

Lies A Liar Lies

This is a deconstruction of the some of the lies publicly displayed by Mr. Martinez in his profile in the newspaper of 9/13/2018.

"I take great pride in accepting this responsibility by swearing an oath to uphold . . . the State of Colorado's Constitutions in my role as the assessor of Lake County! I promise to be informed in my interpretation of all laws, and fair in my application of those laws, on behalf of the residents of my great community! Values as assessor: I . . . Bring boundless energy to any situation. . . . Bring drive and focus to the issues."

Yes, he, or more likely a clique of his Corruptocrat followers, actually wrote all that. He also swore an oath to "faithfully perform the duties of the office" Let's look at all of the above. First, there is only one Colorado Constitution, not Constitutions. He swore that oath to perform the duties of an office which he, with the assistance of the previous Assessor (not assessor), had thoroughly corrupted by deliberately gaming the system (as my investigation showed) established by State of Colorado statute and procedure for performing the duties of the office of County Assessor. So he swore that oath as nothing more than another minute of another deception which was then casually and contemptuously ignored. In other words, par for his course.

Note that he promises to be informed, not in those laws but in his interpretation of them! It is his interpretation, not the laws, which he follows. And what guides his interpretations? Well, certainly not character or integrity or professional ethics. So he knows nothing about those laws except how to concoct his own interpretation of them, in defiance of statute and established process, in order to game, corrupt and evade them.

Fair in application of those laws? Hmmm. Is that why my property valuation soared far more than average, with nothing having changed on it? Is that why some property owners have seen their valuations more than double for no reason other than that they are for sale on the open market for more than double their valuation? There are no laws, procedures or processes which in any way validate that "interpretation" of fairness. That is not only completely fraudulent and corrupt, it is also illegal when viewed through the lens of those laws, procedures and processes. Residential property values in Lake County are, in fact, so arbitrary, capricious, and lacking in legal, statutory backing that fraudulent is the only word that can be applied to them.

"Boundless energy", "drive and focus", "a strong work ethic", "constantly juggling a large number of projects"? I wonder where any of that shows up? Certainly not in his office where he is hardly ever to be found. I worked around him for six months and I found him to be the laziest person I have ever spent time around. By far. He made a giant sloth seem frenetic, a snail to seem a hare! In the first five of those months, while admittedly out in the field a good part of that time doing the job he had been paid to do but hadn't, I observed him actually try to work on appraisal duties part of one day, and even the simple task he attempted was beyond him. That's right, I said part of one day. In five months. Apparently that was more or less his normal schedule; that was what he had been allowed to get away with, according to others, for many years. Taking 100% of his pay and benefits, yet doing next to nothing, and that fraudulently, as my investigation showed, in my book makes him a thief.

Note also, its not this great community but "my great community". Talk about giant ego in miniscule character. Imagine, as John Lennon wouldn't have said, how much greater it would be without him in it.

"I also consider my coworkers as family and attempt to value them as my highest priority." Coworkers? What coworkers? If everyone "worked" at his pace and effort it would take a month to get a day's work finished. And if he values his coworkers/employees so much, why is the word I hear most commonly applied to his management of them "bully"? Or maybe that is how he "manages" his family. When a dolt tries to supervise smarter people than he, bullying is the only method to gain at least a shred of quasi-respect. Martinez is not someone who is ever going to spend much time around smart people and leave them thinking he is one of them.

While at work, while being paid to work, while accepting money from an employer to work, yes, family is a background priority in that most people work to provide for themselves and their family. However, to do so means you provide a productive service in return for a wage or salary, which means your first, second and third priority while accepting that wage or salary is providing that productivity, and that is the workday focus. He can claim to place his family first because he gets taxpayer-provided pay for forty hours while providing about zero productivity because the majority of those hours are spent who knows where. His employees, nor hardly anyone else, enjoy that luxury.

Why is his office door almost always closed? Because there's hardly ever anyone inside. The few hours he might chance to be there still finds the office empty of anyone faithfully and fairly performing the duties of the office.

What does he provide? Fraud and fakery and indolence, thank you county taxpayers. That is what this county gets in return for paying him to do next to nothing at all, and nothing at all honestly. He boasts about all of his licenses and hours of courses and etc., but doesn't mention that he has also taken courses in appraiser ethics, though not with any intention of ever following them. To the contrary, "His government career has been dishonorable and dishonest piled upon chicanery piled upon charlatanism piled upon lies and gross misbehavior."

