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9	JASON CRAVEN,	Case No.	
10 11	Plaintiff, v.	NOTICE OF REMOVAL	
12	CLAY SPRINGS-PINEDALE FIRE		
13	DISTRICT; CLAY SPRINGS- PINEDALE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD, in		
14	their official capacities; ROBERT GARVIN, in his individual and official		
15	capacity; BOB QUAKENBUSH, in his official capacity; MIKE NEILL, in his official capacity; IOE HOLVOAK in his		
16	official capacity; JOE HOLYOAK, in his official capacity; DAVID FLORES, in his official capacity; SUE HILEMAN, in her		
17	official capacity; JOHN AND JANE DOE I; XYZ CORPORATION O; BLACK		
18	AND WHITE PARTNERSHIP I,		
19	Defendants.		
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21	Defendants Clay Springs-Pinedale	Fire District ("the District"), Clay Springs-	
22	Pinedale Fire District Board ("the District Board"), Robert Garvin, Bob Quakenbush,		
23	Mike Neill, Joe Holyoak, David Flores, and Sue Hileman (collectively "Defendants")		
24	submit this Notice of Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) and provide the following		
25	grounds for removal.		
26	1. This matter was commenced in the Arizona Superior Court, Navajo County,		
27	on December 9, 2019 with the filing of a Co	emplaint and Demand for Jury Trial.	
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- 2. The Complaint, Demand for Jury Trial, Certificate of Compulsory Arbitration, Summons for each Defendant, and Acceptance of Service constitute all processes and proceedings filed and served on Defendants in this case, copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**
- 3. Defendant Clay Springs-Pinedale Fire District is a Fire District and governmental agency located in Arizona.
- 4. Defendant Clay Springs-Pinedale Fire District Board is the governing board of directors of the Clay Springs-Pinedale Fire District.
- 5. Defendants Bob Quakenbush, Mike Neill, Joe Holyoak, David Flores, and Sue Hileman are members of the Clay Springs-Pinedale Fire District Board.
- 6. Defendant Robert Garvin is the Fire Chief of the Clay Springs-Pinedale Fire District.
- 7. This action is one over which the United States District Courts have jurisdiction pursuant to 28 USC § 1331, by reason of issues and claims arising under federal law.
  - 8. Defendants have not pled, answered, or otherwise appeared in this action.
- 9. Defendants have filed this Notice within 30 days after receipt and service of the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon which the action is based, and within one year after the commencement of the action. Removal is therefore timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
  - 10. The amount in controversy exceeds the requisite \$75,000. See Exhibit A.
- 11. A copy of this Notice is being filed with the Clerk of the Arizona Superior Court, Navajo County.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that this action be removed from the Arizona Superior Court, Navajo County, to the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, and that further proceedings in the Arizona Superior Court regarding the action be stayed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446.

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1	Dated on January 15, 2020.
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11	document to the Clerk's Office using the CM/ECF system for filing and transmittal of Notice of Electronic filing to the following CM/ECF registrants, and causing a copy to be mailed to all non-ECF registrants:
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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

### **Civil Cover Sheet**

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The completed cover sheet must be printed directly to PDF and filed as an attachment to the Complaint or Notice of Removal.

Clay Springs-Pinedale Fire District; Clay Springs-Pinedale Fire District

Defendant(s): Board; Robert Garvin; Bob Quakenbush; Mike Neill; Joe Holyoak; David Flores; Sue

Hileman

County of Residence: Navajo

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#### REMOVAL FROM NAVAJO COUNTY, CASE #S0900CV201900482

II. Basis of Jurisdiction: 2. U.S. Government Defendant

III. Citizenship of Principal Parties (Diversity Cases Only)

Plaintiff:- N/A
Defendant:- N/A

IV. Origin: 2. Removed From State Court

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V. Nature of Suit: 442 Employment

VI.Cause of Action: Violations of Arizona's Wage Statute, Employment Protection Act,

