

The Facts vs the Smear

Comments on the Arapahoe County Commissioner Election, District 2

CLAIM: SECRET MEETINGS ARE HELD RE: TRANSPORTATION

TRUTH: Secret meetings were never held.

My opponent claims that secret meetings have taken place regarding transportation solutions. What she doesn't mention, however, is as a representative of the I-25 and Arapahoe Road Coalition, my opponent regularly attended meetings that she now claims were "secret".

No discussion ever took place to keep those meetings secret. County and city representatives, staff and the public were always welcome. City of Greenwood Village occasionally hosted meetings because of its central location. No meetings were ever held in my office.

These meetings were held to discuss funding for transportation solutions that will reduce traffic delays, improve safety, reduce traffic impacts on nearby neighborhoods and improve air quality.

In fact, this project was rated as the top project in the City of Centennial Citizen Survey. However, my opponent refused to sign a letter "requesting federal highway discretionary funding for the I-25/Arapahoe Road Interchange in the upcoming Reauthorization of the Federal Aid Highway and Transit Programs." This letter referenced ONLY the I-25/Arapahoe Road Interchange, no other roadways were mentioned. (Letter dated April 19, 2010 to Senator Mark Udall).

Only when my opponent decided to run for county commissioner did she begin to politicize coalition meetings

CLAIM: UNETHICAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAMPAIGN

TRUTH: Appropriate, ethical payment for professional services.

McClellan claims that I accepted an unethical contribution to a campaign which has no basis in fact. Voters should know that I was compensated for a six month professional job, and the City of Greenwood Village attorney provided an opinion that the project and payment for services rendered was appropriate and transparent.

RE: Transportation Management Assoc. Interim Executive Director Compensation

Beginning in January 2008 through June 2008, I was asked to assume the duties of Interim Executive Director of the South I-25 Transportation Management Association following retirement of the executive director. Shortly after he retired, two staff members also left the organization. This organization, comprised of local government and business leaders, has worked together to successfully complete the TREX Project on time and on budget, bring RTD Call N Ride to the south I-25 corridor to serve employees who ride light rail, and to bring solutions to ease traffic congestion.

I was happy to help bridge the gap until a new director was hired so that programs like the award winning Transit Ridership Incentive Program would be available to commuters. After the new director was hired, I spent additional time training him so that he would be up to speed quickly on issues that are vital to transportation efforts in the corridor.

At the end of the six month period, the Board of the Transportation Management Association offered to compensate me for a portion of the hours I had dedicated to keeping the Association moving forward. To assure there were no conflicts of interest, I consulted the City Attorney for Greenwood Village. I was advised that there was no conflict. I appreciated the gesture of the Board to recognize the 10-15 hours per week that I had invested over this six month period. As a result, I was paid \$15,000 for my time and expertise as a project manager and interim executive director.