

To the Citizens of Airway Heights:

Due to the recent events involving Mayor Patrick Rushing, we, the employees of the city, want to express to each of you our deep regret and embarrassment regarding the comments that were made by the Mayor on his Facebook page.

Airway Heights has taken great strides in improving its reputation, and the quality of life for its residents and businesses. And while we recognize and acknowledge Mayor Rushing's past efforts in this process, the recent discovery of his insensitive and derogatory remarks have had a tremendous negative impact on our city. Additionally, the comments do not reflect the thoughts or values of city personnel. To say that we were shocked and disappointed is a gross understatement.

As city staff we strive each day to provide a safe and welcoming community for everyone. We promise to continue in that endeavor and work through this unfortunate event. And finally, we will prove to you, through *our* actions that we stand united and declare with one voice, that Airway Heights is an open and welcoming community; a great place to live, work and play.

With gratitude,

Albert Tripp

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