Minimum Wage Act et al

VII. Requested in Complaint

Class Action: **No**Dollar Demand:
Jury Demand: **Yes** 

VIII. This case is not related to another case.

Signature: /s/ Jeffrey C. Matura

Date: <u>01/15/2020</u>

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21	NOTICE IS HERERY GIVEN that I	Defendants Clay Springs-Pinedale Fire District		
22		District Board ("the District Board"), Robert		
23		e Holyoak, David Flores, and Sue Hileman		
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25	(collectively "Defendants") filed a Notice of Removal with the United States District Court, District of Arizona. <i>See</i> Notice of Removal, attached hereto as <b>Exhibit A</b> .			
26	Accordingly, Defendants request that the Court stay all further proceedings pursuant to 28			
27	U.S.C. § 1446.	, - r		
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# EXHIBIT A

#### Case 3:20-cv-08014-MTL Document 1-3 Filed 01/15/20 Page 2 of 12 Deanne Romo CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT 12/09/2019 1:29PM BY: MSAMPLE DEPUTY AIKEN SCHENK RICCIARDI P.C. Case No.: S0900CV201900482 Michael J. Petitti, Jr. – 011667 HON, ROBERT HIGGINS **Paige C. Pataky – 029951** 2390 East Camelback Road, Suite 400 Phoenix, Arizona 85016 Telephone: (602) 248-8203 Facsimile: (602) 248-8840 E-Mail: docket@ashrlaw.com E-Mail: mjp@aikenschenk.com E-Mail: pcp@aikenschenk.com Attorneys for Plaintiff SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA **COUNTY OF NAVAJO** JASON CRAVEN, No. Plaintiff, **COMPLAINT** v. CLAY SPRINGS-PINEDALE FIRE DISTRICT; CLAY SPRINGS-PINEDALE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD, in their official capacities; ROBERT GARVIN, in his individual and official capacity; BOB QUACKENBUSH, in his official capacity; MIKE NEILL, in his official capacity; JOE HOLYOAK, in his official capacity; DAVID FLORES, in his official capacity; SUE HILEMAN, in her official capacity; JOHN AND JANÉ DOE I; XYZ CÓRPŐŔATION I; BLACK AND WHITE PARTNERSHIP I, Defendants.

Plaintiff Jason Craven ("Plaintiff") for his cause of action against Defendants alleges:

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**(Parties and Jurisdiction)

- 1. Plaintiff is a resident of Navajo County, State of Arizona and was a resident of Navajo County during all relevant times.
- 2. Defendant Clay Springs-Pinedale Fire District Defendant ("Defendant District") is a Fire District as set forth in A.R.S. §§ 48-802, et seq. at all times material herein. Defendant District was a "person" within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and was

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- 3. Defendant Clay Springs-Pinedale Fire District Board ("Defendant Board") is a Fire District Board and an agent of Defendant District. At all material times herein Defendant Board was a "person" within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and was an "employer" within the meaning of A.R.S. §23-362.
- 4. Defendants Bob Quackenbush, Mike Neill, Joe Holyoak, David Flores and Sue Hileman are members of Defendant Board. At all times relevant herein, they were members of Defendant Board and were acting for and on behalf of Defendant District and such actions were in the course and scope of their authority.
- 5. At all times material herein, Defendant Robert Garvin served as an agent of Defendant District in the position of Fire Chief. Defendant Garvin is sued in both his official and individual capacity and is personally liable for violations of law and relief claimed herein. Defendant Garvin is a "person" within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- 6. Plaintiff has sued Defendants XYZ Corporation I, Black and White Partnership I and Does I under fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and therefore believes that said Defendants are in some way responsible for the acts complained of herein. When their true identities have been ascertained, Plaintiff will seek leave of the Court to amend the Complaint.
- 7. Defendants have committed actions and caused events to occur in the County of Navajo, State of Arizona, which are the foundation of this action and out of which this action arises. Accordingly, jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court.

#### (Assignment of Tier)

8. Pursuant to *Rule 26.2* of the *Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure*, this case should be assigned to Tier 2.

