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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of Enforcement Action Against Tom Mielke Respondent.	PDC Case No. 2337 (formerly Case No. 15-052) Notice of Administrative Charges (Brief Enforcement Hearing)

I. Jurisdiction

1. The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A RCW, the state campaign finance and disclosure laws; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC. These charges incorporate the Report of Investigation and all related exhibits by reference.

II. Allegations

2. PDC staff alleges that Tom Mielke, Clark County commissioner, violated RCW 42.17A.555 by: (1) using his Clark County email address to oppose Proposition 1, the 2014 Clark County Home Rule Charter ballot measure; and (2) using his Clark County email address to assist the 2014 Clark County Commissioner campaign of Jeanne Stewart.

III. Facts

3. The November 4, 2014 general election ballot in Clark County included Proposition 1, a Home Rule Charter ballot measure that if approved would replace the existing system of three County Commissioners. In addition, Craig

Pridemore and Jeanne Stewart were on the general election ballot running for the position of County Commissioner in District 3.

4. Voters approved the Home Rule Charter by a 53.35% to 46.65% margin, with 63,731 Yes votes and 55,727 No votes.

5. Jeanne Stewart defeated Craig Pridemore in the race for County Commissioner, District 3, by 0.21%, receiving 60,131 votes to Mr. Pridemore's 59,226 votes.

Alleged use of county email to oppose Proposition 1, the Clark County Home Rule Charter ballot measure, by telling Darlene Johnson to not let the Woodland Chamber of Commerce take a position on the ballot measure

6. On October 23, 2014, Commissioner Mielke used his Clark County email address to respond to Darlene Johnson of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce, and tell her, *"… Please don't let the chamber take a position on this, it will put them in a bad light."*

7. Commissioner Mielke was responding to an email he received from Ms. Johnson at his Clark County email address that she had received from John "JJ" Burk, Executive Director of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce. The email chain included an email from Kelly Love, CEO/President of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, explaining why the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce officially supported Proposition 1. Ms. Johnson forwarded the email chain to Commissioner Mielke at his Clark County email address and at his personal email address with the comment, *"Thought you might be interested in what is being emailed to Chamber on the Charter issue. Dar"*

8. Commissioner Mielke responded using his Clark County email address by saying, *"Wow! Hi Dar, I can't believe how hard they are working to do private*

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Alleged use of county email to assist the 2014 Clark County Commissioner campaign of Jeanne Stewart by subscribing to and accepting an email that supported Ms. Stewart and opposed her opponent, Craig Pridemore

9. On October 23, 2014, Commissioner Mielke used his Clark County email address to respond to an email from Larry Patella's *"Local Mailing List" with a subject of "What Others Are Saying" by stating, "Wow! Just wow! Hard to believe all this went right down party lines … Enough about working well with others. Tom"*

10. The email started out by stating, *"Good Morning, Please read and then vote for Jeanne Stewart. Below is information provided by reliable sources and the Fish Wrapper spotlighting the highlights of Pridemore's political career. As you can see, Pridemore repeatedly ignored the voice of the people and has voted for, or spoke in favor of: multiple taxes & hikes … bridge tolls… elimination of the 2/3 majority in Olympia…, etc."*

11. The email concluded by stating that the facts were obtained by scanning the archives of The Columbian newspaper from 1996 to the Summer of 2014 concerning Craig Pridemore's political history which resulted in two files attached to the emails titled "Pridemore Report."

12. Commissioner Mielke subscribed to and accepted the "Local Mailing List" email at his Clark County email address of tom.mielke@clark.wa.gov. Even though the email included instructions for unsubscribing to the emails created by Mr. Larry Patella, Commissioner Mielke maintained his subscription to receive Mr.

Patella's emails at his Clark County email address, which in this case, was an email supporting Jeanne Stewart and opposing Craig Pridemore, candidates for Clark County Commissioner.

IV. Law

RCW 42.17A.555 states: "No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency. However, this does not apply to the following activities: … (3) Activities which are part of the normal and regular conduct of the office or agency.

WAC 390-05-273 defines the "normal and regular conduct" of a public office or agency as "conduct which is (1) lawful, i.e., specifically authorized, either expressly or by necessary implication, in an appropriate enactment, and (2) usual, i.e., not effected or authorized in or by some extraordinary means or manner."

Respectfully submitted this 11th Day of April 2016.

