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Ms. Shelly deZevallos
Shelly deZevallos for Congress
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Houston, Texas 77024

Re: Retraction Demand for Defamatory Statements and Preservation Notice
Concerning Jon Bonck

Dear Ms. deZevallos,

Our law firm represents Jon Bonck and his campaign Jon Bonck for Congress. It has come to our attention that your campaign has sent defamatory text messages to voters falsely alleging that Mr. Bonck has “been caught providing mortgages to illegal immigrants at Colony Ridge,” “handing out mortgages to illegal immigrants,” and “giving them mortgages including at the notorious Colony Ridge.”

We demand that you immediately cease and desist from repeating these blatant falsehoods and issue a complete retraction.

Specifically, over the last two days, your campaign has blasted out the following text messages to voters in the 38th Congressional District:

Hi Jonathan Why is Jon Bonck lying about Shelly deZevallos' Conservative record? Because he's been caught providing mortgages to illegal immigrants at Colony Ridge. View this video to learn the truth about Jon Bonck's reckless record of handing out mortgages to illegal immigrants.

Don't believe it? Watch Wayne Dolcefino's investigation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHLO6RAH32I&t=1s>

This is Sarah with the Shelly deZevallos campaign. Txt "stop" to stop.



Hi William, while the radical left allowed illegal immigrants to flood our communities, Jon Bonck profited by giving them mortgages including at the notorious Colony Ridge. He even bragged about it on social media.

Conservatives can't trust Jon Bonck to deliver on immigration. He has already failed us.

Vote for Shelly deZevallos, Trump appointee and Conservative champion for Congress.

This is Anna with the Shelly deZevallos campaign. Txt "stop" to stop.

The only “support” your campaign has for this false claim is the Wayne Dolcefino video that is included in this morning’s text. And the only claim that the video makes that has any bearing on this issue is the fact that “ITIN” loans were mentioned (along with more than a dozen other types of home loans) in one social media post by Lasso Lending and another social media post by Mr. Bonck.

As the Dolcefino video itself explains, an “ITIN” loan is simply a type of loan available to individuals without a Social Security Number, and an “ITIN” is simply an “individual taxpayer identification number.”¹ It is simply false to equate ITINs with illegal immigration status—as your campaign’s posts have done—and ITINs are issued to those who are lawfully in the United States (e.g., “green card” holders).²

More importantly, neither Mr. Bonck nor his mortgage branch and business Bonck & Baker Mortgage Group/Lasso Lending has ever even made an ITIN loan to anyone, much less “provid[ed] mortgages to illegal immigrants at Colony Ridge” (or anywhere else), as your campaign has falsely claimed. There is simply no evidence for this false claim.³

Accordingly, this defamation retraction demand letter is sent to you pursuant to the Texas Defamation Mitigation Act. More specifically, you and your campaign are hereby requested to immediately and completely retract each of the false, defamatory, and malicious statements which you have made regarding this matter, including but not limited to the two text messages referenced above.

Each of your false and defamatory statements have caused actual damages that continue to accrue each day you fail to unequivocally recant and retract your false and defamatory statements. You and your campaign are hereby instructed to immediately cease and desist from any and all communications that include such false statements.

Pursuant to Civil Practices and Remedies Code section 73.055, we hereby demand that you and your campaign retract each and all of these false, defamatory, and malicious statements. You may do so by:

- (a) contacting all of the recipients of the false, defamatory, and malicious statements and issuing a retraction in the same manner and medium as the original, defamatory communication, unequivocally admitting that your statements as outlined in this letter were and are false; and

¹ <https://www.irs.gov/tin/itin/individual-taxpayer-identification-number-itin#who>

² *Id.*

³ Again, ITIN loans were simply mentioned in two social media posts, alongside various other types of home loans, and there was no representation in those posts that Mr. Bonck or any company associated with him has ever made such loans, much less to illegal immigrants.



(b) sending a letter addressed to Mr. Bonck to my law firm, unequivocally admitting that your statements as outlined in this letter were and are false.

You and your campaign are further directed to preserve, and not destroy, any evidence in your possession pertaining to these matters, including any and all documents, notes, emails, voicemail messages, text messages, and the like. Disregarding this preservation notice could result in severe legal consequences; please govern yourself accordingly.

I can be reached at ewang@lexpolitica.com if you have any questions.

Please confirm in writing by May 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM CT that you have complied with these demands.

Sincerely,



Eric Wang

Attorney for Jon Bonck and Jon Bock for Congress

cc: Robert Cardenas, Campaign Manager, Shelly deZevallos for Congress
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