was the first time it really hit me. What is
23 this? What's Waverly? Oh, you don't know? It's a
24 media company. Oh, so, it's a Media company. I
25 worked for a Media company. So? I worked for

1 Brighthouse, so, you know, and they're a multimedia
2 company. So I said, so, what? Oh, they were giving
3 in-kind contributions, and they did this, and they
4 did that. That's when I first heard all about this.
5 I was, like, oh, really? As a matter of fact,
6 Mr. Wagner, you got some. And I was, like oh, whoa,
7 whoa, gentlemen, please.

8 Q. Now, you're referring to --

9 A. Mr. Daniels, Doug Daniels, was the one that
10 started bringing it out.

11 Q. And then the one who said, as a matter of
12 fact, Mr. Daniels is the one you were referring to in
13 the comment --

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. -- would be Josh Wagner?

16 A. No, Mr. Wagner said -- or Mr. Daniels said,
17 by the way, Mr. Wagner you accepted in-kinds. And he
18 said, I have gave some back because it was too much.
19 And I'm, like, okay. It gets intense up there. I
20 had hair once.

21 Q. But your face got bigger?

22 A. Yeah, I let my face grow out.

23 Q. What do you expect to come out of this
24 investigation?

25 A. I really have no expectations whatsoever.

1 According to the charter, the information will be
2 given to the council, and it will be up to the
3 council to make a decision as to what they feel needs
4 to be done. This is purely a legislative issue. We
5 can -- we can make ordinances to limit, to a degree,
6 campaign advertising. I don't know how far this
7 council would be willing to step into the realm of
8 private business, to restrict a private business, but
9 it is, you know -- that's about where we can go.
10 It's just legislatively we could make a rule, which
11 is kind of like putting, you know, closing the barn
12 door after the horses were out. So somebody is back
13 here to close the door, but now what are we going to
14 do? Now, if there's anything else, I don't know
15 where that would go.

16 Q. Based on what you know now, do you think
17 there were any irregularities in the bus bench
18 in-kind contribution reporting?

19 A. I have made it my life's work to just stay
20 as far out of that problem as possible. I do not
21 know what anybody has received. I don't know what
22 was given. I've heard rumors, and of course we all
23 know rumor is unsubstantiated fact, and I really
24 don't want to promote rumor.

25 Q. Well, on the other hand, an investigator

1 has to pay attention to the rumors because sometimes
2 some of them have truth in them. So what were the
3 rumors that you heard?

4 A. Are you sure you want to hear these rumors?

5 Q. I do. I do.

6 A. I heard through the rumor that a candidate
7 or two in the last election actually went to Waverly
8 asking for in-kind contributions. I heard through
9 the rumor mill -- like I said, these are all rumors,
10 and I try not to pass them, and that's why nobody
11 knows about them because I haven't said anything.

12 Also heard in the rumor mill that certain
13 people were promised things that were never given to
14 them through advertising on the bus benches, or
15 newspaper, or whatever media they worked with. And
16 so it was kind of like a little slight of hand trick.
17 We promise you 600 benches, but you only get two, not
18 200. Two benches. And they moved the benches
19 around. Then they -- heard rumor that the benches
20 were supposed to be moved and were never moved. Oh,
21 I hear -- and I say -- when anybody brings something
22 like this to me, I say, well, show me some paperwork
23 on it. Well, I don't have that. Well, then it's a
24 rumor. I can't -- if it's not written down, it
25 doesn't exist in my world?

1 Q. In the interest of following up on the
2 investigation, the rumor that you heard that some
3 candidates were going to Waverly and asking for
4 in-kind, who were they?

5 A. I heard that Miss Northey was the one
6 candidate that I know of that went there to say, I
7 want some of this action, too. Like I said, it was
8 just a rumor.

9 Q. Who told you that?

10 A. I -- you know what? To be honest with you,
11 I do not recall. It was somewhere -- a phone call
12 somewhere. I don't remember who said it. I said,
13 until you give me -- until you give me some
14 paperwork, or a picture, or a fax, or recordings, or
15 some sort of information, that doesn't matter to me.
16 It was not given to me, so I really didn't even think
17 any more about it at all until just now.