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Tom Mielke	)	
	)	REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Respondent.	)	

I.
BACKGROUND

1.1 The November 4, 2014 general election ballot in Clark County included Proposition 1, a Home Rule Charter ballot measure that if approved would replace the existing system of three County Commissioners. In addition, Craig Pridemore and Jeanne Stewart were on the general election ballot running for the position of County Commissioner in District 3.

1.2 Voters approved the Home Rule Charter by a 53.35% to 46.65% margin, with 63,731 Yes votes and 55,727 No votes.

1.3 Jeanne Stewart defeated Craig Pridemore in the race for County Commissioner, District 3, by 0.21%, receiving 60,131 votes to Mr. Pridemore's 59,226 votes.

1.4 On February 17, 2015, the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) received a complaint from Jacqueline Lane alleging that Clark County Commissioner Tom Mielke may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using his Clark County email address to oppose the 2014 Clark County Home Rule Charter ballot proposition, and to assist a 2014 Clark County Commissioner candidate by

supporting her campaign and opposing her opponent's campaign. The allegations were reviewed by PDC staff and a formal investigation was conducted.

II.
ALLEGATIONS IN COMPLAINT

2.1 Jacqueline Lane alleged that Clark County Commissioner Tom Mielke may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 (Use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns) on several occasions during 2014 by using his Clark County email address to campaign against Proposition 1 and to support Jeanne Stewart for Clark County Commissioner. The Complaint was received February 17, 2015, and included three exhibits in support of the alleged violations. **(Exhibit 1)**

2.2 The first exhibit to the complaint was an email dated July 29, 2014, titled: "Resolution to Defeat the Charter.docx" which the complainant alleged Commissioner Mielke forwarded to the 18th Legislative District Republicans.

2.3 The second exhibit to the complaint was an email dated October 23, 2014, in which Commissioner Mielke urged a Woodland Chamber of Commerce member to not let the Woodland Chamber of Commerce take a position on the Home Rule Charter ballot proposition.

2.4 The third exhibit to the complaint was an email dated October 23, 2014, in which Commissioner Mielke expressed his opposition to County Commissioner Candidate Craig Pridemore and his support for candidate Jeanne Stewart, to a group called "Local Mailing List."

III.
FINDINGS

Alleged use of county email to oppose Proposition 1, the Clark County Home Rule Charter ballot measure, by forwarding a document titled "Resolution to Defeat the Charter.docx." to the 18th Legislative District Republicans

3.1 On July 29, 2014, Commissioner Mielke received an email at his Clark County email address from John Anderson with a subject line "A Resolution To Defeat The Freeholders' Charter." Mr. Anderson sent the email to the Clark County Republicans, and copied Commissioner Mielke at his Clark County email address. Also on July 29, 2014, Commissioner Mielke forwarded the email to his personal email address which is district18rep@msn.com. **(Exhibit 2)**

3.2 On March 15, 2015, Commissioner Mielke responded to the complaint by stating that he has used the email address district18rep@msn.com as his personal email address since he was a State Legislator representing the 18th Legislative District. Commissioner Mielke stated *"The first item of complaint was that I forwarded political papers to the Republican Party. As a personal rule, anything that comes to my County office that appears to be personal, I forward it onto my home computer which the PDC may verify my using it over several campaigns in the past. That email address is: district18rep@msn.com. Used and kept from my days as a State* Legislator representing the District18." **(Exhibit 3)**

3.3 Although it appears the complainant believed the email address district18rep@msn.com is the address for the 18th Legislative District Republicans, it is Commissioner Mielke's personal email address. A review of Commissioner Mielke's last three Candidate registrations (PDC form C-1) for 2008, 2012, and 2015 confirms that his personal email address is district18rep@msn.com. **(Exhibit 4)**

3.4 No evidence was provided or found that Commissioner Mielke used his Clark County email address to forward material opposing the Home Rule Charter ballot measure to the 18th Legislative District Republicans.

Alleged use of county email to campaign against Proposition 1, the Clark County Home Rule Charter ballot measure, by telling Darlene Johnson to not let the Woodland Chamber of Commerce take a position on the ballot measure

3.5 The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce officially supported the Home Rule Charter ballot proposition. Commissioner Mielke opposed Proposition 1.