"The mass appraisal approach generally involves using a sample of properties sold during a data collection period" No it doesn't, not in this county! In counties where property sales number in the thousands, and only in those counties, a "sample of properties sold" may be deemed a representative sample of the market. That, however, applies not to the market as a whole but specifically for things like cookie-cutter subdivisions, where dozens, even hundreds, of similar properties of similar size, style and age, with often identical or merely reversed floor plans exist. How many such subdivisions does Lake County have? That would be zero such subdivisions. How many thousands of sales does Lake County have in any data collection period? That also would be zero. Lake County sales for a data collection period are more likely to number from 150 to 350, a long way from thousands.

In Lake County every confirmed sale, must be adjudged to be representative of the market. There is no great number of sold, similar properties in any neighborhood in any data collection period and there are thus no confirmed sales which can be deemed superfluous for market analysis. Period. Why then this deliberate, knowing or incompetence-revealing lie? Because it is absolutely critical for valid market sales analysis that an accurate description of the sold properties be obtained. How is that done? Obviously, by inspecting those properties as thoroughly as possible, which means getting out of the comfy, taxpayer-provided office chair and getting out and about in the county and doing as complete of an on-site inspection of those properties as access allows. And getting out of his comfy, taxpayer-provided office chair and doing those on-site inspections was exactly what Martinez decided he was not going to do though it was precisely his job to do them. That decision he was neither qualified nor authorized to make, but which he was allowed to make anyway because his supervisor was his spineless patsy. That decision led him to make not what it would have led a person possessing honesty or integrity to make, i.e., finding another job, but led him to begin a process of gaming the system which is at the heart, which is the core of the reason for having an Assessor Office in the first place. Gaming (corrupting) that process is what has gone on in that office ever since.

Furthermore, every county Assessor Office in Colorado should be appraising every property in the county on a regular basis, with every ten years recommended for that basis. There is a greater than 99.99% chance that any such program has never been contemplated by Martinez.

So what is it with this guy? It seems that his lips move and lies, scams, deceptions and the occasional quarter truth flow like the Mississippi River. It's like he just can't stop. If it's not this lie it's that lie. If it's not scams A, B and C it's scams D, E and F. If it's not try this fine sheep's wool over your eyes it's try this fine alpaca's wool over your eyes. Why? Maybe because he has always gotten away with it, maybe because he keeps getting away with it, and so he . . . just . . . can't. . . stop? The single "talent" I observed him to possess in the months I worked around him was the ability to lie like he breaths, with unconscious ease and fluency, ease and

fluency which can only be gained from decades of constant and continual practice. He memorizes various lines of con artist patter which get him through 98% of his life (including newspaper profiles, and yes, I've watched him doing exactly that), but break through that patter and there is vacuum and void. While he possesses a certain animal cunning in abundance, of human intelligence, not so much. From talking with others, I know I am not the only person who sees through him like morning mountain air, but none of the county's poohbahs and power "elites" seem to possess the smarts to do so. It's what I call Big Frog-ism. The Big Frogs in this little pond see just another wannabe Big Frog, a bit more corrupt than average, maybe, but basically just one of them. The real people see a puffed up phony and liar's liar.

His "talent" may have a value in private business, particularly where selling goods at a variable price, where being glib and slick and deceptive, is the process. It is, however, a malignant, deadly cancer in a government of and for the people.

We are now into twenty-five and still counting years of Assessors whose first thought has been along the lines of, "How can I benefit myself by hoodwinking everyone else?" instead of, "How do I benefit everyone by not hoodwinking anyone?" How does that happen? Well, those twenty-five years of Assessors are, of course, personally responsible, but they are never going to admit it. And what about the voters who put them there? Ah, now we get a little deeper. When a majority electorate elects serial con artists serially, that is an electorate far too easily bamboozled. In this Age of the Bamboozled Democrat, and in a Democrat county, there is double trouble for honest government. But Democrats, while the largest party, are not a majority party in Lake County. Voters put the fraud into the office and voters must remove it, because it is certainly not going to remove itself.