#### (Nature of Action)

9. This is an action brought by Plaintiff to vindicate violations of Arizona's Wage Statute, Arizona's Employment Protection Act, Arizona's Minimum Wage Act, and to remedy Defendant Garvin's intentional and improper interference with Plaintiff's

employment relationship with Defendant District and his false and defamatory comments made about Plaintiff and to vindicate violations of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

#### (Jury Demand)

10. Pursuant to Rule 38 of the *Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure*, Plaintiff demands a jury trial.

#### FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

- 11. Plaintiff was a volunteer firefighter for Defendant District for approximately 14 years. He was a paid employee of Defendant District, including as Wildland Coordinator, from approximately 2013 until his discharge on March 25, 2019.
- 12. Plaintiff's employment with Defendant District was without incident until he raised legitimate good faith concerns about Defendant Garvin's gross mismanagement of District funds, inconsistent employment practices and failure to pay employees for work performed. Plaintiff raised concerns with Defendant Garvin and Defendant Board Member Neill about misuse of Wildland funds, coercing Wildland employees to work without pay and failing to pay employees for mandatory job training, as well as Defendant Garvin's financial mismanagement of Defendant District funds relating to the hiring of his own brother.
- 13. Soon after Plaintiff raised his good faith concerns, Defendants Garvin and District retaliated against him and treated him differently than other employees, such as not providing him with information necessary to do his job and excluding him from meetings. In fact, Defendant Garvin admitted to Plaintiff that he intentionally did not provide him with notice of a meeting for the sizing of work boots that Defendant District's Fire Auxiliary was gifting employees but provided the information to all of the other District employees.
- 14. Defendant Garvin also made disparaging and false statements about Plaintiff to other District employees, Board Members and third parties, including Plaintiff's business partner. Defendant Garvin even accused Plaintiff of being an alcoholic in front of approximately 17 coworkers. Defendant Garvin also falsely blamed Plaintiff for

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27 28 Defendant's Wildland program allegedly failing and claimed that Plaintiff's personal business was similarly failing.

- 15. By Defendant Garvin's utterances of said words and language, he intended to and did refer to Plaintiff as an alcoholic, dishonest, devious and incompetent in his work.
- 16. Defendant Garvin also restricted Defendant District employees' statutory right to communicate with District Board Members about the terms and conditions of their employment. In fact, he told Plaintiff and others that they were prohibited from speaking with District Board Members. Plaintiff opposed this directive and Defendant Garvin retaliated against him as a result.
- 17. When Defendant Garvin was not successful in forcing Plaintiff to quit or able to find an alleged fireable offense, he switched tactics. Without notice to Plaintiff and along with some last-minute changes to the Board's normal posting of meetings, Defendant Garvin raised and ultimately convinced the Board to "dissolve" the Wildland Division based on unsubstantiated and false information.
- 18. For example, Defendant Garvin provided Defendant Board with fabricated and misleading financial statements to support his allegation that Wildland was not making money and was "in the red." The false and misleading information included duplicate charges, charges for costs relating to the Department and not specific to Wildland and failed to include Wildland reimbursements received by Defendant District. Defendant Chief also admitted to Plaintiff that he took funds from other budgeted items to accelerate the payoff on the Wildland fire engine and thus, making it appear as though Wildland was not profitable.
- 19. Defendant Chief admitted to employees of the District that his decision to dissolve the Wildland Division was simply a ruse to get rid of Plaintiff.
- 20. On March 25, 2019, Defendant Garvin sent Plaintiff a letter informing him that he had been terminated.
- 21. Defendant District has routinely violated Arizona's open meeting laws, including restricting the subject matter on which the public can comment, failing to provide

detailed agendas and failing to take detailed minutes during meetings.

- 22. In discharging Plaintiff, Defendants willfully, knowingly and intentionally discriminated against him because of his good faith concerns that Defendants were violating State and Federal law and his opposition to the same. Defendants' stated reasons for its actions were false and pretextual.
- 23. Plaintiff is damaged by the wrongful acts of Defendants and their agents herein alleged, which damage includes, without limitation, the following:
  - A. Lost salary and employment benefits due Plaintiff at the time of his discharge and since his discharge until he should obtain employment at a similar rate of compensation;
  - B. Injury to Plaintiff's long-term employment, reputation and income potential flowing from the wrongful conduct by Defendants and Defendant Garvin's false and defamatory statements; and
  - C. Injury from humiliation, trauma, extreme stress and physical and mental pain and anguish.
- 24. The willful and wanton misconduct on the part of Defendants is such that it justifies an award of punitive damages.
- 25. Plaintiff is also entitled to liquidated damages because of Defendants' willful violations of the Arizona Minimum Wage Act and FLSA.
  - 26. All allegations of this Complaint are incorporated into each claim for relief.

## FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Statutory Wrongful Discharge and Violation of Public Policy)

- 27. Plaintiff was wrongfully discharged in violation of the public policy of the State of Arizona.
- 28. Plaintiff raised in good faith Defendants' failure to pay employees, coercing employees to work without pay, financial mismanagement and that Defendants' conduct violated or would violate State statute and regulations. Plaintiff also refused to commit acts

or omissions that violate State statutes and regulations.

- 29. The conduct outlined above by Defendants and its employees violates Arizona law, including, but not limited to, A.R.S. §§ 23-350, et seq.; A.R.S. § 23-363; A.R.S. § 23-364; and A.R.S. § 23-1411.
- 30. Defendants' willful and wanton misconduct is so great that it justifies an award of punitive damages.
- 31. Plaintiff is damaged by Defendants' willful violation of public policy as hereinabove alleged or as proven at trial.

### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983)

- 32. The actions described above deprived the Plaintiff of rights, privileges and immunities provided by the United States Constitution, including, but not limited to depriving Plaintiff of his free speech and liberty rights.
- 33. In doing the acts alleged above, Defendants acted under the color of State law, i.e., the unlawful acts were done while Defendants were purporting or pretending to act in the performance of official duties and constitutes an abuse or misuse of power or authority, or alternatively were acting under the color of authority of their office and beyond the scope of their duties but with knowledge and consent. Defendants' actions were unprivileged and not subject to any immunity.
- 34. Defendants knew or should have known the above-alleged conduct violated Plaintiff's clearly established constitutional, civil and statutory rights.
- 35. Defendants individually, separately, and/or jointly, are fully liable to Plaintiff based on their authority and actual decisions and omissions. In addition, such unlawful actions, decisions and omissions were based on the policy-making and final decision-making authority of the Defendants, and were based on the policy, custom and practice of Defendants.
- 36. The grounds and reasons offered by Defendants for Plaintiff's discharge were false and pretextual.

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37. Plaintiff is damaged by Defendants' actions as hereinabove alleged or as proven at trial.

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (FLSA)

- 38. Plaintiff was an employee of Defendants and entitled to the statutorily mandated minimum hourly wages, 29 U.S.C. § 206.
- 39. Defendants have willfully failed to pay wages due Plaintiff in violation of the federal minimum wage law, 29 U.S.C. § 206.
- 40. Defendants knew Plaintiff was not paid the required minimum wage and had no reason to believe their failure to pay minimum wage was not a violation of the FLSA.
- 41. Plaintiff is entitled to recover all unpaid wages, liquidated damages and attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

### FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (FLSA Retaliation)

- 42. Defendants' conduct, as outlined above, violates the FLSA's anti-retaliation provision.
- 43. Plaintiff is damaged by Defendants' violations of the FLSA as alleged herein or in an amount to be determined at trial.

### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Violation of A.R.S. §§ 23-350, et seq., Arizona Wage Act)

- 44. Plaintiff did not receive salary and other non-discretionary monies earned and due him pursuant to the parties' employment relationship. Despite repeated demands, Defendants have refused and continue to refuse payment.
- 45. Plaintiff is entitled to treble damages pursuant to A.R.S. § 23-355(A) because Defendants failed to pay wages and other monies due when earned.
- 46. Plaintiff is damaged by Defendants' violations of the Arizona Wage Act as herein alleged or in an amount to be determined at trial.

