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## **NEWS BULLETIN, INJUNCTION – SPECIAL EDITION, 2014**

- **Letter from Vice Mayor Adam Trenk – Litigation filed 5-27-14**
- **Verified Complaint for Special Action / Application for Injunction**

Hello Friends and Fellow Creekers,

During the past year, the Current Council has delivered on promises made during the campaign of 2013. We have adopted ordinances to protect desert rural zones, streamlined municipal operations, identified and repaired numerous problems with our water and waste water infrastructure caused by the neglect of previous management, drafted a budget for the next fiscal year with a dramatic \$1,000,000.00 reduction in expenditures, and overseen promotions to ensure the success of our local businesses. This reform occurred despite relentless personal attacks, false outrage, and lawsuits drummed up by our opposition to justify a toxic “re-do” recall election effort. The old guard’s clamoring for a recall began before this council took office as a “threat” of things to come if our first official action was to fire the Town manager.

In March of 2013 the citizens of Cave Creek demanded new leadership so loudly during the primary election that three incumbents dropped out of the race instead of facing certain defeat in the run-off. Predictably, the old guard began their effort to delegitimize our Council immediately after we took the first step to effectuate positive change in the community. Since June of 2013 the recall effort has been underfoot, led by Sonoran News publisher Don Sorchych, the disgruntled ex-Town Manager Usama, and a few supporters. They ignore facts, make accusations to undercut the legitimacy of the sitting council, and tout a recall as salvation. Yet, despite having months to plan and prepare for their efforts, they failed to comply with State law governing the circulation of recall petitions.

Recognizing that the recall effort is contrary to the majority’s will, and not compliant with State law, I could not sit idly by. If the recall election is held it will cost the taxpayer untold thousands. This may not bother the old guard, after all a mere tens of thousands of dollars of wasted tax payer money pales in comparison to the waste and excess that was the hallmark of their years in power. But it bothers me.

Accordingly, I, together with two of my colleagues, have filed suit to expose the clear violations of state law perpetrated by those supporting the recall. We aim to prevent this toxic, illegal, and costly effort from moving forward. Though I think a recall would provide me opportunity to voice our successes, and result in a re-affirmation of my service by the citizens of Cave Creek, that is not an appropriate reason to allow it to stand. I am optimistic that our suit will expose the illegality of the recall proponents actions, negate the recall itself, and spare the taxpayer the expense of presiding over it. In the meantime, I plan to continue to diligently and proudly serve Cave Creek.

**Adam Trenk, Vice Mayor, Town of Cave Creek**