

## A few late night thoughts on the recent lunch & learn

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Hi there PDC;

Sorry I'm late turning this in. First, new part-time job. Second, coming off of some travel and an illness. With that, here goes.

Want to thank the PDC staff for a very good overview lunch & learn on preventing the use of public resources. Sadly, the MRSC wasn't there to learn from it. So I sent their Chief Counsel the following as a blog post suggestion:

"**One big gap I see** - and this is becoming a real issue we can please talk about - **is the intersection between RCW 42.17A.555 (prohibition of public resources for campaigning) and RCW 42.30.240 (public comment at public meetings)**. It needs to be stressed that this is an activist *point of emphasis* generating PDC complaints since 2018 due to lack of eager enforcement and clarity. Also a *sarcastic* thank you to one Alex Tsimerman..."

I also shared that every time I have to file one of these complaints, I see it as diplomatic failure. As a last resort. As a sign that it's time to get tough with the respondent.

Will they turn around like Redmond did? First the reminder letter or investigation is necessary, then the turnaround.

The PDC has to be tough when we see elected officials or committee members allow a candidate to campaign again and again. As I've filed a currently unnumbered complaint w/ your office about the City Government of Bellevue complete with incident reports.

Sometimes it takes a PDC prompt to get the locals to act, and that prompt in the case of Bellevue should take a fine. Preferably big enough where the message is clear to all: Address the intersection between RCW 42.17A.555 & RCW 42.30.240.

At least the fact Gov'r Bob Ferguson is facing a similar complaint is keeping his X account use more legal. Allowing for voter roll integrity efforts to proceed.

In conclusion, Redmond style: I encourage the PDC to keep doing the lunch & learns. But also get tough - and stay tough. Finally, we all need to be working together - MRSC, PDC, State Legislature, etcetera.

Very strategically;

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