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### **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF** (Arizona Minimum Wage Act)

- 47. Defendants have willfully failed to pay Plaintiff wages at the rate of the Arizona minimum wage in violation of the Arizona Minimum Wage Act, A.R.S. § 23-363(A).
- 48. Defendants have retaliated against Plaintiff in violation of A.R.S. § 23-364(B) after he raised good faith concerns that employees were not being paid for work performed.
- 49. Plaintiff is entitled to recover the balance of wages owed, including interest thereon and an additional amount equal to twice the underpaid wages pursuant to A.R.S. § 23-364(G).

#### SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (Intentional Interference with Employment Relationship against Defendant Garvin)

- 50. Defendant Garvin knew that Plaintiff was employed by Defendant District and that he had an employment relationship with it. Defendant Garvin intentionally and improperly interfered, by unlawful and improper means and methods, with the employment relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant District and caused Plaintiff to be terminated.
- 51. But for the improper actions of Defendant Garvin, Plaintiff would not have been terminated.
- 52. The willful and wanton misconduct on the part of Defendant Garvin demonstrates a callous disregard of Plaintiff's right. The willful and wanton misconduct on the part of Defendant Garvin is such that it justifies an award of damages.
- 53. Plaintiff is damaged by the actions of Defendant Garvin as hereinabove alleged or as proven at trial.

### EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Defamation)

54. Defendant Garvin's statements to employees and third parties regarding Plaintiff were and are false and defamatory in nature. Such statements were published of and concerning Plaintiff.

- 55. Defendant Garvin knew or should have known that his statements were false. Said statements were defamatory per se. These false statements were made in bad faith and for no legitimate purpose and were known to be false or were made with reckless disregard of the truth. There was actual malice on the part of Defendant Garvin in making the false statements.
- 56. Defendant Garvin's comments, words and language were not privileged and were uttered with malice. The willful and wanton misconduct on the part of Defendant Garvin is such that it justifies an award of punitive damages.
- 57. As a result of Defendant Garvin's defamatory comments, Plaintiff has suffered emotional distress and impairment in his reputation in the industry.
- 58. Plaintiff is entitled to damages as hereinabove alleged or as determined at trial.

### NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (False Light – Invasion of Privacy)

- 59. By Defendant Garvin's utterances, he intended to and did imply that Plaintiff was an alcoholic, untrustworthy and incompetent.
- 60. Defendant Garvin's words and language were unprivileged and unjustified and were uttered with malice. In the event Defendant Garvin's words were subject to a qualified privilege, the privilege was abused.
- 61. By doing the acts alleged herein, Defendant Garvin placed Plaintiff in a false light which would be highly offensive to a reasonable person. Defendant Garvin knew or acted in reckless disregard as to the falsity of the publicized matter and the false light in which Plaintiff would be placed. Defendant Garvin's actions caused Plaintiff mental distress and harm to his privacy interests.
- 62. The willful and wanton misconduct on the part of Defendant Garvin is such that it justifies an award of punitive damages.
- 63. Plaintiff is damaged by Defendant Garvin's conduct as hereinabove alleged or as determined by trial.

### TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Violation of A.R.S. § 23-1411)

- 64. Defendants' conduct, as outlined above, violates Plaintiff's statutory right to exercise his public safety employee rights, including presenting proposals and testimony to the Governing Body of a Fire District and its representatives.
- 65. Defendants' retaliated against and ultimately fired Plaintiff for exercising his statutory rights.
- 66. Plaintiff is damaged by Defendants' violations of his statutory rights as hereinabove alleged or as proven at trial.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests Judgment in his favor and against Defendants as follows:

- A. For all injunctive and declaratory relief necessary, including a declaration that Defendants' conduct violated the FLSA, A.R.S. § 23-1501, Arizona's Wage Act and Arizona Minimum Wage Act and enjoining Defendants from conduct violating Plaintiff's rights;
- B. For actual, consequential and incidental damages as alleged herein or as determined at trial;
  - C. For punitive and liquidated damages;
  - D. For special damages alleged or as determined at trial;
- E. For his attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action pursuant to the FLSA and any other applicable statute, rule or regulation;
- F. For interest on each element of damage, cost or attorneys' fees at the highest legal rate from the date of such damage, cost or attorneys' fees was incurred until paid; and
  - G. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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