From: Josh Briggs <.@..> Sent: 26 August 2021 16:30 To: Leigh Sutton <.@..>

Cc: CNB <@..>: Mayor.Councillors <Mayor.Councillors@huttcity.govt.nz>: Jo Miller <.@..>

Subject: Re: Staff story this morning

Leigh. You are quoted, as a Councillor, in the article. It is a matter of fact that you are involved in the article. If you didn't want people to say you were involved in the article, it would have been best not to take part in it.

I have attached a screen shot just in case anyone has not seen the article yet. Also, here is the link: https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/126178939/staff-

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From: Leigh Sutton <xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Sent: 26 August 2021 15:50

To: Josh Briggs <xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Josh - I was approached for a comment and at the same time was surprised to learn the reporter had a copy of the survey which was more than I have been able to obtain.

So please stop the gaslighting.

Leigh

Sent from my iPhone

> On 26/08/2021, at 3:38 PM, Josh Briggs <xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

> Kia ora tatou.

> It is disappointing to see the story on Stuff today. Jo, you and all of CLT have my support in the work you are doing.

> Given Leigh has commented on the Stuff story it's pretty clear that at least one elected member is involved with this story.

> I'm surprised by Shazly's and Chris's emails and I've had enough.

> Let's be clear Chris and let the other Councillors know what took place at the Chief Executive's Employment Subcommittee meeting on the 16th of August. You came into the meeting, requested the confidential meeting papers and copied down the survey results on a note pad verbatim. I called you out for what you were doing and you denied it. I then made it very clear I knew what you were doing, including which page you were copying from. You then apprehensively acknowledged that my assertion was correct and then left the meeting. Both Mark and Max then magically tweaked their messaging about the staff survey results. A coincidence? I for one am sick of your lies and manipulation. You aren't fooling anyone but yourself.

> Max is caught up in all of this. Posting regularly on his "truth exposed" page. Shazly, did you know he is bragging about getting you to ask questions for him through elected member requests? Is this true?

> It's well past time to get on with the jobs we were all elected to do.

> Nga mihi,

> Josh

Councillor Leigh Sutton said she felt she had been "fobbed off" when she and another elected member asked for the survey results. "This is unfortunate as we have been asked about it by members of the community but obviously cannot respond appropriately to them as we have been not allowed to see the document," Sutton said.

