

# **Statement regarding Public Record Requests by Candidate Alfie Pettit regarding the actions of incumbent Palm Springs City Councilmember Geoff Kors.**

*Candidate Alfie Pettit issued the following statement to members of the media on Thursday, July 11, 2019 regarding a series of recent Public Record Requests his campaign has requested regarding the actions of his opponent Councilmember Geoff Kors.*

“In a democracy, the principle of accountability holds that government officials, especially those at Palm Springs City Hall — whether elected or appointed by those who have been elected — are responsible to us the citizens and voters for their decisions and actions and how they conduct themselves outside of the glare of the media and spotlight.”

“For officials like my opponent Councilman Geoff Kors to be held accountable, the principle of transparency requires that the decisions and actions he makes are open to public scrutiny and the public has a right to access government “

“We have watched painfully in the past our City Hall be raided by federal and county law enforcement officials, arrests have taken place, city officials and private developers have engaged in horrific bribery schemes...all because politicians decide to use Palm Springs government as their own private playground.”

“Without accountability and transparency, democracy is impossible to conduct.”

“Voters have been manipulated here in Palm Springs by my opponent, especially with the elimination of how we elect our mayor, how we elect our city council members, and how our elections are even conducted here from this day forward.”

“We cannot sit back and think that politicians and millionaire city administrations and attorneys have the best interest of the average resident.”

“The only way we can determine what really goes on at Palm Springs City Hall is to demand documentation and detailed information (including emails, credit card

receipts, appointment calendars, text messages, and other vitally information) to determine how the People's business is really conducted.”

“Palm Springs public officials should be held responsible for their actions.”

“We cannot sit back and wait for law enforcement agencies such as the FBI and the Riverside County District Attorney's Office to conduct another raid at city hall in order to determine how city officials conduct themselves as public servants.”

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