

## **Revised Speech for Tonight (3-Minute Goal)**

### **0:00-0:30 – The Purpose**

Good evening, Mayor and Council. My name is Laurie Busse. I reside at 234 N 2nd St, Carlton OR. I am here to put on the public record a documented pattern of harassment and a total breakdown of policy within the Carlton Police Department. I am speaking today to ensure there is no 'plausible deniability' for city officials regarding the targeted treatment of my household.

### **0:30-1:30 – The Code Enforcement "Shadow Game"**

On January 30th, the Carlton PD bypassed all legal protocol. Instead of notifying me of a code violation, they called my landlord and advised her to 'get a lawyer and evict me.' When I confronted Officer Jordan about this on February 2nd, his only response was you need to comply. He proceeded to exit the vehicle and slam the door of the SUV into the side of my car. He did not acknowledge such at that time. I then told him I would be home if you wanted to return with the proper documentation to notify me of the alleged code violation.

Worse, he then emailed my landlord claiming I was 'unwilling to correct the issue' and that we had both received certified letters. Both statements are documented lies. No letter was ever sent. No body cam footage will show me refusing to comply. This is not code enforcement; it is a coordinated attempt to render a local Carlton resident homeless through intimidation.

### **1:30-2:30 – The Victim vs. The Protected**

While the CPD finds time to harass my landlord, they have systematically ignored a documented battery against Mr. Fitzgerald. After a physical altercation with a prominent business owner—which was caught on video—the victim was made to wait outside a closed City Hall, ignored by YCOM, and eventually told by the DA that a 'letter was sent' to an old address. Again demonstrating massive procedural overreach.

The Carlton PD chose to 'unofficially trespass' the victim from public property 10 minutes after he was assaulted, yet they took no action against the same intoxicated driver who swerved his vehicle at the victim while on his bike on August 21st. It appears the PD's 'agenda' is to protect one specific individual while bullying the victims who speak up.

### **"2:30-3:00 – The Closing Demand**

When I asked how to file a formal complaint, I was told to contact Christy Martinez. This is a blatant conflict of interest, as she is the spouse of an officer in the very department I am complaining about. *The appearance of a conflict of interest is enough to compromise the integrity of the process.*

Carlton PD's lack of integrity and transparency is a liability to this city. We are here to demand that the selective harassment stop, that proper channels are followed, and that the victims of assault in this town are treated with the same 'immediate response' as a parked vehicle on a gravel pad.

**The Carlton PD is interacting with citizens within our local community using fear and intimidation rather than communication. They are selectively ignoring complaints and bullying those who speak up. We expect the targeted harassment to stop, and we expect the same 'immediate response' for an assault as you give to an alleged code violation.**

This is no longer just about a code violation, it's a systemic failure of **due process, transparency, and administrative neutrality.**

### **Key Points:**

**Conflict of Interest:** Complaints are being funneled to Christy Martinez (Assistant City Manager), whose husband is a subordinate in the very department being complained about.

**Procedural Bypass:** The City is skipping "Step 1" (Notice of Violation to the resident) and going straight to "Intimidation" (calling the landlord and lying about certified letters).

**The Victim Silence:** The victim has been ignored of alleged battery while simultaneously being targeted as a "violation" of city municipal code.

**Selective Enforcement:** The assailant appears to have "direct-line" access to the PD, resulting in an immediate trespass of the victim without a proper investigation of the reported battery.