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Yanna Lambrinidou

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From: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2016 4:39 PM
To: 'Dana Roberson' <droberson@nypublicradio.org>; 'Yanna Lambrinidou' <pnalternatives@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Dana from the Takeaway

I never did speak with her.

Dr. Yanna Lambrinidou has been the leader of the citizen's effort in DC to hold government accountable for what happened.
She runs WASAWATCH...which is an amazing website (below). She has been fighting this battle for 9 years now.
It is the definitive site for the DC Lead Crisis.

<http://dcwasawatch.blogspot.com/>

Marc

From: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>
To: 'Yanna Lambrinidou' <pnalternatives@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 9:00 PM
Subject: RE: alumni survey analysis

CNN special tomorrow on Flint tomorrow.
Also, Miguel can talk to media on Thursday. In fact, EPA is insisting on it, to save what is left of their pathetic sorry asses.

Finally, I got a call from Congress, thanking me because they have had Hedman in their sights for 1.5 years.
They said she has fired and harassed 3 whistleblowers. Talking possible hearing next month.

This is in large part due to your efforts.

Marc

From: Yanna Lambrinidou [<mailto:pنالternatives@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 10:14 PM
To: Marc Edwards
Subject: Re: alumni survey analysis

Great!

I have had nothing to do with any of this.

If it takes 2-8 years of feverish work and a Congressional hearing to mar the reputation of one individual dysfunctional employee, among hundreds of others, who has caused grave harm, only to see them go back to their jobs a la Mary Jean, I think we have a pretty fucked up political system. Actually, I think we have a pretty fucked up political system anyway. The media coverage of Flint right now has evolved into a circus. Everyone jumping in like pigs at the trough, thinking of course about nothing else than their next job, resume, political ascendance. It's a bit revolting, although there's other things that revolt me more, so I can tolerate it.

Yes, Miguel and I spoke. I got the brief.

Yanna

From: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>
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Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 10:32 PM
Subject: RE: alumni survey analysis

Trying to steer it to the center and to be positive. Not easy.

Yes, you have had plenty to do with it. For goodness sake, can you please just take a compliment for once?

Flint is justification for everything we fought for. Amongst the circus, there is a profound recognition here that something has gone horribly wrong. I am not naïve enough to think things will change much, but at least people see it our way, and that is comforting. Several people told me today, that this is amongst the most disturbing stories they have heard in 20 years! And these are people at major networks. Now maybe they are bullshitting, but I think not.

Marc

From: Yanna Lambrinidou [<mailto:pنالternatives@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 11:00 PM
To: Marc Edwards
Subject: Re: alumni survey analysis

I am sure they are not bullshitting you, unless they have covered war zones, in which case they are bullshitting you. I am also sure I'm jaded. But I have heard too many people act horrified, and then not do the right thing themselves (i.e., keep pre-flushing at their own utilities, keep their reporting to the sensational or to the "unique," "villainous," "aberrant," and not to the crux of the problem that exposes how common in some ways this all is, brings to the surface all the scumbags all at once, and demands systemic solutions). The reporting of the "horrific" and "jaw-dropping" at some point feels old to me, Disney-like, feeding the unending need of this culture to collapse everything into beauties and beasts. Anyway. Don't listen to me. I'm trying to stay quiet. And I'm totally happy to take compliments for work I

have done, but here I am an authentic spectator, pop-corn and coke and disney trinket in hand. Thanks though! And in all seriousness, I am also LOVING seeing the results in Flint which are totally concrete and undeniable. In great part thanks to your work. :) Yanna

From: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>
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Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 11:12 PM
Subject: RE: alumni survey analysis

It's a team and you are on it, like it or not.

Marc

From: Yanna Lambrinidou [<mailto:pnalternatives@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:52 AM
To: Marc Edwards
Subject: Re: alumni survey analysis

Marc, I totally appreciate your inclusion and generosity of spirit, and in some ways of course it is a team because we've been at this work for years. But our exchange was specifically about Flint. Reporters, and probably the NSF woman too, don't think/want to talk to me because they don't see my connection to the subject, and they are right. We should not gloss over this reality, despite the fact that I have unique expertise that applies to Flint and could have applied to Flint from the beginning. That I was not part of the Flint effort is the result of profound brokenness on multiple levels that I don't care to get into, but I also will not pretend is not there. Although I take your comment as fully sincere, and don't doubt your good intent in the least, I am not able to take part in trying to make something feel beautiful and collaborative when it is the opposite. Ok. Off to work. Have a good day! I'm sure it'll be a busy one! Kind regards, Yanna

From: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 7:19 AM
To: 'Yanna Lambrinidou' <pnalternatives@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: alumni survey analysis

I will just point out that I am not pretending about anything, and I never tried to make something feel beautiful or even collaborative.

I wanted to point out that it probably never would have happened, or been whatever success it has been, without you.

Thank you for all that you do, under both good and bad circumstances.

Marc

From: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 7:31 PM
To: 'Yanna Lambrinidou' <pnalternatives@yahoo.com>; 'Jennifer Chavez' <jchavez@earthjustice.org>; 'Paul Schwartz' (paulschwartzdc@gmail.com)' <paulschwartzdc@gmail.com>; 'Mona Hanna-Attisha' (MHanna1@hurleymc.com)' <MHanna1@hurleymc.com>; 'Lea Moste' (lwalters313@gmail.com)' <lwalters313@gmail.com>; 'Adrienne' (akatner@gmail.com)' <akatner@gmail.com>; 'Carter Hall' <chall@earthjustice.org>; 'Elin Betanzo' (ebetanzo@nemw.org)' <ebetanzo@nemw.org>
Subject: RE: EPA Reg. 5 administrator resigning over Flint

It took all of us. Thanks everyone.

Marc

From: Yanna Lambrinidou [<mailto:pnalternatives@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 7:21 PM

To: Jennifer Chavez; Paul Schwartz (paulschwartzdc@gmail.com); Marc Edwards; Mona Hanna-Attisha (MHanna1@hurleymc.com); Lea Moste (lwalters313@gmail.com); Adrienne (akatner@gmail.com); Carter Hall; 'Elin Betanzo' (ebetanzo@nemw.org)

Subject: Re: EPA Reg. 5 administrator resigning over Flint

Fuckin-A! Wicked witch is gone!!!! **Marc, congratulations!!!**



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