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## **Malibu City Council Makes the Report of the Investigation Into Allegations of Corruption Available to the Public**

(Malibu, CA) – During the November 30, 2021 Council meeting, the Malibu City Council voted unanimously to make the report of the findings of the investigation into former Councilmember Jefferson Wagner’s allegations of corruption available to the public.

Nearly one year ago, the City Council was presented with an affidavit by outgoing City Councilmember Jefferson Wagner alleging wrongdoing and corruption in City government. Shortly thereafter, the City Council retained lawyers Evan Jenness and George Newhouse to conduct an investigation into the allegations. Their final report was provided to Councilmembers on October 28, 2021. At its November 8 meeting, the Council requested to discuss at a future meeting whether to make the final investigative report publicly available.

On November 30, Interim City Attorney John Cotti advised that the final investigation report was protected from disclosure under State law, but acknowledged that the Council could waive any protection afforded the report and authorize its release. After public comment and a short discussion, the Council voted unanimously to make the report available to the public, allowing only for the redaction of personal and confidential information.

The report can be viewed at: [www.MalibuCity.org/WagnerAffidavitReport](http://www.MalibuCity.org/WagnerAffidavitReport). The cover letter to Mayor Grisanti accompanying the report can be viewed at: [www.MalibuCity.org/WagnerAffidavitLetter](http://www.MalibuCity.org/WagnerAffidavitLetter). Additional materials will be released as they become available.

Video of the item during the November 30 Council meeting can be viewed on the City Youtube channel (starting at 5:53:00).

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