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Fwd: misquoted

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To: Robert Montoya <rmontoya@texasscorecard.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2022 at 11:01 AM

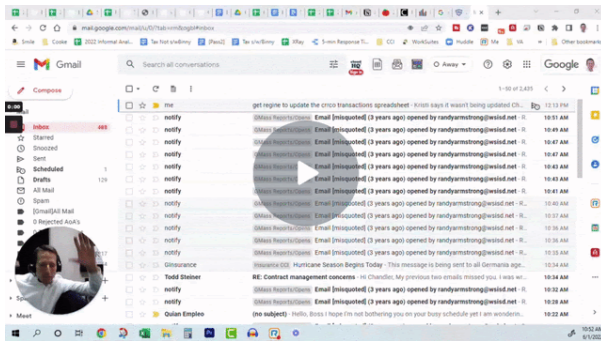
Hi Robert,

Here is an email thread that you might find useful.

This hit my radar today because someone inside White Settlement ISD just opened the email (the ip address says it was opened by someone in this location Education Service Center Region XI). I bet someone is doing an open record request.

anyway, I made a video overview and included the email chain below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Randy Armstrong (or someone) just opened my email again - [Watch Video](#)



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From: **Chandler Crouch** <chandler@chandlercrouch.com>

Date: Sat, Dec 7, 2019 at 11:31 AM

Subject: Re: misquoted

To: Chandler Crouch <chandler@chandlercrouch.com>

Hi Randy,

I cannot thank you enough for your reply.

I want to reply to every point in your email but I also want for anyone within my reach to hear your perspective as well because I want to be fair.

I have 2 thoughts on how to do this fairly and want to give you the option to choose.

1) I would like to either read excerpts from your email and address them in an video

or

2) I would be happy to go to the location of your choosing at a time convenient to you and record a conversation between you and I so that you can have an opportunity to hold me accountable publically in the same way I have done with you. I would agree to not edit the video whatsoever so that you can be sure your words are not misrepresented outside of your control.

Chandler Crouch, broker

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Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2019, at 3:15 PM, Randy Armstrong <RArmstrong@tad.org> wrote:

Mr. Crouch,

I do appreciate the opportunity to reply.

For the record, I do plan to resign from the WSISD Board sometime between now and January 1, 2020. Also for the record, I have never told anyone, including Bud Kennedy, that "I would not be resigning no matter

what”, he misquoted and embellished my comments to incite the public and give his article some controversy at my expense. I’m sure he will have a recording of our conversation. What I actually told Kennedy when we spoke in July when he asked me what my plans going forward are/were is this: I said “as of now, (comma) I don’t plan to resign” with the understanding that I had until January 1, 2020 to seek advice and make a decision. I am a law abiding citizen and would never knowingly break the law or make a ridiculous statement like that. Again for the record, the effective date for the new law regarding my situation is January 1, 2020. So to date, I have been literally dogged since July by Daniel Bennett & Lieber and now you, but I have been well within my rights to continue to serve my community as an elected school board member and have not violated any laws.

Yes, I have been misquoted, attacked, and had the truth embellished for the past 6 months regarding my right to serve my community as an elected official as a school board member. I assure you that everyone that voted to elect me in my community in 2007 knew full well of my employment at TAD. I continue to be attacked only because of where I work (think about that) and all the hostility that a very small, vocal group (Daniel Bennett) of activist continue to create regarding how OUR local governments provide services in TEXAS. All I’m guilty of is giving my free time volunteering to help create a healthy educational environment and continued hope for 7,000 kids in my school district and the 800+ teachers in my community. I owe no one an apology for serving and giving back to the community that helped raise me but thanks to your group, I continue to be villainized and dehumanized because I work at TAD. I’ll leave that to your conscience.

I’m not sure what we (or me personally) here at TAD have done to you, and some of your other friends, that justify all the continued personal attacks and misrepresentations and criticisms on social media and in the press. Now that we have the software conversion behind us, I challenge you or anyone else to find a more efficiently ran organization that has truly served the taxpayers of this county quite well by creating processes to manage the huge demands that we continue to face annually. And, that you have personally benefitted from. The attacks are way off base and in my personal opinion and only continue to do harm. I feel that some of the accusations that you and others are making against myself, TAD staff, and White Settlement ISD are creating a truly unneeded toxic environment for a lot of very good people not only here at TAD but also a lot of other good people in this County that just want to serve their community in a volunteer capacity on the TAD BOD. I’ll leave that to your conscience.

