

Daniel Buchholtz

From: Lisa Dircks
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2026 9:27 AM
To: Daniel Buchholtz
Subject: Re: Statement of Values complaint

Hello Dan,

I did make that statement.

1. Can you describe your conversation with Mr. Korzenowski and your recollection of what was discussed? **I was discussing local politics and recent votes on my property.**
2. Did you tell Mr. Korzenowski that Mayor Nelson had threatened to shoot Councilmember Wendling, or make a statement to that effect? **I did.**
3. If so, what information or circumstances led you to believe that statement was accurate? **I heard this from someone else. I did not question the veracity of this statement because of the words and actions of Mayor Nelson over the last 6 years of working with him. Mayor Nelson has verbally attacked every member of Council over the last six years. When his words and behavior are challenged, he explains that it's just who he is. This is what he says in public meetings. It isn't beyond the pale that he says worse in private. In addition, the mayor has become increasingly emotionally dysregulated in work sessions over the last few years to the point that he has had to leave work sessions an go outside to calm down before they are finished. He has publicly made comments about his weapon collection and his ability to use them. He has also made comments about his trouble with the law as a younger person - and not in a way that makes him seem ashamed of it. All these things, in combination, lead me to believe that the statement made to me was not only possible, but likely.**
4. Is there any additional context regarding your conversation with Mr. Korzenowski that you believe would be helpful for us to understand? **Since the only thing brought up is the single statement I made, I do not believe additional context would be helpful.**
5. Is there anything you would like us to know regarding this matter or any part of Mr. Korzenowski's account that you believe is incorrect? **Since his complaint is that I said this, and I did say it. I don't believe there is anything to add.**

I will add that I apologize to the entire Council for violating the Statement of Values. I will work to choose my words more carefully in the future.

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From: Daniel Buchholtz <dbuchholtz@springlakeparkmn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 7:55 AM

To: Lisa Dircks <ldircks@springlakeparkmn.gov>

Subject: Statement of Values complaint

Lisa,

Here is the complaint filed by Mayor Nelson against you for violations of the Statement of Values.

As part of the process outlined in the City's Statement of Values Policy, we are gathering information regarding a complaint that has been submitted. Consistent with the City's commitment to professionalism, effective communication, fairness, and accountability, we are seeking to understand the facts and circumstances from all perspectives before any findings or conclusions are made. We appreciate your cooperation and ask that you provide responses to the following questions so that your perspective may be fully considered as part of the review.

1. Can you describe your conversation with Mr. Korzenowski and your recollection of what was discussed?
2. Did you tell Mr. Korzenowski that Mayor Nelson had threatened to shoot Councilmember Wendling, or make a statement to that effect?
3. If so, what information or circumstances led you to believe that statement was accurate?
4. Is there any additional context regarding your conversation with Mr. Korzenowski that you believe would be helpful for us to understand?
5. Is there anything you would like us to know regarding this matter or any part of Mr. Korzenowski's account that you believe is incorrect?

This will be on the work session agenda for July 6. If I could get your response by June 30, I would appreciate it.

Thanks!

Dan

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