3.6 On October 23, 2014, Commissioner Mielke used his Clark County email address to respond to Darlene Johnson of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce, and tell her, *"... Please don't let the chamber take a position on this, it will put them in a bad light."* **(Exhibit 5)**

3.7 Commissioner Mielke was responding to an email he received from Ms. Johnson at his Clark County email address that she had received from John "JJ" Burk, Executive Director of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce. The email chain included an email from Kelly Love, CEO/President of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, explaining why the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce officially supported Proposition 1. Ms. Johnson forwarded the email chain to Commissioner Mielke at his Clark County email address and

at his personal email address with the comment, *"Thought you might be interested in what is being emailed to Chamber on the Charter issue. Dar"*

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3.9 Commissioner Mielke also defended emails received from personal friends at his county email address by stating, *"...looking at the dates and times of the email exchange between John JJ Burke on Oct 22nd at 2:07pm. Then Darlene Johnson, a personal friend sent to me, Tom Mielke on Oct 22nd at 2:21pm what appears to be from John JJ Burke. My recommendation back to my friend was to remain neutral. Not for nor against. Also note that the Woodland Chamber is in Cowlitz County and it appears the message being passed around was from Kelly Love of the Vancouver Chamber in Clark County. If it makes a difference, Cowlitz County didn't have a vote in the Charter."*

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3.12 The email concluded by stating that the facts were obtained by scanning the archives of The Columbian newspaper from 1996 to the Summer of 2014 concerning Craig Pridemore's political history which resulted in two files attached to the emails titled "Pridemore Report."

3.13 As noted earlier, Commissioner Mielke stated when he receives emails at his Clark County email address that appear to be personal, he forwards them to his home email address. However, Commissioner Mielke

subscribed to and accepted the "Local Mailing List" email at his Clark County email address.

3.14 The email included instructions for unsubscribing to the Republican Party emails created Mr. Larry Patella, by including the following closing statement at the bottom of the October 23, 2014 email: "The following information is a reminder of your current mailing list subscription: You are subscribed to the following list: Local Mailing List, using the following email: tom.mielke@clark.wa.gov. If you would like to unsubscribe, please contact the list owner at: lmpatella@comcast.net.

3.15 On March 15, 2015, Commissioner Mielke responded to this allegation by stating: "*...part of the complaint dealt with an email from Larry Patella (Local Mailing List) on Oct.23rd at 8:01 am on a number of issues. Me, Tom Mielke's response was the fact the voting on the issues I saw were down party lines. ? Obviously, I responded and never sent him any political papers.*" **(Exhibit 3)**

IV.
SCOPE

4.1 Staff reviewed the following documents:

- A complaint against Tom Mielke, Clark County Commissioner/Counselor received on February 15, 2015 from Jacqueline Lane with exhibits.
- March 13, 2015 email from Tom Mielke.
- March 15, 2015 emailed response to complaint from Tom Mielke.

V.
LAW

RCW 42.17A.555 states, in part, "No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency."

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Respectfully submitted this 11th day of April 2016.

William A. Lemp III
Lead Political Finance Investigator

EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit 1 Complaint from Ms. Jacqueline Lane

Exhibit 2 Email dated July 29, 2014 from Tom Mielke's Clark County email address to district18rep@msn.com to forward a document he received at his County email address titled "Resolution to Defeat the Charter.docx."

Exhibit 3 Tom Mielke Response to complaint via email dated March 15, 2015

Exhibit 4 Tom Mielke's C-1 Candidate Registration Forms for 2008, 2012, and 2015 showing his personal email address as district18rep@msn.com.

Exhibit 5 Email dated October 23, 2014 sent from Tom Mielke's Clark County email address to Darlene Johnson asking her to not let the Woodland Chamber of Commerce take a position on Proposition 1, the Clark County Home Rule Charter ballot measure

Exhibit 6 Email dated October 23, 2014 sent from Tom Mielke's Clark County email address to a group (servlist) called "Local Mailing List" to support Jeanne Stewart for Clark County Commissioner, and to oppose her opponent, Craig Pridemore

Jon Ammons

From: Jackie LANE <jmlane@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 10:17 AM
To: PDC
Subject: PDC Complaint J Lane 02 16 15
Attachments: Mielke complaint.zip

Attached is a zip file containing :

Complaint :

- Mielke_Complaint.form3.doc - Word Document
- Scanned pages with signature (Sig page is SCAN0103.jpg)

Attachments :

- Word document - Mielke Complaint Exhibits 1-3.doc
- Copies of the outlook messages - 3 *.msg files

The word docs will be easier to read, the others provided to ensure sufficient documentation and the required signature.

My email provider does not allow me to have more than 5 attachments, so I zipped these. If that is an issue let me know and I will break it up and resend, or I can fax if that is preferred. I can be reached a jmlane@msn.com or 360 687-0609.