You should consider focusing your energy on attacking the Property Value Study (PVS) that appraisal districts must deal with. The PVS is the crux of the problem and is the funding mechanism for all public education. I challenge you to investigate the PVS issue. The PVS is part of the problem, not Appraisal Districts that are simply following the law and the tax code. The Comptroller's staff is in here every two years verifying TAD's performance for their PVS for every school district in our County and if our values fall below their tolerance expectations it costs Tarrant County Schools education dollars. That is where the pressure is being inserted! A solution that could be proposed is to lower the current .95% confidence interval to .90% This would be a good start to reigning in the value increases because of the .95%. Also, with all your influence, maybe you could convince TAR to agree to Full Sales Disclosure in Texas.

Something for you to consider, the conflict of interest issue that your group continues to trumpet about my situation is no more a conflict of interest than your personal situation as a realtor and a critic of TAD. Think about it, you advocate for all of your "clients" here at TAD and request a value reduction that you say is fair and justified all the while knowing that the home is one of your listings that you eventually sell for an amount well above the TAD value that you and they claim is inflated.....that only you personally benefit from by collecting the sales commission (I have a list). And, you have a Senator (A Property Tax Agent with Ryan LLC, the largest in Texas) chairing the committees on taxation reform that he personally profits from. Again, you be the judge of the optics of any possible conflicts of interest.

This entire situation regarding my public service has been orchestrated by Daniel Bennett & Lieber and it appears that you have decided that they are righteous people with Christian values and motives and are now colluding with them. The part that truly bothers me is that I have done nothing illegal, unethical, or immoral and continue to be attacked.

God has a plan, and all this controversy will pass eventually. I'm not sure what your end game is or what your motives are but I hope that all the criticism and attacks that you are party to wind up serving you well.... but I'll leave that to your conscience. We all reap what we sow.

Good Luck on your crusade.

From: Chandler Crouch [mailto:chandler@chandlercrouch.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 6:50 PM
To: randyarmstrong@wsisd.net
Subject: misquoted

Hi Randy,

I tried to reach out before posting anything on the internet involving your name and this BOD election. I sent an email on Nov 11 to armstrong@tad.com, but it didn't bounce back to me until Nov 15 (screenshot is below). On Nov 12 I sent an email to armstrongtad@gmail.com, but didn't hear back from you. It didn't occur to me to email your ISD account until now.

I don't have anything against you. I just disagree with your decision to hold both seats. Out of respect to you, I tried to reach out to you personally to see if you wanted to comment on this so that I wouldn't have to rely on third-party information.

I'm going to post a few more videos and thought I'd reach out again to see if you feel you were misrepresented in [this article](#) (full link below) so that I could share the information I receive from you personally instead of relying on 3rd party info.

I'd be happy to talk on the phone, meet in person, or receive feedback via email.

Full link:

<https://texasmonitor.org/fort-worth-area-official-sets-up-clash-with-new-law-on-appraisal-district-employees-2/>

Bounced email screenshot:

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Wed, Jun 1, 2022 at 11:03 AM

That's me. I sent an ORR to the district for all emails in Armstrong's account when he was a trustee that discussed you.

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Awesome!

Did you get my message about the TAD board meeting 6/10?

Also, I will respect whatever you want to say, but if you don't feel an obligation otherwise, would you be willing to leave out where/how/from who you learned about this complaint many months ago?



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Yes, but I haven't looked through it yet.

As far as complaint, do you mean this email you just sent me, or all the complaints Armstrong made against you to TDLR?

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I'm just saying the source of the original tip many months ago when you first learned about the TDLR complaint. I casually mentioned the TDLR complaint as part of a conversation about why I wanted Krause to get elected... I wasn't interested in moving forward with it publicly.

Now, I'm ok with it. I agree with everything you have said about why you think it is important for people to know about this. I just wasn't seeking out to make it public initially.

I honestly didn't consider your position as a journalist and obligations of how you might feel you need to take action when getting a tip like that when I mentioned it. My focus during that conversation was trying to explain why I was supporting Krause so strongly. I just don't want people thinking I was seeking to try to force this onto the public radar in a sort of way. If you didn't mention that I was the source of that original tip, it would be good, but I also understand if you feel like you have an obligation to do otherwise.

Everything else after that I'm 100% happy to be 100% full disclosure. There was only 1 small thing I said in our interview that I asked to be off the record. You turned your recorder off. I can't even remember what it was now, but other than that, I can't think of anything else that I would not be ok with you writing about.



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I'd have to check but right now I think I probably could leave that out. But I can't commit to anything yet.

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May I use the email from Randy to you?
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