



June 11, 2026

Daniel Buchholtz
City Administrator
City of Spring Lake Park
1301 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Dear Dan:

I am submitting this complaint under the City's Statement of Values Policy regarding statements that Councilmember Lisa Dircks allegedly made to a Spring Lake Park resident.

On May 24, 2026, the City received a signed and notarized letter from resident Perry Korzenowski. In his letter, Mr. Korzenowski states that Councilmember Dircks told him that Councilmember Ken Wendling would never vote against me because I had threatened to shoot him.

I was extremely concerned when I learned about this statement because it is completely false. I have never threatened to shoot Councilmember Wendling or anyone else. According to Mr. Korzenowski's letter, Councilmember Wendling also denied that any such threat was ever made.

I understand that Council Members will disagree from time to time. That's part of the job. However, accusing another elected official of making a violent threat is a serious matter. If Councilmember Dircks made this statement knowing it was false, or without knowing whether it was true, I believe that conduct falls short of the standards we have adopted in our Statement of Values.

Specifically, I believe this conduct may violate the following values:

- Value 3 – I Am Ethical. Our policy states that elected officials should be truthful, trustworthy, and act with integrity.
- Value 4 – I Am Professional. Our policy states that elected officials should treat one another with respect and help maintain a respectful working environment.
- Value 7 – I Communicate Effectively. Our policy states that elected officials should be respectful in disagreements and contribute constructively to discussions.
- Value 9 – I Am Forward Thinking. Our policy states that elected officials should consider the long-term consequences of their words and actions.

Making a false accusation that another elected official threatened violence damages trust between council members and damages the public's trust in city government.

I am requesting that this matter be reviewed under the procedures established in the City's Statement of Values Policy and that the allegations be investigated to determine the facts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Nelson
Mayor

Enclosure

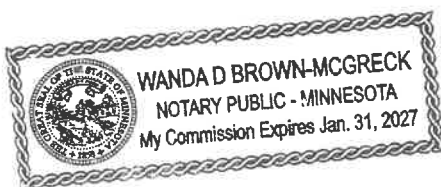
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I am a letter carrier for the United States Post Office and my delivery route is in Spring lake Park. During the last week of April this year as I was delivering 83rd Avenue, Councilwoman Lisa Dircks came out to her mail box as I was approaching her house at 773. Lisa began discussing her distaste for Mayor Bob Nelson and several situations involving herself and Councilwoman April Moran that she deemed "Ethics Violations" committed by the mayor. Lisa further stated that Councilman Ken Wendling would never vote against the Mayor Bob Nelson because he threatened to shoot him. Being a 27 year union steward for the NALC, I don't just take someone at their word. I need to hear all sides of the story before making a conclusion. I went to Mayor Bob Nelson to ask a few pointed questions concerning the allegations made by Councilwoman Dircks. Upon questioning Mayor Bob Nelson as to the content of the allegations made by Dircks, Bob became visibly upset and emphatically denied ever making such threats. My next step was to visit Councilman Ken Wendling to question the validity of the allegations made by Dircks, but I was informed that my original questioning of the Mayor had set other investigations in motion. Dan Buchholtz had questioned Ken Wendling asking if the Mayor had threatened to shoot him and Ken Wendling denied that the Mayor had made such a threat. Moving forward to the point of why I'm putting my experience and thoughts to paper. I found it rather disturbing that an elected official would slander another elected official with false accusations to myself. Furthermore, if she has made these false accusations to me, how many others has Dircks spread falsehoods to? It has eroded my faith in select elected individuals within this great city. I look forward to your response with a plan to make this right.



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