Thank you,

Jacqueline Lane

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Example #2: The Political Action Group (instead of P.A.G.), 123 Main Street, Your Town, State,
Phone: 555-123-4567, Email: pag@pag.org, Website: www.PAGwashington.org

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Clark County Commissioner/Councilor
PO Box 5000
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Email: tom.mielke@clark.wa.gov
Phone: 360-397-2232

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Certification

In signing this complaint:

- I have provided all information, documents and other evidence of which I am aware;
- If I become aware of additional information, documents or evidence related to my complaint, I will promptly provide it to the PDC; and,
- I am providing the PDC current information on how to contact me, and will promptly update that information if it changes.
- Unless otherwise noted, I agree that PDC may use email instead of U.S. mail for all written correspondence about this complaint.

Received PDC
Feb 17, 2015

E-mail address: jmlane@msn.com

Your name (print or type): Jacqueline Lane

Street address: 24203 NE 59th ave

City, state and zip code: Battle Ground, WA 98604

Telephone number (including area code): 360 687-0609

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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this complaint is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Your signature _____

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City **County**

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Clark — **County**

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Exhibit 1: July 29, 2014 Email Referencing Resolution Opposing Charter Ballot Measure

To: 'district18rep@msn.com'[district18rep@msn.com]
From: Mielke, Tom
Sent: Tue 7/29/2014 11:39:30 PM
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None
Subject: FW: A Resolution To Defeat The Freeholders' Charter
Categories: Important

Resolution to Defeat the Charter.docx

From: John Anderson [mailto:jandersonfarm@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 2:27 PM
To: kennysmith@clarkrepublicans.com
Subject: A Resolution To Defeat The Freeholders' Charter

My Fellow PCO's,

You will be asked to approve a Resolution to defeat the Freeholders' Charter at the August 21st Central Committee meeting.

Read the Freeholders' Charter:
http://www.clark.wa.gov/freeholders/documents/BOF_Final.pdf

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Received PDC
Feb 17, 2015

Exhibit 1: July 29, 2014 Email Referencing Resolution Opposing Charter Ballot Measure

To: 'district18rep@msn.com'[district18rep@msn.com]
From: Mielke, Tom
Sent: Tue 7/29/2014 11:39:30 PM
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None
Subject: FW: A Resolution To Defeat The Freeholders' Charter
Categories: Important

Resolution to Defeat the Charter.docx

From: John Anderson [mailto:jandersonfarm@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 2:27 PM
To: kennysmith@clarkrepublicans.com
Subject: A Resolution To Defeat The Freeholders' Charter

My Fellow PCO's,

You will be asked to approve a Resolution to defeat the Freeholders' Charter at the August 21st Central Committee meeting.

Read the Freeholders' Charter:
http://www.clark.wa.gov/freeholders/documents/BOF_Final.pdf

Watch the STOP THE CHARTER TRAIN video:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyXHQDdv5RA

The Charter replaces our 3 Commissioners with 5 toothless "Councilors" who are specifically prohibited from interfering with County management decisions. (Sec. 2.6) The power would be vested in an at-large Council Chair and an appointed County Executive. The Initiative/Referendum offered by the Charter is a sham. It specifically prohibits any petitions that deal with taxes, policy, projects, or even the Charter itself. (Sec. 7.2)

Attached is the Resolution to defeat the Charter.

Thank you,
John Anderson
PCO 618

Exhibit 1 (Continued): Resolution Referenced in July 29 Mielke Email

Resolution To Defeat The Freeholders' Charter

The Republican Party believes that transparency is essential to good governance.

Whereas, this Freeholders' Charter limits the quantity and quality of information that is easily and directly obtained by the people and their elected representatives. Three full-time Commissioners are replaced by five "Councilors" who only meet twice a month. These Councilors will be totally dependent on staff for critical information and department oversight. Only the at-large Council Chair is allowed to speak publicly on County business. (See Section 2.2); and,

The Republican Party is deeply committed to the principle that government must be accountable and responsive to the citizens it serves.

Whereas, the Freeholders' Charter removes power from the voter and their Commissioners, and transfers the power to an unelected Manager, staff and the at-large Council Chair. The Charter diminishes representative democracy in Clark County and once lost cannot be reclaimed. (See Section 2:6); and,

The Republican Party believes in the importance of checks and balances on power.

