

To the Residents of the City of Blaine,

As you may be aware, I made a very regrettable decision during my time as a Blaine City Council member. My son was being arrested pursuant to a valid warrant, and I attempted to stop that arrest from occurring. Out of unjustified fear for my son's safety, I made inappropriate statements to the officers making the arrest.

My statements to the officers wrongly conveyed that my family and I should receive special treatment from law enforcement due to my position on the City Council. My actions on that day were wrong, and I am sorry for what I did. I extend my deepest apologies to the community for what I have done.

It was an honor to serve you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Aluma Paul", is written over a horizontal line.

Richard Aluma Paul