



Throughout my career, I have dedicated myself to public service, both as an elected official and working to help people in other aspects of their lives.

I have previously worked with Refocus Recovery, a non-profit that has tirelessly served thousands of individuals battling Substance Use Disorder across Minnesota.

Whenever KARE-11 has contacted me, I have provided them with contact information to help facilitate fully and accurately answering their questions - even after I no longer worked at Refocus Recovery.

Despite helping to ensure all of KARE-11's questions were answered, KARE-11 falsely reported today that I am under investigation for my past work with Refocus Recovery.

Here are the facts:

I stepped down as Executive Director of Refocus Recovery on January 30, 2024, as the exciting business opportunities I have pursued require more attention. I never served as the president of Refocus Recovery, which was also incorrectly reported tonight by KARE-11.

Contrary to the defamatory and inaccurate claims reported by KARE-11 today, **I am not under investigation for my past work with Refocus Recovery.**

I am deeply disappointed by KARE-11's irresponsible and inaccurate reporting, which has shown a complete disregard for the truth.

I have never felt more confident in Refocus Recovery's mission, including the successful programs and networks established by Refocus Recovery and its numerous community partnerships.

I care deeply about Refocus Recovery's goals and the people it works to support, and I will forever be proud of my connection to their life-changing work.

I am also proud of my record of serving in public office, including being elected

to four terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives and elected as the Mayor of Blaine, the only city I've ever lived in Minnesota.

I understand there is an ugly side to politics - **but I refuse to allow the hard work I've done in every aspect of my professional career to be smeared by defamatory reporting of baseless allegations.**

You have entrusted me as your Mayor, and I am honored and overwhelmed with your daily support. **I look forward to serving you and this great city we all love to call home!**

Sent from my iPhone