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TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW

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2 Interviewer (Q): Unknown female

3 Interviewer (Q1): Unknown female

4 Interviewee (A): R

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6 Abecause I was a waitress in a bar and worked in
7 the bar industry, it was hard for me to get a loan, so
8 I was able to get a owner finance on a historical grand
9 fathered in in Fairview. And it was D and R
10 K and they were very nice to me, and because
11 I saved my money and only bought what I really needed
12 to have and never bought things that I didn't need to
13 have. I was able to put approximately \$10,000 down on
14 the property. And because I had a very large down,
15 they liked me better than anyone else that was in
16 interested.

17 So I ended up buying a historical property in
18 Fairview that was originally run by Reverend J who
19 was a very predominant Black minister in this
20 neighborhood. And many years ago, there was mass
21 discrimination in Anchorage and this man was the first
22 in for Black people in Anchorage. Basically, Black
23 railroad workers were staying in (indiscernible) and so
24 when I purchased the property, I wasn't fully aware of
25 the historical significance of it.

1 But sometimes, God has plans that -- or a high
2 power has plans that we don't know what it is.

3 Q1 Uh-huh.

4 A And so basically, I moved here and I realize that the
5 neighborhood was a mess and we had a administration
6 that was putting money in other parts of town instead
7 of this part of town. And the first night I was here,
8 I go to (indiscernible) side. What did I get myself
9 into? You know, I look out the window and there's
10 prostitutes and drug dealers and all of this is going
11 around my house and around this center for kids.

12 And now I am not a small stature, I'm 6'1", I was
13 weighing in at 275 pounds then and I basically started
14 from my curb to the middle of the street to the far end
15 of the place and it started with hi, can I help you,
16 which one of these kids are yours? And the drug
17 dealers didn't like that because I wasn't backing down
18 and they'd say well, which one of the kids are yours,
19 I'd say I have several of them. They didn't know that
20 I was barren and I couldn't have kids, so basically,
21 like you're sure I got kids? Lots of kids.

22 And the interesting part about it is that these
23 kids did not have an advocate for them. There was
24 nobody advocating for them. The community council was
25 weak, they were timid and I didn't have a weak or timid

1 bone in my body. I was originally flown up here for
2 security when the man was murdering women in the woods.
3 So you've heard about the movie, On Deadly Ground?

4 Q Uh-huh.

5 Q1 Uh-huh.

6 A Well, I was turning 22, I had photos of me rippling
7 with massive amounts of muscle and I came up here and I
8 bought the building when I was 25 and I basically had
9 no fear. My father was a professional boxer, he taught
10 me how to defend myself at a very young age. He also
11 taught me how to handle things in a very smart,
12 legitimate type of way. So the police were finding out
13 about me before I was even feeling like talking to
14 them. They knew that there was this big, huge woman
15 that basically was taking (indiscernible) center and
16 that the drug dealers were running out like rats. The
17 prostitutes were running out like rats.

18 I had little girls that had prostitutes trying to
19 chase after them and recruit them. I had pedophiles
20 that were being chased off on a regular basis. I did
21 not have full support from the police department. I
22 used my body to block assembly members from walking
23 away from me, so I used to play basketball and you had
24 to move from side to side and so they had to listen to
25 me.

1 I made the community council become accountable so
2 basically, I came into the community council and I was
3 a hard nosed bitch. You've heard rumors about R
4 M, she was the lady in the community. R
5 was a pussycat compared to me. R was more like the
6 one that would show up at the meetings and be direct
7 and to the point and -- but she was smaller than me, so
8 I could go and talk to these great big assembly people
9 or police officers and I wouldn't back down, I wouldn't
10 walk away, I wouldn't shy away, I wouldn't just hand
11 them a paper.

12 I got on the community council board and it was
13 hard. There was city controversy over Cornell
14 Corrections. The first day on the board in front of a
15 main body and I had to literally have everyone go to
16 the right and to the left that were horribly against
17 it, and if they were a guest and weren't -- were
18 neutral, I had to make them sit. I had a woman coming
19 out screaming and yelling, which was R M,
20 which I had to order her to sit down. But attendance
21 was good that night, which I turned around and
22 convinced them that they had to come and debate more,
23 that it wasn't just that then I was immediately -- the
24 next year, I was the Vice President of community
25 council because I have ability to show up with written

1 papers, you know, and fax things to people.

