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Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
270 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 1604
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Attention: Grand Board

Dear Grand Board:

As you know, I am the duly elected Grand Sire Archon of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and remain the Grand Sire Archon. I have served continuously without interruption since my election by Archons at the Grand Boule' in the Bahamas. The unprecedented attempt to remove a Grand Sire Archon from office by certain members of the Grand Board is *ultra vires* and, therefore, without any legal effect. *See attached April 21, 2025 letter to Grand Board.*

This purported vote failed to comply with the Fraternity's Constitution and Bylaws, specifically Bylaw 2, Sections 4(f) and 4(g). Bylaw 2, Section 4(g) clearly states that:

"The Grand Board may, upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire Grand Board, present and voting at any meeting, remove a Grand Board member. . . ."

The Grand Board consists of a total of 14 members. Section 4(g) of the Fraternity's Bylaw 2 requiring a "two-thirds vote of the *entire* Grand Board" **always means 10 votes in the affirmative, regardless of how many are present at the meeting.** There were not 10 votes in the affirmative to remove me from office.

The Fraternity follows the most recent edition of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised," as confirmed in Section 1(F) of the Bylaws. Under this edition of Robert's, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th Edition)*, the meaning of voting thresholds is specifically addressed in Section 44 ("Bases for Determining a Voting Result"). Section 44:3 and Sections 44:7–8 clarify that there is a significant difference between a standard two-thirds vote and a two-thirds vote of the "entire Grand Board," as provided here. A "two-thirds vote" alone means two-thirds of the votes cast by those present and entitled to vote, not counting abstentions or blanks. In contrast, "two-thirds vote of the entire Grand Board," clearly means something different—i.e., two-thirds of all members of the body, regardless of how many are present or voting.

The officers and members of the Grand Board took an oath to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fraternity.

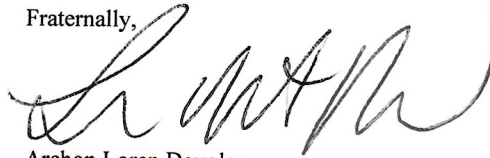
The result of the purported actions of the Grand Board has been extreme divisiveness and discord among our ranks and will have lasting consequences to our Fraternity. This is of particular concern to many given the enormous threats to the African-American community. This is not the time for th Boule' to be missing from the battle because of internal strife.

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With this in mind, on April 21, 2025, I recommended a path forward for our Fraternity and gave the Grand Board 48 hours to respond. The Grand Board failed to respond. Therefore, as Chair of the Grand Board, I will be calling a virtual Emergency Meeting of the Grand Board in the next few days. **All Archons are invited to attend this important meeting of their Fraternity's Grand Board where all issues will be disclosed and a fulsome discussion will ensue.** Instructions on how to access the meeting will be sent to Archons in a separate communication along with a proposed meeting agenda.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Loren Douglass', written in a cursive style.

Archon Loren Douglass
Grand Sire Archon

cc: Archons of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Council of Past Grand Sire Archons
Archon Ceasar Mitchell
Archon Lloyd Jordan

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