Whereas, the Initiative/Referendum offered in the Charter as a check on power is a toothless tiger which offers no real check on power. The Freeholders' Charter specifies that due to Constitutional limits, Charter prohibitions and court decisions, the initiative/referendum offered in the Charter does not allow citizens to use a petition to address taxes, budgets, fees, projects, policy issues or even the Charter itself. (See Section 7.2A1-6); and,

The Republican Party is an advocate for limited and cost-effective government.

Whereas, confusion is expensive. No information is available on what the new Manager will be paid. There is no reasonable estimate on the cost of the transition were the Charter to pass. Due to the greatly increased authority and responsibility of the unelected County Manager, and because this Manager will determine starting salaries for management employees as well as negotiate union contracts, logic dictates that there will be increased costs to the taxpayer. There will be long term costs associated with reducing the authority and ability of the Commissioners to manage and keep bureaucratic growth in check. The Freeholders' Charter will grow government. (See Section 3B1-9); and,

The power now rests with the people and their elected representatives, the Commissioners. They are readily accessible and accountable to the voters, a truly representative democracy.

Whereas, the Freeholders' Charter unnecessarily changes this long established form of County government.

Now therefore, be it resolved, we the Clark County Republican Party urge the defeat of the Freeholders' Charter when it appears on the November 2014 ballot.

William Lemp

From: TOM MIELKE <district18rep@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 5:41 PM
To: William Lemp
Subject: Investigation #15-052

March 15, 2015

Tom Mielke, Councilor
Clark County
Wk: 360-397-2232
Wk email: tom.mielke@clark.wa.gov

PDC Complaint T15-105
Jacqueline Lane

Investigation #15-052

To Whom it May Concern,

The first item of complaint was that I forwarded political papers to the Republican Party. As a personal rule, anything that comes to my County office that appears to be personal, I forward it onto my home computer which the PDC may verify my using it over several campaigns in the past. That email address is: district18rep@msn.com. Used and kept from my days as a State Legislator representing the District18.

In review of the evidence provided, I was looking at the dates and times of the email exchange between John JJ Burke on Oct 22nd at 2:07pm. Then Darlene Johnson, a personal friend sent to me, Tom Mielke on Oct 22nd at 2:21pm what appears to be from John JJ Burke. My recommendation back to my friend was to remain neutral. Not for nor against. Also note that the Woodland Chamber is in Cowlitz County and it appears the message being passed around was from Kelly Love of the Vancouver Chamber in Clark County. If it makes a difference, Cowlitz County didn't have a vote in the Charter.

Another part of the complaint dealt with an email from Larry Patella (Local Mailing List) on Oct.23rd at 8:01 am on a number of issues. Me, Tom Mielke's response was the fact the voting on the issues I saw were down party lines. ? Obviously, I responded and never sent him any political papers.

I have remained vigilant not to violate ethic or PDC rules for nearly 20 years and have a clean record. I am concerned about the vicious accusations and the embellishment of evidence that shows an intent to cause inconvenience to the Public Disclosure Commission, Clark County and myself. The obvious evidence that the Plaintiff used as a reason to complain, in fact shows the opposite. The Board of County Councilors have been providing almost weekly public disclosure documents for over 2 years to this group. When citizen abuse the law as you are aware of, creates a major cost to the taxpayers when they are unfounded. The evidence I speak of would be the continued request to and from our Legislators to provide some sort of relief in the law of record providing. This is truly another case of abuse.

Thank Your for Your Consideration,

Tom Mielke
Cell: 360-608-6201
Hme email: district18rep@msn.com

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Candidate Registration

C1 (1/2008)

DATE FILED PDC
FEB 02 2008

Candidate's Name (Give candidate's full name.)
Tom Mielke

Telephone Number
(360) 608-6201

Candidate's Committee Name (Do not abbreviate.)
Committee to Elect Tom Mielke 2008

Fax Number
( )

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 2503

Candidate's E-Mail Address
District18Rep@msn.com

City: Battle Ground | County: Clark | Zip + 4: 98604

Campaign E-Mail Address
same

1. What office are you running for?
County Commissioner

Legislative District, County or City

Position No.
1

Do you now hold this office?
Yes ☐ No X☐

2. Political party (if partisan office)
Republican

3. Date of general or special election
10/4/08

4. How much do you plan to spend during your entire election campaign, including the primary and general elections? Based on that estimate, choose one of the reporting options below. **If no box is checked you are obligated to use Option II, Full Reporting. See instruction manuals for information about reports required and changing reporting options.**

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X☐ **Option II FULL REPORTING:** I will use the Full Reporting system. I will file the frequent, detailed campaign reports required by law.

