Respondent Name

Allen Dauterman

Complainant Name

Nola Coston

Complaint Description

Nola Email reported via the portal Wed, 2 Oct 2019 at 11:38AM

Alleged violation of RCW.17A.555, elected official using public office or agency facilities (public library) to assist in his election campaign. The complaint alleges the following:

The city of Newcastle sponsored a citywide event, Newcastle Days, at its owned park facility, Lake Boren Park, held September 6-8, 2019. Allen Dauterman, City of Newcastle Mayor, councilmember, and currently a candidate for reelection, was seen by numerous witnesses distributing campaign material, including written material and posting numerous campaign signs in and around a booth he had rented from the city to further his political campaign. His campaign advertising was viewed and seen by hundreds of Newcastle voters attending the event.

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

Distributing campaign material by an elected official during a political campaign at publically owned facilities gives the appearance to the public in attendance that the facility and the city are supporting the candidate and allows him to leverage public facilities to further his campaign.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Certification (Complainant)

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