2 So it was like a tag team and the center was
3 falling apart. There was heat in the entry, but not
4 heat inside the center. There was benches that were
5 falling apart, there was allegations that were not
6 proven, that the director at the time was molesting
7 young girls. That was never proven in court.

8 So I was made aware of that, which means that I
9 was showing up in -- at times in places where the staff
10 didn't like it. But there was no such thing as a
11 secret hallway or a secret door that I wouldn't open
12 and check to see if it was locked. The pimps and the
13 prostitutes knew me as Amazon and I literally had to go
14 over to a club where the pimps and prostitutes hung out
15 and I had one of them mouth off at me in the pool room
16 and I lifted him up by his nuts sack and basically let
17 them know that this was my territory and stay the hell
18 away from my kids. That was no piece of cake.

19 In 1993, I had threats. A rumor on the street was
20 that they were going to try to hurt me, beat me up, run
21 me off, so I hopped in the ring. I made a 265-pound
22 woman go airborne from corner of the ring to the other
23 corner of the ring. I made her wet -- pee her pants
24 and we took the trophy. Stuck it on the front desk for
25 everybody to see and it cleared them out. That's what

1 it took to clear out the rats.

2 And then not only was the politicians afraid of me
3 because I was smart, but they were also afraid of me
4 because I was strong, so (indiscernible - laughing)
5 it's pros and cons. So when I ran for office, it said
6 that I was a pro boxer and they took a picture of me in
7 front of the rec center. And K tried to claim
8 that he was, you know, the neighborhood whatever, but
9 every (indiscernible), we had done it together as a
10 team, and you know, the thing about it is the community
11 council needed to actually have two people run for
12 office in the community because there was no way to get
13 the issues out other than in the public forum.

14 So before I run, I started to (indiscernible)
15 Paint Fairview Program and that was to get policy to
16 press. And so.....

17 Q Can I interrupt you real quick? What was the Paint
18 Fairview Program?

19 A Paint Fairview Program was a program that passed out
20 paint and helped out seniors and it got kids fence
21 painting and we passed out brushes, loaned out ladders
22 and we were basically on the verge of -- there was so
23 negative press about the neighborhood that we had to
24 get any kind of positive press.

25 And so that got us positive press instead of the

1 shooting, this person died. We had one day when I was
2 here, I wasn't even here a month and there was a
3 burning cross at Fairview Lions Park. You know, the
4 buildings had just been cleared and they had a burning
5 cross to intimidate the Black people.

6 I was one of the first white women to be part of
7 the NWACP along with Pamela Marsh and the challenge was
8 for this -- one of the former President's wife said,
9 well, aren't you afraid to be here with all these Black
10 people? And I said no, because E lived with us
11 when we were a kid and she was Black and it didn't
12 bother me a bit.

13 So -- but we've had where they have it on video
14 and down Karluk Street and the fence that had just been
15 built with a beautiful house with people being
16 paintballed by kids coming into the neighborhood. And
17 that was like feeling like you've done all this stuff
18 and you've built a beautiful house and you built up the
19 community and it's like someone coming in and abusing
20 one of your children or one of your family, even though
21 I didn't know who it happened to.

22 So we're always challenged with that. We have
23 people that come into this neighborhood and we recently
24 had someone -- people come in and they broke out
25 windshields, they broke antennas. We've had where they

1 refused to put the property taxes when we had the heavy
2 snow, we were one of the last communities to get plowed
3 out.

4 So when the people that were parking in front of
5 my hotel, a commercial property with the city wanting
6 12 percent bed tax and not being plowed and then
7 getting their cars hit because there wasn't enough room
8 for two trucks to go through.