5. Treasurer's Name and Address. Does treasurer perform only ministerial functions? Yes ___ No ___. See WAC 390-05-243 and next page for details. List deputy treasurers on attached sheet. ☐ Continued on attached sheet.
Tom Mielke, P.O. Box 2503, Battle Ground, WA. 98604

Daytime Telephone Number
(360) 608-6201

6. Persons who perform only ministerial functions on your behalf and on behalf of other candidates or political committees. List name, title and address of these persons. See WAC 390-05-243 and next page for details. ☐ Continued on attached sheet.

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8. Campaign Bank or Depository
Riverview

Branch
Battle Ground

City
Battle Ground

9. Related or Affiliated Political Committees. List name, address and relationship. ☐ Continued on attached sheet.

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Street Address, Room Number, City where campaign books will be available for inspection
7401 NE 284th St., Battle Ground, WA. 98604
In order to make an appointment, contact the campaign at (telephone, fax, e-mail): (X)

11. **CERTIFICATION:**
I certify that this report is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Candidate's Signature
Tom Mielke

Date
2/1/08

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Candidate Registration

C1 (1/2008)

100454340

03-06-2012

Candidate's Name (Give candidate's full name.) TOM M MIELKE	Telephone Number 360-687-1106
Candidate's Committee Name (Do not abbreviate.) COMMITTEE TO ELECT TOM MIELKE	Fax Number
Mailing Address 7401 NE 284TH ST	Candidate's E-Mail Address DISTRICT18REP@MSN.COM
City / County / Zip + 4 BATTLE GROUND / CLARK / 98604	Campaign E-Mail Address DISTRICT18REP@MSN.COM

1. What office are you running for? COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Legislative District, County or City: CLARK CO
Position No.: NA
Do you now hold this office? Yes [X] No [ ]

2. Political party (if partisan office): REPUBLICAN

3. Date of general or special election: 11/06/2012

4. How much do you plan to spend during your entire election campaign, including the primary and general elections? Based on that estimate, choose one of the reporting options below. **If no box is checked you are obligated to use Option II, Full Reporting. See instruction manuals for information about reports required and changing reporting options.**

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SHARON K LIEN
5914 NE 384TH ST., LA CENTER WA 98629

Daytime Telephone Number: 360-263-2256

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JUSTIN D. SMITH, CAMPAIGN MANAGER, 1341 E. 14TH CIR, LA CENTER WA 98629
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I certify that this report is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Candidate's Signature: TOM M MIELKE
Date: 03-06-2012

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Candidate Registration

C1 (1/2008)

100628775

03-02-2015

Candidate's Name (Give candidate's full name.)
TOM MIELKE

Telephone Number
360-608-6201

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BATTLE GROUND | CLARK | 98604

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER | CLARK CO | AL | Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Political party (if partisan office)
REPUBLICAN

3. Date of general or special election
11/03/2015

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JUSTIN SMITH, MANAGER, 11504 NE 349TH ST, LA CENTER WA 98629

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U.S. BANK | DOWNTOWN | VANCOUVER

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Candidate's Signature
TOM MIELKE

Date
03-02-2015

Exhibit 3: October 23, 2014 Email to "Local Mailing List" Regarding Commissioner Race

From: Mielke, Tom
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 12:55 PM
To: 'Local Mailing List'
Subject: RE: What others are saying

Categories: Important

WOW! JUST WOW! HARD TO BELIEVE ALL THIS WENT RIGHT DOWN PARTY LINES.....
ENOUGH ABOUT WORKING WELL WITH OTHERS

TOM

-----Original Message-----
From: Local Mailing List [mailto:lmpatella@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:01 AM
To: Mielke, Tom
Subject: What others are saying

(Mailing list information, including unsubscription instructions, is located at the end of this message.) __

Good Morning,

Please read and then vote for Jeanne Stewart

BELOW is Information provided by reliable sources and the fish Wrapper spotlighting the highlights of Pridemore's Political career. As you can see, Pridemore repeatedly Ignored the voice of the people and HAS VOTED FOR, or SPOKE IN FAVOR OF

