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LIEUTENANT

To: Chief Gerald R Mayeda

December, 12, 1987

From: Lt. Roger Purcell

Subj: Council Member Mills

*R. J. Purcell*

Dear Chief Mayeda

As provided in the city personnel code #XII Grievance Procedures I am filing a grievance about Council Member Neta Mills. On December 10th, 1987 while purchasing tickets from L.A.B. to go to training, Council Member Mills became rude, argumentative and made threats about the administration. During her outburst Ms. Mills accused this administration of being liars and she was going to put a stop to all travel for city personnel. Ms. Mills also stated we were not getting the equipment we needed to do our jobs. Ms. Mills has passed judgement on this department without once finding out any of the facts. Our door has always been open to her if there was any problem she felt needed to be addressed. Not once since I have been here has Ms. Mills asked about what our Department has been doing. During this confrontation Ms. Mills was making these statements as threats.

Ms. Mills told me that I was not going to be reimbursed for my travel. Ms. Mills did not even ask me if the city was paying for my flight. I voluntarily paid for my airfare and have not even asked the city for any reimbursement. This happened in front of my wife and a high school student in the airport terminal. Ms. Mills has overstepped her authority as a Council Member and I feel since I was off duty with my family in a public place, Ms. Mills has verbally harassed me as an employee of the City of Hoonah, downgraded Chief Mayeda and all the employees of this Department. This is not the first time Ms. Mills has done this. If I or any other member of this Department would have made these types of statements in public we would of been severely disciplined and with just cause. I feel that Ms. Mills owes an apology to me, my wife and the Hoonah Department of Public Safety.

CC: Mayor Liv Gray

Mike Tavaliero, City Manager

Council Member Neta Mills