9 In order to get things done in this community, we
10 have to basically audit the city, call for someone to
11 come or make them be afraid that there's going to be a
12 class action lawsuit. We've had R L that has
13 sued the city, we have had reporters that show up. I
14 have a reporter that showed up several weeks ago on
15 Tuesday because Karluk Street had broken branches on
16 the sidewalk, they had not weed eaten, there was trash.

17 Before I went out of town, I had a man work three
18 days on Karluk Street raking and the city refused to
19 pick up the bags. So I just left and left the bags.
20 So when I come back and the bags are gone, but Karluk
21 Street is still a mess, so as soon as the city, Parks
22 and Rec people saw that I was walking with the reporter
23 because the reporter was the same reporter that showed
24 up in the Mayor's office when I complained, then they
25 came with a water truck cleaning up.

1 We're the last ones to receive flowers from the
2 greenhouse. You can look at the corner here and you'll
3 see one side's done, but the other side isn't done.
4 They refused to give J flowers to paint -- or
5 plant with the kids. I've explained them repeatedly
6 that, if you garden with the kids and plant with the
7 kids and you fix up with the kids, the kids won't tear
8 up, but they don't seem to get that concept and that's
9 something that's going to have to come from your group
10 in order to change these communities around such as
11 Fairview, Mountain View.

12 Even if they had a thing where eight kids worked
13 with the Parks and Rec person or a master gardener
14 program person that's supposed to do 50 hours a week
15 and you had a drawing where the kid would win \$10, you
16 would have those kids there. And you could do the same
17 thing with gift certificates. That will change around
18 the communities. What is going on in Fairview, in
19 Mountain View, you know, you will see in Fairview
20 there's hardly any gang markings because the gangs
21 really aren't allowed to get much of a hold.

22 M was good where you would cover the gang
23 markings right away. Mountain View's to the point
24 where the gangs threaten people that cover their
25 markings. But I actually live where I have a security

1 person that keeps an eye on me all the time and Ronnie
2 keeps an eye on me all the time when he's not at work.
3 He's there keeping an eye on me and he doesn't live
4 with me.

5 But because of my position and my position in the
6 community, I am basically the lobbyist for Fairview
7 Community Council. So we have people that go to
8 meetings and show up at assembly things and then we
9 have people that show up at Republican party convention
10 even though I'm not a Republican or I will show up at
11 someone's fundraiser party or I will show up and read
12 at some event that they're in favor of and I know
13 they're in favor of and I'll show up at the event.

14 So I spend, during campaign season, 15 hours a
15 week on stuff to just make sure that the community
16 doesn't get short changed. So that means I may throw a
17 campaign party like I'm going to do on the 2nd for
18 candidate of the district of Anchorage in order to make
19 sure that when we say we need funds for children's
20 programs in recreation centers, that there would
21 actually be funding, so it's no piece of cake.

22 And then I have to prepare myself, get my nails
23 done, make sure the proper shoes on, proper makeup,
24 makeup has to be perfect, hair has to be perfect,
25 clothes have to be perfect and then I show up and then

1 I am the one that stands out completely out of the
2 group and then I talk about the issues that are
3 important because they're all going to say oh, where
4 did you get this outfit and all this. And you know,
5 meanwhile, I'm probably poorer than most of the people
6 showing up at the parties, but I don't go and spend
7 \$100 here or there. I actually have a tailor in
8 Thailand that tailor made things for me and then I have
9 people that show up with clothes that say here, you're
10 going to have wear this to go on me because this is
11 happening.

12 And then I talk to them about clothes and I
13 convince them to give me their clothes they don't want
14 and then we have a little house full of clothes and we
15 literally set up and put on events that gives them
16 clothes. And I'm the -- under the Polynesian
17 Association of Alaska now and we give teenage girls
18 clothes and women clothes and guys clothes if we have
19 some, to keep them in school, get them in school, get
20 them to work. I am the only woman allowed to go into
21 certain 12-step programs and bring clothes and dress
22 them up because I do it in a very non evasive way. I
23 just put it on the table and people grab what they
24 want.