18 MR. KANEY: Off the record a minute.

19 (Off the record discussion was held, after
20 which the following proceedings were had:)

21 A. His name is Mike Kiefer (sic) is the
22 gentleman in question that was asked. And the
23 question was, who is the gentleman that lives in
24 Deltona that worked for Waverly Media? And his name
25 is Mike Kiefer (sic). Like I said, I met Mike Kiefer

1 (sic) two or three times. I did not know he worked
2 for Waverly Media. He's a friend of a friend until
3 about a week or two ago I happened to bump into him.
4 I said, hey, Mike, how's it going? Well, I got --
5 I'm going to get subpoenaed. I said, who did you
6 shoot? What did you do? He said, no, it's your
7 fault. I said, what did I do? He says, it's the
8 Waverly thing. I says, why are they subpoenaing you?
9 He said, I worked for them. I said, oh, you do. I
10 never knew this. I didn't know. It was very odd.
11 It's one of those things where I probably should have
12 known, but I never asked.

13 BY MR. KANEY:

14 Q. So it wasn't Mike Kiepert that told you
15 Ms. Northey --

16 A. No, Mike never discussed anything about
17 Waverly Media to me about anything ever.

18 Q. Well, somebody accusing -- a rumor --

19 A. A rumor --

20 Q. -- a fellow council member --

21 A. I can't remember who it was. I do not
22 remember. It was just a rumor mill thing, and I do
23 not -- I'm sitting here racking my brain. It might
24 be somebody I just met that asked a question about
25 it, I don't know anything about it, I don't want to

1 know anything about it. And they may have said in
2 passing that -- I'm trying to picture where I was at
3 that time. I can't remember. I'm so sorry. I
4 really don't remember who it was. Probably, like I
5 said, somebody I just met.

6 Q. Do you ever have trouble remember what you
7 opened the refrigerator door to get?

8 A. No.

9 Q. You never open the door and, say, what am I
10 looking for?

11 A. No, because my refrigerator is, like, two
12 feet in front of me. It's in the breezeway. And if
13 I want something, I -- usually I'm sitting out there
14 and I open it up, there's a soda that I want in it.
15 That's it. We have a very strict rule in the house,
16 she cooks in the kitchen, don't go near my barbecue,
17 we're good, so I don't even know what's in the
18 refrigerator.

19 Q. Well, if your memory is so good you don't
20 forget why you opened the refrigerator door, why
21 can't you remember the name of the person?

22 A. Because I meet so many people every day.

23 THE WITNESS: You told me your name when I
24 came in, didn't you?

25 THE COURT REPORTER: (Nods head.)

1 A. I can't even remember her name. It's just
2 so much going through all the time, and my brain is
3 focusing on things, you know, government things. But
4 I do recall -- he was in suit and tie. I was at an
5 event, like a meet and greet or some of -- one of
6 them little mixer things. I remember that. I'm
7 trying to put the face to it. It may come to me. If
8 I do, I'll call you.

9 BY MR. KANEY:

10 Q. Okay. Have you -- has anyone ever told you
11 that they thought that Josh Wagner was calling the
12 shots of who got the bus bench ads, calling the
13 shots, masterminding, quarterbacking, whatever?

14 A. No. Never heard anything like that.

15 Q. So -- so no one ever accused Josh --

16 A. Not to me -- whereas they did accuse --
17 Pat. Like I said, it was just a rumor, and I said,
18 you show me something, I'll believe you, and then,
19 oh, hi --

20 Q. Did anyone ever --

21 A. The only thing -- yeah, the only thing that
22 I've ever heard, an accusation against Mr. Wagner,
23 was that he took too much of an in-kind contribution.
24 That's the only thing I've ever heard. And, once
25 again, I have no backup for that. I don't recall who

1 said it to me. Probably one of a million people.

2 And I said, until you have facts, it doesn't exist to
3 me.

4 Q. Did anyone ever -- has anyone told you that
5 Andy Kelly was asking Waverly for bus bench ads?

6 A. No. There's a name I haven't heard of in a
7 long time, Andy Kelly. I do know Andy, but I haven't
8 heard his name in a while.

