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Mrs. Leshner's Contract - Please read at call to public

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Good evening Board,

Please read this at call to the public on 7 January 2024, I am unable to attend the meeting in person.

Board members, my following comments are not personal to you or to Mrs. Leshner. Instead, they are the culmination of years of military service, a poly sci degree, and work as a federal government contractor.

By not allowing the public to view Mrs. Leshner's contract prior to its adoption, you violate the spirit of open meetings laws, and probably also the letter of it. As outlined in both a Tucson Sentinel and Tucson Agenda article, this is a breech of the public trust and transparency that we need in good governance.

I would also like to point out the agenda item itself does not specifically mention the Board will be discussing/taking action on Mrs. Leshner's \*new\* contract, or contract renewal. The vague language is surely a violation of noticing requirements which are meant to keep the public informed of the business being conducted by their governing body. Merely stating her contract will be discussed leads the public to believe her \*current\* contract is up for discussion, further reinforced with the attachment of her current contract to the provided materials.

Mrs. Leshner might very well deserve the contract you plan on awarding her, and the terms might very well be fair. But please maintain the integrity of the office and the spirit of transparency by disclosing the contents of said contract to the public forum for consideration well prior to adoption.

Please table this motion today, and allow democracy to be messy and vibrant. Some of us fought and died for that unlikely symmetry.

Yours,

Chad Huxley

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