25 But until governments realize that they engage the

1 teens, they engage the youth, even if it's weeding,
2 let's all weed and put seeds down and perennial seeds
3 and they'll come up next year, which is something that
4 could be done through UAA with UAA students. It will
5 change these kids around.

6 A lot of these kids in this neighborhood have
7 parents that are heavily afflicted by depression,
8 mental illness, single parent, no father, no mother and
9 they just need someone to work with them and talk with
10 them. And so some of us are wearing thin, but I
11 remember one day, I was ready to give up and I was so
12 frustrated. And I had to go to NWACP event and I was
13 just so worn out and tired and there was one of my
14 little girls and she was at the head table. And I had
15 time invested in this kid and you know, certain ones
16 that are challenging and everything that comes out of
17 their mouth is I'm garbage, I'm trash, I'm bad, I'm
18 falling apart. And that's what's coming out and
19 falling apart.

20 And so you have to counter it with building them
21 up. You know, you're strong, this is only temporary,
22 how is your school going, how is your class going.
23 Every year, I go into the school, every year they see me
24 walking down the halls, every year I bring shoes to the
25 school. These shoes. They say are you coming to check

1 on me? Yes, I am coming to check on you.

2 We had a former director at Fairview Recreation
3 Center that died, his body went out, C' body went
4 out because the man did not know how to take a break.
5 To be a supreme community activist, you must recognize
6 that you must be able to take a break. You have to
7 take off a minimum of two months a year because you
8 will have things that rip your heart apart.

9 When S was working at the recreation center,
10 we have a (indiscernible) that was a bit challenged and
11 three strikes, you're out and the kid ended up going to
12 jail and S fell apart. That was her last week,
13 last month. She started looking for another job, and
14 you know, she bawled her eyes out with me in the
15 parking lot and she says, you know, I don't know how
16 you do this and I said well, (indiscernible) if I'm not
17 here, staff will come and go, but who's going to be
18 here that knows what's really going on? And that's the
19 thing about it is they can't pull the wool over my
20 eyes.

21 I go into the Mayor's office, I pay my property
22 taxes, I'm come out, I have a paper of -- this house is
23 falling in. We have a house on East 9th Avenue that
24 has no fence that's falling down the middle. It is
25 awful and it should be torn down and it's at 1017 East

1 9th, so if you feel like calling the Mayor's office, it
2 may save a kid from falling in and breaking his body or
3 some part of his body.

4 But we aren't Turnagain, so they don't care. So
5 my latest lobbyist thing for the past seven days is
6 having people call up and showing them the picture and
7 speaking up and saying, you know, what's going on, you
8 know, you need to call code enforcement at 343-4141 and
9 say what's going on. And we have several buildings
10 that have been boarded up and several of them, we don't
11 know what's going on with them, they're just boarded
12 up, but it's not as bad as it could be.

13 This neighborhood has gotten 35 percent better
14 than when I first arrived. It'll be 29 years and the
15 safe streets (indiscernible) the sign, planters, we've
16 gotten a lot of bricks and mortar money here, but we
17 also got money from Sarah Palin, believe it or not.
18 She signed both bills for Fairview center, so all my
19 going around ass kissing is the terminology, worked
20 because Sarah kept remembering me coming up and handing
21 her a paper. Here Sarah, we have an event; here Sarah,
22 we've got a community council meeting. So when the
23 paper went in front of her, she signed for the money.

24 You know, and -- you know, it has its challenges.
25 You know, I have white friends that really have a hard

1 time because all of a sudden, a news crew will show up,
2 no announcement, which is here. You know, the
3 Showboat's being shut down, I know you were working
4 with the PTA to -- for that. You know, dilemma with
5 Fantasies on Fifth having 18-year-old kids still in
6 high school, having other high school students come in
7 and look at them. That was quite a dilemma to deal
8 with. Former assemblymen, A T, he's dead now,
9 but before he retired, it was one of the things that we
10 worked on.

11 And I actually ran against him before and came to
12 the realization that, even though I had lost, I was
13 everywhere and you know, he says she's here, she's
14 there, she's -- you know, and it made him feel
15 reassured that he had a backup. You know he always had
16 backup, but he didn't take care of himself.

