

### Attachment 7a (3) – Describe Harassment

My husband and I were attending the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary party of our local brewery. We'd been there for a few hours and were just about ready to go home. We saw Liana LeBaron come in. Even though she knows that we do not wish to talk to her, she made a point of walking directly up to our table to say hello. We ignored her and did not engage in any way. She then snuck up behind me and said she was glad to know that she could have control over me. I immediately stood up from the table and walked into the other room to get away from her.

After I saw that she had moved to another part of the room, I came back in and sat with my husband, making sure that I could see where she was at all times so that she could not further harass me. About 10 minutes later, two sheriff deputies arrived and asked if I would come outside and speak to them. One of the deputies, Deputy Russo, told me that LeBaron had called the Sheriff's Department and stated that I assaulted her. Deputy Russo asked me what had happened, and I told him that I was trying to get away from her because she was harassing me and that this was a pattern of behavior that has been going on for several years. The deputies determined that no assault or injury had occurred and left after a few minutes. I spoke to Deputy Russo a few days later and he told me that no report had been filed on the incident because nothing had occurred.

I'm filing this request because I'm afraid that LeBaron's stalking and harassing of me is escalating. This not the first time that she finds a way to sneak up behind me and try to upset me with her obscenities and demeaning, hurtful comments. She has a history of violence and an uncontrollable temper. Her husband filed a restraining order against her for spousal abuse in this court less than a year ago. She has a history of bullying and harassing behavior with other council members, employees at the city and community members. I am becoming increasingly fearful of what she will do to me next. I am afraid to sit next to her during meetings and asked for someone to sit between us at all times. I wait for her to enter or leave the room before me. I take every precaution so that I am never alone with her. But she stalks me in such a manner that she tries to catch me alone so that no one can witness her harassment. As hard as I try to avoid her, she seems to find a way.

### Attachment 7 b – Previous Harassment

Liana LeBaron and I are elected members of the Lemon Grove City Council. Before she was elected, I spoke to her about her confrontational behavior and comments at school board and city council meetings. I suggested that if she softened her approach, she would be more successful at getting people to hear what she had to say. She immediately lost her temper and stated that I had to listen to people like her regardless of how they spoke to me. I immediately walked away and refused to engage with her any further because she'd lost her temper. She later told me how immature I was for walking away from an argument.

As time went on, her combative and aggressive behavior toward me and others worsened. She wanted to meet me at city hall to talk about how we could communicate better. I told her I would only meet with her if the HR manager was present. At first, she refused. I told her that if she lost her temper or attempted to bully or intimidate me, I would walk out. I had to warn her several times during the meeting to keep the conversation positive.

I have emails and texts from her that insult me and question my character and she says that I need therapy or prayers. She says that I'm jealous of her. She's told me that I'm unhappy with myself as a mother, wife and woman and this makes me angry and abusive toward others because I have demons that I need to face. My response to all these bullying, intimidating and harassing communications is to ignore her.

During a monthly council briefing last year, I began to answer a question that LeBaron asked the city manager. She repeatedly interrupted me and shouted at me to shut up. I refused to stop talking and answered the question. She then angrily and abruptly left the zoom meeting, because I would not obey her orders to shut up.

Last year, we were at a Lions Club meeting. She snuck up behind me and hissed in my ear that I was juvenile and hypocritical for demanding that she wear a mask at a city meeting. I refused to get in a senseless argument with her and simply walked away.

In a recent meeting, LeBaron again repeatedly interrupted me and told me to shut my mouth. I turned to her and said are you seriously telling me to shut up? At this point she absolutely exploded and started to viciously scream at me to shut my f'ing mouth. Her screaming and

profanity was so loud and vicious that the lieutenant heard her from the other room and texted the City manager to see if we needed him to come in and intercede. The mayor was so concerned that she stood between LeBaron and I and repeatedly told her to stop yelling at me.

I go out of my way to avoid and ignore LeBaron. Because of her previous treatment of me, I feel that it is best if I don't respond to her in any way, both in public and in private. As a result, I believe that this just spurs her to harass me further; just to see if she can get me to react.

During the recent city council campaign, I was walking door-to-door in a neighborhood where one of her close friends live. I didn't realize until later, that she had moved in with this man. She had to move out of her home because her husband had filed a restraining order against her because of spousal abuse. She was driving toward her friend's house that day and saw me walking down the street. She pulled into the driveway and then quickly backed out and turned around when she saw me and sped off in the same direction ahead of me. When I got to the next corner, she was standing there, grinning and waving at her friends' campaign signs. It just felt really creepy and like she was stalking me. She had obviously stopped there on purpose and was waiting for me to come by so that she could somehow impress on me that this person was supporting her friends and not me. I just drove on by.

Later that month, her friends organized a drive-by campaign parade through town. About 15-20 cars were decorated with their signs and they drove through town on two weekend days honking their horns. LeBaron was in the group of cars. When she got to my house, she stopped her car in the middle of the street, blocking traffic and repeatedly honked her horn for several minutes to try to get my attention. She did this two days in a row. My neighbors asked me why this person was harassing me and blocking our street.

Two days before the campaign, my husband and I and some other friends were waving signs at the corner of Massachusetts and Broadway in Lemon Grove. I saw one of her friends drive by. About 10 minutes later, LeBaron comes roaring up in her Jeep, music blasting and jumps in front of my elderly husband to wave her friends' campaign signs. I continue to ignore her. She kept walking in front of my 79-year old husband, who has difficulty walking and he got very annoyed. He made some comments to me, that she heard, about her husband wanting to leave town because of her abusive behavior to him. At that point, she just lost her mind and started screaming all kinds of obscenities and vicious statements at me. I just ignored her, even though this went on for at least 5-10 minutes until another councilmember, George Gastil, walked over to see what all the yelling was about. She stopped and left.

The next morning, she showed up again and proceeded to start screaming and yelling obscenities and vicious things to me. Again, I just ignored her. I finally pulled out my phone and started recording her. She immediately shut up and left.

Whenever Le Baron and I are at any events, at council meetings or any public place, I make a point to move to the other side of the room or avoid her in any way I can. I feel that I need to protect myself from her harassing behavior and insulting comments. Why should I have to subject myself to any of that?

A few weeks ago, I left an event near the community center and was going to get a pedicure downtown. As I was waiting to turn left at the corner, LeBaron drove by me, waving at me. When I turned left, she made a very dangerous maneuver to try and position her car so that my

car would pull up alongside of her. Because of her past behavior, I felt that she just wanted me to pull alongside her so she could yell some insult at me. So, I pulled behind her. She ended up blocking the intersection and had to back her car up. It really disturbed me that she would go to such dangerous lengths to just attempt to harass me.

I feel like her harassment of me is escalating. I am constantly looking over my shoulder when I am in public. I try to avoid her at all costs, but if she sees me, she always attempts to engage in aggressive and unwanted behavior. I am concerned about my safety. Although she has not directly threatened to harm me, she has a history of violent behavior and an uncontrollable temper. She was arrested in 4/22 for abusing her husband. It was not an isolated incident. He presented a long list of physical abuse. An order for removal from their residence was issued in 9/22. There is currently a restraining order in effect against her for spousal abuse.