- multiple taxes & hikes, lodging tax, building fee hikes; 44% increase in builder's fees; extend real estate tax; cell phone 911 fee; building permit fee; increased property tax; gas tax increase; ground water fee; voted to continue 11.7% surcharge on most development fees; raised fees for reviewing subdivisions, zone-change and other permit requests by 44 percent;
- bridge tolls (sponsored the bill that allows tolls)
- elimination of the 2/3 majority in Olympia
- elimination of the 60% for levies
- light rail
- increased density while knowing it will increase traffic congestion
- forcing cities to accept more apartments
- Wanted C-Tran to merge with Trimet
- County joined suit against Initiative 722
- supports "smart growth"
- Supported millions in state dollars to Vancouver's downtown conference center.
- Stem tide of Portlanders by increasing housing prices
- Wants State law change to allow immovable growth boundary
- Resigned Clark County Commission midterm
- Voted to raise taxes, after claiming he was against
- Pridemore knowingly increased housing costs by increasing land value
- Wants to eliminate Electoral College by backdoor
- Will lead climate effort (which will raise energy costs)
- supports 15 cent gas tax increase
- Co-sponsored legislation to charge $9-$12 fee on TV & computers

- Supports large sales tax increase (1 penny/dollar)
- reimposing an inheritance tax was a "great idea."
- Give school lveies a second try in May
- Pridemore said he supports the current CRC plan.
- Pridemore supported referring a temporary sales tax to voters
- it's time to consider "a wealth-based, income-based" tax
- Voted to charge for access to state parks and lands
- Proposed real estate excise tax
- Vote against restoring 1% property tax limit.
- Supports tax abatements for developers (which takes money from basic services)
- Opposed Oversight of CRC
- Sponsored bill to allow tolling on CRC MISC
- said I dont believe there is any such thing as good sprawl.
- Eventually, either sprawl must be allowed or slower traffic must be accepted, Pridemore said. Slower traffic is better.
- "I think a major part of the solution is a recognition that density breeds congestion," Pridemore said. "So a realistic set of expectations is important."
- Clark County might come to Vancouver's rescue with as much as $500,000 a year for the city's long-discussed convention center. ..."I think that's a good project that would generate substantial economic activity," county Commissioner Craig Pridemore said.
- Craig Pridemore, a county commissioner, indicated that Washington transportation policymakers have an obligation to keep the HOV lane in operation
- County budget director: Growth doesn't make financial difference

These are from scanning Columbian archives from 1996 to Summer 2014 surrounding Pridemore's political history.

The result is the two attached files titled "Pridemore Report". They are intended to be leads to the full articles which can be supplied on request - or can be found in the Columbian archives.

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Exhibit 2: October 23, 2014 Email to Darlene Johnson Regarding Charter Ballot Measure

From: Mielke, Tom
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 1:25 PM
To: 'darlene@gowoot.net'
Subject: RE: [FWD: Dear Chamber Members]

Wow! Hi Dar,

I can't believe how hard they are working to do private presentations and so on. I'm not sure who the 60% might be, but the Charter is a disaster. Please don't let the chamber take a position on this, it will put them in a bad light.

Tom

From: Darlene Johnson [mailto:darlene@gowoot.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:21 PM
To: Madore, David; TOM MIELKE (district18rep@cs.com); Mielke, Tom
Subject: FW: [FWD: Dear Chamber Members]

Thought you might be interested in what is being email to Chamber on the Charter issue.

Dar

From: Darlene Johnson [mailto:darlene@gowoot.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:16 PM
To: 'John JJ Burke'; 'Joy Snead'
Subject: RE: [FWD: Dear Chamber Members]

I and everyone I know (in Clark County) are opposed to the charter. I have a hard time believing their position. (However the did support the bridge and opposed a third bridge)

I do not think the Woodland Chamber has the time to study this issue to take a position on it.

Dar

From: John JJ Burke [mailto:jj@woodlandwachamber.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:07 PM
To: Joy Snead; Darlene Johnson
Subject: [FWD: Dear Chamber Members]

FYI

John "JJ" Burke
Executive Director
Woodland Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 1012
Woodland, WA 98674

Phone:(360)225-9552
Fax: (360)225-3490
Email: jj@woodlandwachamber.com
Web: www.woodlandwachamber.com

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [FWD: Dear Chamber Members]
From: <info@woodlandwachamber.com>
Date: Wed, October 22, 2014 9:10 am
To: "John Burke" <jj@woodlandwachamber.com>

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Dear Chamber Members
From: "Kelly Parker" <kparker@vancouverusa.com>
Date: Fri, October 17, 2014 3:05 pm
To: "Woodland Chamber of Commerce" <info@woodlandwachamber.com>

I am sending this to you before we release the information to the public.
I appreciate all who responded to our survey several weeks ago regarding the proposed county charter.
60% of our members who responded said they support the charter.