17 You know, you have to realize that you need to eat
18 the right foods, you have to -- you know, yes, you may
19 to go to a party to talk to people, but you only limit
20 yourself to one glass of wine or one beer and you sip
21 it the whole time or you grab the grape juice. Just
22 one second.

23 (phone ringing)

24 A And -- she's knows I'm interviewing. And you time
25 yourself, you leave right before it's over, you know,

1 and you learn to tell the faces of this one's concern
2 with this, this one's concern with that. You have your
3 little cards prepared for what you have to write on
4 behind the card. So it's challenging, and you know, a
5 lot of guys don't know quite how to handle it when, you
6 know, you're on a date and someone comes up and shakes
7 your hand. Oh, will you give me your autograph or boss
8 or, you know, I really like that comment on the news,
9 and you know, and the guy just wants to.....

10 (phone ringing)

11 A Hold on a second. Hello. I'm on an interview right
12 now.

13 ? I'll be in a little bit later, I'll call you when I get
14 in, my flight's delayed.

15 A Okay. So what time is it getting in now?

16 ? We check back at 7:00, so it'll be later.

17 A Okay, just text me.

18 ? All right.

19 A Okay, bye.

20 ? Thanks (indiscernible) bye.

21 A So we have a problem here in the neighborhood too is
22 affordable housing. We have units that are for rent,
23 but they want first, last and deposit. One of the nice
24 things that A T had done was he made it so
25 that people could turn their garages into grand

1 fathered ground mother-in-law units. The downtown area
2 to bring more housing towards the downtown, but there
3 wasn't a whole lot of promotion that was done on this
4 part because there's not a whole lot of garages to be
5 turned over.

6 We have a lot of tri-plex lots that could be made
7 into really beautiful kind of tri-plexes, but we have
8 people that don't really think about those kind of
9 things in development. For instance, you can do a zero
10 lot line condo with three units on a lot. And a lot of
11 people don't think about that in development. We had
12 one by Carrs, a big apartment building that was changed
13 over, they made a lot of money. But that hasn't been
14 promoted here in Fairview or in Mountain View. I know
15 a lot of time invested in Mountain View, it's like a
16 pet project on the side and I drop in and counsel them
17 and advise them and stuff, but the owner/occupancy
18 thing is the hardest challenge when you have a
19 municipality that keeps getting away with paying next
20 to nothing in the community in beautification and
21 services.

22 So you know, when you go out this weekend and
23 drive, drive and see how the middle of the flowers and
24 stuff look when you're in other parts of town. And
25 then look in our part of town, in Mountain View part of

1 town and you'll see a big difference. And the only way
2 they got that free was say, well, we'll have workers
3 that work on it, but the city never provided the
4 fertilizer, the city never provided the seeds, the --
5 you have grass, they take the snow away, they cut out
6 part of the grass, no new seeds to plant in the spot.
7 What do you do, you know?

8 You know, we have really good gardeners that show
9 up at the community council meeting, H G
10 is one of them that withdrew as beautification director
11 and he quit because of the lack of support from the
12 city. The difference between me and him is I kind of
13 would be (indiscernible) so there are people that want
14 to go to meeting and go to meeting, go to a meeting and
15 they have to have two months of meetings before they do
16 anything. I'm more like the type, I walk into church,
17 I see a crew of kids, they're done painting, I hear
18 that they have some time, I say I need some help now
19 and 15 minutes, they're walking out the door with me
20 following me to go sort clothes. I am not the wait
21 around type of person.

22 In order to change neighborhoods, you have to have
23 that kind of thing. You get them working on the
24 diverters, you can get them weeding, but you can get
25 them to do simple things that are hard. You can't get

1 them to go grab the irises, separate the irises and
2 properly break them up, fertilize them and put them in.
3 And that's where you need the master gardeners and the
4 master gardeners are supposed to give 50 hours for
5 their free training. So you know, it's a catch 22
6 there. What do you do, you know?

