

## Put it in writing, Glendale

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In the July edition of the *Glendale Cherry Creek Chronicle*, published an editorial penned by former Glendale Mayor Mark Smiley entitled, ["Institute For Justice Pulls 'The Music Man' Scam On Glendale,"](#) where they go on to write inaccurate statements about the Institute for Justice and the owners of the Authentic Persian and Oriental Rug Shop – the Kholghy family.

There are a lot of problems with this editorial, but we decided to focus on two paragraphs in particular.

We begin with the paragraph that characterizes the City of Glendale's reauthorization of eminent domain as **"innocuous."** It is hardly "innocuous" to threaten eminent domain in any circumstance, let alone one where a city is choosing one private business to take another's private property.

More importantly though, in this same paragraph and the rest of the next paragraph, the spokespeople (read here *The Chronicle's* Editorial Board) state that there are no plans to condemn the Kholghys' property. This is important so we have highlighted the key phrases:

**"...no one in Glendale apparently has any plan whatsoever to condemn the Kholghys' or anyone else's property in the city."**

**"...a massive publicity campaign went out to save the Kholghys' property from a condemnation that is never going to occur."**

**"Camera crews from all major stations descended on the city as well as reporters from *The Denver Post* and other publications in the metropolitan area to report on and to condemn the non-existent condemnation of the Kholghys' property."**

If we are to take the City's spokespeople by their word, then the City of Glendale has no plans to and is not going to utilize eminent domain to condemn and take the Kholghys' property.

**If this is indeed the case, then it shouldn't be a problem for City officials to sign a petition stating that the City of Glendale will not condemn the Kholghys' property.**

We'll start drafting it, but we're pretty sure it will get signed about the same time pigs begin to fly.

We know it's pretty hard to believe considering the way the City has been so upfront and honest about its plans with (for) the Kholghys but you read it here first – **“no plans to and is not going to utilize eminent domain.”** (read as sarcasm).

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