

Tomjgriffin reported via email Tues, 1 Oct 2019 at 10:52PM  
to: "Washington Public Disclosure Commission" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Dear Tabatha,

I am responding to a PDC complaint filed against me, case number 57396, by the current Mayor of Newcastle and my opponent in the general election, Allen Dauterman, and the current Deputy Mayor, Linda Moschetti-Newing-- his supporter also running for council--stating that I have distributed campaign literature at the Newcastle Public Library on September 10, 2019, in violation of RCW 42.17A.555.

RCW 42.17A.555 applies only to elected officials, employees of their office, or any person employed by a public office or agency. None of the above applies to me as a private citizen running for public office for the first time. Clearly, I have not violated the statute.

I believe that the filing of this unfounded complaint by Dauterman and Newing, who after four years on the council should be very familiar with this statute and presumably read it before they filed this complaint, constitutes an attempt to use the PDC to impede, embarrass, and damage my campaign. They both should be admonished and sanctioned by the PDC.

Please dismiss this complaint with prejudice

Thank you,

Tom Griffin  
Candidate for Newcastle City Council