7 But the muni, they have to have at least a week
8 notice, a week and a half notice because they're so
9 stuck under schedules. Now someone said that 25 people
10 right now, 25 hands, would you drop your schedule and
11 get a lot done or make the downtown partnership happy?
12 They all go make the downtown partnership happy.
13 That's something that has to be exposed.

14 And they have these wonderful, great big groups
15 that you have to set out one supervisor with five kids
16 and you could get a lot done. You could get all of
17 Fairview beautified and all the diverters and things,
18 all of Mountain View beautified if they just do that
19 combination. And there's kids that come up every
20 summer with church groups and they're good kids, but
21 they've never been shown how to be a master gardener.
22 They listen, they're patient. I mean, our beautifully
23 sorted system out there, what they did and it was a
24 mess. It was bad because I had people come in and
25 throw clothes this way and that way and I want this

1 thing and left stuff on the floor and -- and you go oh,
2 well, I'm only one person and so you hear you need to
3 get that in order or it's going to be (indiscernible)
4 and I can't work with you until you get that in order
5 and -- well, you can only do so much.

6 And so myself, I had a while where I actually took
7 it internally and so I would eat -- and I would eat
8 food and now, great, go to this party, eat lots of
9 food, lobby, head for platefuls, take a plate to go,
10 you know, it just fits right in. And it's the same
11 thing as a food addict, as an alcoholic. We all have
12 our weak things, and so you know, lately, a lot has
13 been changing things around. And it's like okay,
14 today, I'm going to ask three people, I'm going to
15 spend five minutes a phone call and then okay, I got
16 AT&T to charge me for the plain phone and give me the
17 most talk line phone, so I had technology to cut and
18 paste lots of orders, cut and paste lots of needs, cut
19 and paste whatever's going on. And you know, it works,
20 you know?

21 And that's -- yeah, that's basically it, so -- but
22 you two must have questions. You just didn't know you
23 were going to have quite an interview like this, huh?

24 Q1 We don't have any specific expectations for our
25 interviews.

1 Q No.

2 Q1 You actually covered quite a few things early on
3 that.....

4 Q How did you hear about Alaska or how'd you come up
5 here?

6 A I came up here on a contract.

7 Q Oh, okay.

8 A I was in Miss Santa Cruz Body Building contest and H&J
9 Corporation needed a security person and I was a tap
10 dancer.

11 Q That's cool.

12 A Yep. I tap danced and did security and kept an eye on
13 a lot of girls. I only had one girl die out of all the
14 girls that I did security for. It was hard because
15 some of them wanted to be prostitutes and I had to
16 explain to them that if the person was a freak, he
17 would not give his ID to you, so you need to ID a
18 person before you go with that person and it also kept
19 away cops that were trying to entrap them.

20 Sad part about this community is that the courts
21 make money on ASAP services, so that means you go to
22 court, you're ordered to go do so much time paying
23 money and this money that gets paid goes into the
24 judge's retirement and a lot of people don't know this,
25 but it does. And so the police have retirement from

1 the city, the judges have retirement from -- they have
2 a massive amount of money. A little bit goes to
3 staffing.

4 I'd like to see them doing beautification instead
5 of just here's my money and I'm barely getting by and
6 I'm about ready to lose my house, so I'm going to have
7 to have the rattiest room and the rattiest house
8 because I have to pay them this money or I go back to
9 jail. And this is a vicious circle that goes on in the
10 community.

11 And it's sad because they could be doing work in
12 the community doing stuff, but then they have really
13 strict guidelines. So you have to have her from 8:00
14 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., you have to supervise them the
15 whole time and sometimes, you have to have a certain
16 type of insurance for whatever you're doing. So it's
17 challenging, but on the other hand, you know, Fairview
18 is looked as the most turnaround community, but it's a
19 literal tag team of people over the years that have
20 known that my duty is this and the other one knows my
21 duty is that.

22 And my duty in -- and A K is on the
23 board and the council and stuff, so we have these old
24 timers that -- you know, I bounce into the board
25 meeting and say this is this and this is this and I've

1 got to go and I'm in, I'm out an here you go, you know?
2 But it's just engagement, you have to keep them
3 engaged.