9 Q. Earlier in the conversation, you say that
10 you had heard that there were candidates asking for
11 in-kind contributions.

12 A. Yeah, that -- that's just that one
13 incidence.

14 Q. Okay. So put a name on who you heard that
15 about.

16 A. I already did.

17 Q. Pat?

18 A. That was it.

19 Q. Pat Northey?

20 A. Yeah, that was it. I mean, if you want to
21 know all of the things I've heard that I've never
22 looked at as far as Waverly. I mean, I could tell
23 you that I heard Josh has taken in-kinds. I've heard
24 Joyce has taken in-kinds. I've heard that Doug has
25 taken in-kinds. I've heard that Mr. Bruno got some

1 in-kinds. Let's see, who else? Andy Kelly, of
2 course. I've heard that one. And strangely enough,
3 I've never heard that Mr. Persis took any, so I'm
4 glad to hear that. I actually like Carl, he's a nice
5 guy. I mean, that's the list of people that I have
6 heard that have taken these in-kinds.

7 Q. And just to clear up, when we say in-kind,
8 that includes --

9 A. We're talking in-kind contributions to a
10 campaign account, giving a product and/or service
11 with -- with the intent to influence or change an
12 electoral outcome.

13 Q. And when you heard these things, was part
14 of what you heard that they were not being properly
15 reported?

16 A. I just heard that they were taking the
17 in-kinds. Some were less than the maximum amount,
18 some were over the maximum account (sic), you know.
19 I didn't -- nobody got into numbers, nobody told me
20 big bucks, little bucks, or anything, so -- and that
21 was when this started up, and I usually went, thanks,
22 don't want to know about it. How did Jim Dinneen say
23 it? That I was probably the only one on the chair --
24 on the council that was really above reproach on this
25 issue because I never took a bus bench.

1 Q. Well, I think we already covered that. The
2 reason you didn't get offered is because nobody
3 thought you were going to win.

4 A. Oh, well. Here I are.

5 Q. Let the record show that we had a shrug
6 there.

7 A. I am here.

8 Q. I'm saying that in all good humor. Your
9 election was a major upset. You surprised all of the
10 political know-it-alls in the county?

11 A. Yeah, 66 percent of their vote. That's a
12 big margin. But I warned everybody during the
13 campaign. Everybody said after the primary, so what
14 are you going to do now? I'm going to get Ted
15 Doran's 30 percent, that way I'll 60.

16 Q. And you did.

17 Is there anything else regarding this
18 investigation that you would like to put on the
19 record?

20 A. I think everything that I would have to say
21 about this investigation I've already stated in open
22 chambers. The council made the vote to do the
23 investigation in this manner, which I still think is
24 inappropriate. Nothing against anybody, you know,
25 Mr. Kaney, or anything like that. I just think that

1 the scope of this investigation has gone beyond what
2 the county charter founders were initially looking
3 at. I just hope this thing ends soon so we can get
4 on with business so -- because we've got a lot of
5 business that we're holding up on the county side.
6 The citizens are going, please, hurry up and get it
7 done, because they want us to do what we were hired
8 to do. So I hope this moves forward, and we get
9 done, and everybody can get on with life, maybe.

10 Q. What's an example of something that can't
11 be done until this investigation is finished?

12 A. Oh, our strategic plan. That's been put on
13 hold until this investigation is over with. That was
14 one thing. And -- because that's a big thing.
15 That's going to be a big, big, major thing. The
16 citizens are yelling at me about it.

17 Q. Okay. Let me just say, Mr. Davis is here
18 voluntarily and cooperating with the investigation
19 that he wishes never happened.

20 A. Exactly.

21 Q. I thank you for cooperating.

22 (WHEREUPON, the interview was concluded.)
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COUNTY OF VOLUSIA)

I, Shannon Green, Registered Professional Reporter, the undersigned authority certify that Jason Davis named herein personally appeared before me and was duly sworn on the 21st day of February, 2014.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 3rd day of March, 2014.

Shannon Green
Registered Professional Reporter
Notary Public - State of Florida
My Commission No. EE852120
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