

Time-sensitive / Voter Alert



August 13, 2022

Dear Republican Voter,

Why did the Naples Daily News (NDN) wait until the first day of early voting to publish a hit piece that implies that conservative Collier County School Board candidate Timothy Moshier is indifferent to antisemitism when he has denounced it?

Why did their reporter Rachel Heimann target him in a tweet last Saturday that claimed that he "*didn't see a problem*" with antisemitic videos posted by his campaign manager? The truth is Timothy Moshier's wife (who is Jewish) is his campaign manager, and she never did that.

Our values and traditions - and candidates who defend them - are under assault by progressive Democrats and their allies in the media. (Consider the coverage of the FBI raid of Presidents Trump's home early this week.) The NDN is using fake news and selective reporting of facts to destroy Tim. That way, they can assure a continued liberal majority on the Collier County School Board. They know a win on August 23 for the three America First candidates we have endorsed for Collier County School Board would be a disaster for their progressive agenda.

The next Collier County School Board will oversee the education of 48,000 students each year, with an annual budget approaching \$1.5 billion. Our endorsed candidates have pledged to protect parental rights and ban "woke" indoctrination and social engineering in our schools. And they will select the replacement for Kamala Patton when she steps down as School Superintendent at the end of this academic year.

Timothy Moshier has a vision for the education of our children that resonates with voters. He will not allow last-minute and despicable assaults on his character by the NDN and leftists to defeat him. His legal team has notified the NDN that their reporting about his alleged indifference to bigotry is "not only absurd, but false and defamatory." They demand a retraction and an apology. (See their attached letter.)

Your Collier Republican Party stands with Timothy Moshier, Kelly Lichter, and Jerry Rutherford for Collier County School Board. I ask you to vote for them in this historic election.

Let's defeat the Democrats and leftists and win this for all of our wonderful children!

Sincerely,

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***Re: Retraction & Correction Demand***

Dear Ms. Mercader and Ms. Fullerton:

My firm has been retained by Tim Moshier because of your article “*Warning sign for all people’: Collier School Board candidate faces backlash over campaign’s antisemitic worker*” published online August 11, 2022, and updated August 12, 2022 (the “Article”).<sup>1</sup>

This letter serves as notice under Section 770.01, *Florida Statutes*, that the entire premise of your Article is not only absurd, but false and defamatory. The Article is clearly a political hit-piece released to coincide with the start of early voting on August 13, 2022,<sup>2</sup> and engineered to influence the outcome of the primary election on August 23, 2022.

The stupidity of your Article’s false portrayal of Mr. Moshier as antisemitic and attacking him for supposedly failing to denounce antisemitism is obvious:

**Mr. Moshier’s wife—his *actual*  
Campaign Manager—is Jewish.**

**His children and grandchildren  
are also Jewish.**

Take down the Article you posted on August 11, 2022 and publish a legitimate story about whomever is responsible for this ridiculous attempt to influence an election with blatant lies.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.naplesnews.com/story/news/politics/elections/2022/08/11/collier-county-school-board-campaign-backlash-antisemitic-social-media-posts/10290886002/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.naplesnews.com/story/news/politics/elections/2022/08/01/florida-2022-primary-election-what-you-need-know-collier-county-early-voting-hours-places-days/10202361002/>

**DEMANDS<sup>3</sup>**

In summary, my client demands you take the following actions:

1. Immediately remove the article, “*Warning sign for all people': Collier School Board candidate faces backlash over campaign's antisemitic worker*”;
2. Retract all of the false and defamatory statements about Mr. Moshier therein by **5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2022**;
3. Publish a conspicuous correction and apology concerning the false and defamatory article and its assertions about Mr. Moshier by no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2022**.

Going forward, please direct any future communications concerning this matter to this firm. You should immediately provide a copy of this letter to your legal counsel (if any) and provide a copy to your insurance carrier and formally notify your insurance carrier of our client's potential claims against you.

Please govern yourself accordingly.

Sincerely,

TURKEL CUVA BARRIOS, P.A.



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<sup>3</sup> Taking these actions will not compensate Mr. Moshier for the harms your actions have already caused, but they will help limit the damages your actions will continue to cause if corrective measures are not taken immediately. This demand is not intended as a full or complete statement of all relevant facts or applicable law, and nothing herein is intended as, nor should it be deemed to constitute, a waiver or relinquishment of any of our client's rights, remedies, claims or causes of action, all of which are hereby expressly reserved.