4 We have youth that show up to the community
5 council meeting. None of the other community councils
6 have the youths that show up. I say okay, there's
7 something on the agenda that affects youth, it's up to
8 you to show up or otherwise, they're just going to do
9 whatever they want to you. And they go oh, and it's a
10 park, do you want a say so on this park, a lot of these
11 kids, and they say -- and they have their plans laid
12 out in front of them and they've never had building
13 plans. We're the only school, Fairview Elementary,
14 that actually has kids living a building plans. They
15 have plans that they throw away from the planning
16 department and when I happened to be in that area, I
17 grabbed the plans out of the garbage and I bring it to
18 Fairview Elementary. I bring it to Clark.

19 So we have kids looking at this kind of stuff.
20 They don't get it at home, they don't have someone
21 there with building plans laid out on the tables. But
22 they can go to the library and look at the building
23 plans, you know?

24 Q Uh-huh.

25 A You know, it's that kind of stuff. And banks are

1 required, by law, since they make money and interest
2 according to the federal law, that they're supposed to
3 take some of that interest money and reinvest in
4 communities.

5 Now if your students spread a rumor to the banks
6 that you heard that the fed was going to be coming in
7 to check and they hear it from the students, so it must
8 be true, then they will start putting more money into
9 the communities according to (indiscernible). Because
10 when the feds come in, they check their books to see
11 what they've put into the community. A lot of people
12 don't know that.

13 I'm certified construction management, I'm
14 certified in community allotment principles, practices
15 and strategies. I have an Associate of Arts degree in
16 education. I've been studying law for the past three
17 years. I've won a lot of court cases. Technically, I
18 am classified to be a paralegal, but I only work on
19 what I feel like working on.

20 I mean, just terminology and legal terminology to
21 get what is needed, but I was on the news, and you
22 know, no taxation without representation.
23 Constitutional law. You know, I've got recorded
24 upstairs, but I explained to them, if I don't pay my
25 taxes on time, that they're going to fine me about \$50

1 a day or 10 percent. I found out it's 10 percent of
2 what is owed, but if someone doesn't make sure that the
3 back of their dumpster isn't full of trash all the way
4 around the dumpster with garbage, then they don't
5 remove these mattresses, there's no fines for them.
6 It's interesting.

7 It's questions that need to be asked by the
8 students. Why is this? You know, what do you do with
9 that 10 percent of the money for the fines? Where is
10 the fine money going? We want to know where the fine
11 money's going. Why is there flowers on one side on
12 Regina side on 10th, but there's not on the Karluk
13 side? But the rec center, why aren't the kids planting
14 the flowers there? Why wasn't it dug up so that
15 someone else could put flowers or seeds there? You
16 see? You have to ask those questions. Why wasn't it
17 weeded?

18 What happened to the Ed Hume seed program? The
19 kids used to call me seed lady because I'd pass out
20 packets of seeds and they called me the seed lady and
21 I'd go to Fairview, Mountain View and I'd give them
22 seeds. And when my (indiscernible) walk through the
23 community, we had a little girl and she had her shirt
24 with her little daisies on her shirt, and their house
25 had her little daisies. And M looked and he saw

1 the little girl with her seeds, you know, and she was
2 part of it and I explained to R this is her house
3 and this is her flowers and you can see her shirt and
4 you see how it's matching. Well, when the news came,
5 she made sure that she was part of that background.
6 She wasn't interviewed, but she was in the background
7 and she was only so big, but she was -- I worked on my
8 seeds, and in her head, I'm part of this and they're
9 just interviewing guys, but you know, I got my shirt on
10 and so she was in the background.

11 And that's what it takes is to get these young
12 people with their little packets of seeds, with their
13 little yard thing and you can have the bad kids that
14 are there on probation and you have the youth court and
15 you can have a youth court for a particular
16 neighborhood. And this is what's got to come
17 recommended out of you, the students. You have a youth
18 court that's for a particular neighborhood and have
19 them ordered to do stuff in a particular neighborhood
20 and then you have those kids building up the
21 neighborhood instead of tearing down the neighborhood.

