



SENT VIA EMAIL

January 3, 2019

Mark L. Blum, Publisher
The Press of Atlantic City and The Current Newspapers
1000 W. Washington Ave.
Pleasantville, NJ 08232

Dear Mr. Blum,

It has come to my attention that one of your reporters for The Current newspapers, Charles Pritchard, posted some abhorrent comments online about Native Americans.

On January 1, 2019, former Atlantic County Freeholder John Carman posted on Facebook "Pocahontas has entered the presidential race," making reference to United States Senator Elizabeth Warren, "Should I have reservations?"

While Mr. Carman's stupid post did not surprise me given his past history with social media, Mr. Pritchard's comments were quite troubling: "I'm sure she will run an 'in tents' campaign!" and "You could get Siouxed for that!" (see attached screenshot).

Clearly Mr. Pritchard and I have different senses of humor, as I found nothing funny about any of these racist jokes. I find it incredibly alarming that a local journalist who is supposed to cover Hamilton Township and Egg Harbor City news and politics objectively feels it is perfectly normal to post anti-Native American comments on social media for anyone, myself included, to see.

I know Mr. Pritchard's views on Native Americans are not held by other employees of The Press or The Current, for I have interacted with many of them over the years. As publisher, I'm asking you to take immediate action against Mr. Pritchard's racist, ridiculous, and stupid comments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Suleiman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chairman Michael Suleiman