

LEOSU, AND 2 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS TO FILE VOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS

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Pennsylvania and New York (July 8, 2024) – Law Enforcement Officers Security Union (“LEOSU”), a local Union, along with two (2) of its executive board members, Calvin Wells and Steven Maritas announced today that they are in the process of filing a voluntarily petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court. LEOSU with no more existing union shops and/or dues paying members with the departure of the NYC Paragon PSOs, intends to use the bankruptcy proceedings to blunt the ridiculous litigation filed by its rival. Based on Department of Labor filings, this rival, SPFPA, has spent approximately 2 million dollars in legal costs paid from the monthly dues collected from SPFPA’s members.

The substance of the litigation involves the truthful allegations of corruption and ineptness which persists at SPFPA, but LEOSU’s continued litigation costs were outweighed by the benefits to LEOSU; therefore, the LEOSU decided to file its petition.

Calvin Wells and Steve Maritas board members of LEOSU are also forced to file a petition to protect themselves, as they collectively no longer have the funds necessary to properly defend themselves in the litigation. As it relates to Calvin Wells, he is simply being used in an attempt to drive a wedge between existing board members. Despite full briefing on allegations contained within the litigation, and a failure to show any wrongful acts by Mr. Wells, the Court refused to release him from this matter.

In the coming hours and days, you will undoubtedly hear from SPFPA stating that union funds of LEOS-PBA or United Federation LEOS-PBA are at risk. Alternatively, SPFPA will undoubtedly make other ludicrous comments that directly or indirectly insinuate that LEOS-PBA or United Federation LEOS-PBA may be financially responsible or harmed. These statements are false and made only to scare and further intimidate the membership of these wonderful institutions.

The purpose of this action is to eliminate the mounting unsustainable costs and risks, and to allow for the petitioning parties to close, the ongoing litigation brought by SPFPA against LEOSU, Mr. Wells and Mr. Maritas. The filing will allow Mr. Wells and Mr. Maritas to get back to the necessary business of working for the membership of LEOS-PBA and United Federation LEOS-PBA.

LEOS-PBA and United Federation LEOS-PBA remain strong and operations will continue as usual. Nothing changes with today’s filing because LEOS-PBA and United Federation LEOS-PBA are separate and distinct from LEOSU. LEOSU is and always has been a

separate union unrelated to the union shops of LEOS-PBA and United Federation LEOS-PBA across the country. LEOS-PBA and United Federation LEOS-PBA has and will continue to work with its partners to ensure LEOS-PBA and United Federation LEOS-PBA members receive the highest wages and benefits in the nation for security officers.

Calvin Wells, an Executive Director of LEOSU, said “This petition is the best path forward for LEOSU, myself and Mr. Maritas.” The petition allows us to address several financial and operational challenges, and puts behind us an ugly period where a rival union used the court system to stymie better working conditions and wages for security officers throughout the country. The support LEOSU, Mr. Maritas and I have received from our legal counsels will help ensure that we can complete this process quickly and efficiently while remaining focused.”

Court filings and information about the process can be found through inquiry with legal counsel. Any and all inquiries should be made to *Attention Legal Department* at legaldept@leospba.org.

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