22 Most of the offenders that work with me in Paint
23 Fairview Program that spent time with me painting did
24 not recommit. They did not go back to jail, so yeah.
25 But you know, I give them handouts, like that paper

1 right there on top. See, it's got little things on it?

2 Q Uh-huh.

3 A We would daily, you know, read something positive,
4 teaching them how to turn around stuff. We walk in the
5 community center now, J's got all kinds of things
6 up on the wall. And it's beautiful and J engages
7 them. He's not as tough love as C, but he comes
8 from the military, but he works with the kids, you
9 know? He -- he's busy, but he still keeps them
10 engaged, but he still feels powerless because he has a
11 family to support, so I have to take him aside and go
12 okay, J, (indiscernible) tell them about the
13 (indiscernible) for the kids, but I've got to bring
14 attention to the center and this is going to get us
15 some press, so yeah, we got the press, but we also got
16 the electrical fix, you know?

17 Because it's oh no, R's coming after us
18 again, what was that money supposed to go for? She's
19 going to ask (indiscernible) she's going to -- so
20 things are getting fixed.

21 We had a time where E J, his Kids
22 Kitchen was supposed to -- W was the guy, Mayor
23 W decided that he wanted to charge Kids Kitchen for
24 the space rental to feed the kids. Now if this space
25 is running, you could have bag lunches and stick them

1 in another room or let them eat outside or let them sit
2 on the benches and eat, but telling them they had to
3 pay? And so that one -- that took seven days to get
4 W off his butt and W actually liked me. He
5 gave me campaign donation when I ran, he liked me over
6 A T. I've been invited to his house many
7 times, but you know, in order to get things done, you
8 have to be really good and you take them aside and go
9 hey, can you take care of this or do you want me to
10 publicly embarrass you? What is it going to be? And
11 most of them that want to run again, they don't want to
12 be publicly embarrassed, so you know?

13 We had cops that had after hours club in another
14 part of town and I had to take M aside and say
15 M, your cops have got after hours club. You got
16 prostitution, you got all this going on and oh no, no,
17 no, no, no. So then all right, you think about it and
18 next time I saw him outside again, okay, here's the
19 address, you go handle it. But when I had a
20 (indiscernible) network of that, M made sure that
21 every single correct agency got a paper.

22 Now if I had put them on the news and torn them
23 up, M would have had hurt feelings and not, you
24 know -- see, you have to be really careful on that kind
25 of stuff, you know?

1 Q Uh-huh.

2 A And I've had to take cops outside in the community
3 council meeting, walk them out the door, they knew
4 something was up, they were in trouble or, you know?
5 And I've had new cops that have made comments with the
6 kids that I've heard with kids that weren't bad kids,
7 they were just Black kids. And I've had to turn them
8 in and that's no piece of cake.

9 So anyway, I think we've covered probably a lot.

10 Q Uh-huh.

11 A Did we cover enough for your report?

12 Q I think so.

13 Q1 Yeah, I think so. Yeah, it was good, thank you.

14 Q Yeah.

15 A You're welcome.

16 Q We really appreciate it.

17 A Yeah. Well, you were in a position to get something
18 done and it's just how you word it. Now under neighbor
19 works program, which you need to write down, community
20 reinvestment act, there's actually funding to pay for
21 some of the things I explained to you. There's a weed
22 and seed program where there's funds to cover for youth
23 to be working with people. There's youth and justice
24 funds that will actually pay for supervisors to work
25 with the youth weeding and doing murals and that kind

1 of stuff. It's not being properly brought in, so they
2 need to hear it from the students. Hey, there's these
3 funds here and we haven't applied for them, why haven't
4 we applied for them? Wouldn't this be good -- some
5 good funds to get a hold of and the students could be
6 working with them and getting their counseling unit,
7 some of their units for youth counseling? And social
8 intervention and -- so that way, when the students get
9 done, they're not only book smart, but they've had a
10 little bit of -- it works.

11 Q Uh-huh.

12 A So anyway, I've got a -- in fact, I've got to go
13 pick.....

14 (Off tape)

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