The GVCC Public Affairs Committee took that information and then met with representatives from both sides of the issue developing a pro/con list. I include that list for your review.

After discussion, the GVCC Board of Directors voted to support Proposition #1, the proposed county charter.
The Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce has joined in the announcement which is included below.

You may ask when does your chamber take positions? The chamber does not endorse candidates or partisan issues.
The chamber routinely takes positions on school levies and local issues because they impact our businesses and our community. The chamber looks for a return on investment. Will this provide long term benefits for our businesses and our community? In this case, the answer is a resounding yes. There are several business issues before

the county (wineries, growth management, infrastructure) that impact our businesses. Additional distrtict wide representation and clear division of responsibilities will provide predictability, transparency and equity for all residents.

Above all, the chamber wants to provide you information to help you make your best determination and to vote. When we don't vote, we lose our voice. Your voice matters.

I am happy to take any comments/questions you may have. You can reach me at klove@vancouverusa.com or directly at 360.567-1050. I thank you for being a member of the chamber.

Kelly Love
CEO/President
Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

(VANCOUVER, Wash.) - The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce officially support Proposition #1, the proposed Home Rule Charter.

The charter provides a strong return on investment, providing two additional elected positions to better represent the growing community while not increasing costs to the taxpayers. The Charter also clarifies the roles of the elected officials and the county Manager providing businesses greater consistency and predictability in doing business in the county. Most local governments already use this model in which the elected officials set policy and the county manager implements the policy. The elected officials have authority to hire/fire the county manager.

"By increasing the number of elected officials from 3 to 5, we will have stronger representation listening to concerns of local families and businesses," said GVCC Public Affairs Chairman Eric Olmsted. "The charter provides greater stability and transparency creating a positive environment for businesses and the community to grow."

The Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce says the measure is a non- partisan issue strongly supported by Republicans and Democrats in the community. "It's a simple, moderate and cost effective update to our governing rules; the first update since 1889. It makes sense." Says Brent Erickson, Executive Director of the Camas Washougal Chamber. "By expanding the council to five, it also encourages more people to become involved in our county government."

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce polled its members in mid-September. Approximately 200 of the 1,100 members responded. 60 percent said they planned to vote yes. "Consistently we heard from our businesses that they want more information on the issue and that the majority considered it a very important issue to the growth of Clark County," said Eric Sawyer, Chair of the GVCC Board. "We think it's vitally important that we provide our businesses with the best information we've developed and encourage all businesses to take a few minutes and consider the pro's and con's before voting. Most importantly we encourage them to vote."

The GVCC's Youtube Channel features four informational videos on the proposed Clark County Charter. The GVCC created these videos in partnership with community volunteers and Star Rise Entertainment. Please encourage your friends, neighbors, peers and family to vote.

VIDEO #1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRr3ibpqqHI
VIDEO #2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQ8az0TID-M
VIDEO #3 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JyTdL_67cs
VIDEO #4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cj3G9hApVCM

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Additional Information links on Proposition #1 the proposed Home Rule Charter:

Final Home Rule Charter Document (PDF):
http://clark.wa.gov/freeholders/documents/BOFCharter_052714.pdf

Board of Freeholder Information (Clark County Website):
http://clark.wa.gov/freeholders/index.html

www.charteryes.com

www.votenocharter.com

Additional background compiled by GVCC Public Affairs Committee:

Points made by opponents of the charter:

- The charter creates a wall of separation from the Commissioners to the people.
- It creates obstacles for the commissioners who will have less authority and power to step in and help people directly by directing county staff what to do. Currently Commissioners can override county staff decisions and instruct county staff what to do.
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- The Commissioners job should be full time and the wage should not be cut from $102K to $52K.
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- There's no need for this kind of reform the current system works well. The Commissioners are doing a good job.
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Points made by supporters of the charter

- Elected Councilors set policy and the county manager implements it. County manager hires/fires employees. Councilors have authority to hire/fire the county manager (similar to most local government)
- It expands the number of councilors from 3 to 5 providing better representation to reflect a larger, growing county. 4 of the 5 will be elected from their own

district representing the unique perspectives of the district. One will be elected county wide and will serve as chair to ensure a county wide perspective.

- It allows for citizens to review county charter t at 5 and 10 year intervals. any change must be approved by voters. It also provides citizens the right to bring initiatives to the ballot box.
- By reducing the work load it allows more people who already have jobs the opportunity to serve as Councilor (like city councils).
- This is the product of a citizen led non-partisan process that studied best practices to improve access and representation.