

<b>Respondent Name</b>
Dow Constantine
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Chestine Edgar
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p>chestine edgar replied Wed, 2 Oct 2019 at 10:00PM to: "PDC Support" &lt;pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov&gt;</p> <p>October 2, 2019</p> <p>Hello Tabitha Blacksmith;</p> <p>Thank you for your help in getting an approval for me to submit this complaint via another means than the "Report a Violation" page format. You notified me that this would be allowed on October 1, 2019.</p> <hr/> <p>On October 30, 2017, Dow Constantine and his staffers, Lauren Leigh Craig and Diane Carlson arranged and held a press conference that involved campaigning for four specific candidates (Jimmy Matta, Krystal Marx, Pedro Olguin and Nancy Tosta) up for general elections in Burien, WA. They used county equipment and county staff time for this "show". They created an agenda for it that they titled "run of show" and selected and arranged the speakers. Strangely, they did not invite the Burien City Mayor or City Manager to participate in the show. Both of these people were the designated spokespersons for the City of Burien. They rather invited a woman (Nancy Tosta) who was a sitting Burien council member and who was a candidate running for office to speak right after Dow. And after the written agenda of the show had been established, a group titled Burien Represent was inserted to speak right before Rich Stoltz from One America. The speakers for Burien Represent were Keri Gibbard Kline and Hugo Garcia who can be seen speaking on the video which I provided a link to. On the video they can be seen campaigning for Nancy Tosta, Jimmy Matta, Krystal Marx and Pedro Olguin using King County equipment and participating in a show that was orchestrated by King County staff and financed by King County. This appears to be in clear violation of RCW 42.17A.555.</p>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
<p>What impact did the alleged violations have on the public? Due to the political position and power of Dow Constantine/County Executive, Joe McDermott/Chair of the King County Council and the other very hand-picked, Washington State elected representatives who were shown in close proximity to Dow at the mic attending and supporting this press conference, the announcement of who to vote for in the Burien elections at this press conference was very powerful and influential on the public. This event was covered by Puget Sound media providers and broadcast out to the public on TV and the electronic media sites--the internet. So it influenced more than just the public who attended the event in</p>

person. Furthermore, through the process of being excluded from the conference, it left the impression with the public that the candidates not endorsed at this press conference were candidates that were unsavory candidates and even perhaps were candidates that were involved in hate campaigning or hate events. This press conference was not announced through Burien's media providers to the general public. Only selected groups were notified that this press conference was going to happen. This press conference was arranged( in Part) for the purpose to assist the campaign elections of four people (Nancy Tosta, Jimmy Matta, Pedro Olguin and Krystal Marx) to the Burien City Council.

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

1. Video at 12:57 - 13:20 Link:  
[https://www.facebook.com/Q13FOX/videos/10156981459374199/?hc\\_ref=ARSBZwL7tL\\_WjnSQjDLwZcwr-S4qqRYXMC8yg2qnHbcyHhT9x-4KeHAbuCsgc3qwiyA&fref=gs&dti=727638380644504&hc\\_location=group](https://www.facebook.com/Q13FOX/videos/10156981459374199/?hc_ref=ARSBZwL7tL_WjnSQjDLwZcwr-S4qqRYXMC8yg2qnHbcyHhT9x-4KeHAbuCsgc3qwiyA&fref=gs&dti=727638380644504&hc_location=group)
2. Gibbard Cline and Hugo Garcia from Burien Represent campaigning using King County equipment at the press conference called and orchestrated by Dow Constantine. Link: <https://www.westsideseattle.com/highline-times/2017/10/30/king-co-exec-dow-constantine-and-others-speak-out-against-anti-immigrant>
3. Email between Diane Carlson and Brian Wilson and email between Austin Bell and Lauren Craig
4. Photos showing speakers using King County equipment.

**List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them**

Debi Wagner/ Burien council member was in attendance at this press conference-  
- [debi.wagner@icloud.com](mailto:debi.wagner@icloud.com)  
Brian Wilson/Burien City Manager was in attendance at this [conference--](#)  
[brianw@burienwa.gov](mailto:brianw@burienwa.gov)

**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.

# RE: Tomorrow's Press Conference in Burien

Brian Wilson

Mon 10/30/2017 8:16 AM ←

To: 'Carlson, Diane' <Diane.Carlson@kingcounty.gov>;

Cc: Emily Inlow-Hood <emilyi@burienwa.gov>; Council Members <CouncilMembers@burienwa.gov>;

Diane:

Thank you. Our Communications Officer Emily Inlow-Hood and I will plan to attend.

Brian J. Wilson

City Manager

City of Burien

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**From:** Carlson, Diane [mailto:Diane.Carlson@kingcounty.gov]

**Sent:** Sunday, October 29, 2017 9:55 PM ←

**To:** Brian Wilson <BrianW@burienwa.gov>

**Subject:** Fwd: Tomorrow's Press Conference in Burien

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Craig, Lauren" <Lauren.Craig@kingcounty.gov>

**Date:** October 29, 2017 at 8:51:23 PM PDT ←

**To:** "austinb@burienwa.gov" <austinb@burienwa.gov>

**Subject:** Tomorrow's Press Conference in Burien

Good evening,

Thank you for standing with King County Executive Dow Constantine and other regional and community leaders to denounce the hateful, anti-immigration "Respect Washington" mailer sent to Burien residents.

We look forward to standing beside you at 12:00pm at Burien Town Square, 400 152nd SW, Burien, WA (address is for City Hall, adjacent to Town Square).

Please see below suggested run of show:

- 12:00pm Dow opens press conference
- 12:04pm Burien CM/Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta
- 12:08pm KC Council Chair Joe McDermott
- 12:12pm WAISN Representative ← *Burien Represent inserted here*
- 12:16pm Rich Stolz, OneAmerica
- 12:20pm Dow closes

Do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns using the information below. I will also be available on-site in Burien.

Thank you for your leadership at this critical time in our history.

Lauren Leigh Craig, J.D. | External Relations

Office of King County Executive Dow Constantine

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Links to Photos showing speakers using King County equipment 10-30-2017:

Photo 1 – Dow Constantine

[https://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westsideseattle.com%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fimages%2F%255Bdomain-url%255D%2F%255Bnode-yyyy%255D%2F%255Bnode-mm%255D%2Fburien\\_press\\_conference\\_-\\_1.jpg&imgrefurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westsideseattle.com%2Fhighline-times%2F2017%2F10%2F30%2Fking-co-exec-dow-constantine-and-others-speak-out-against-anti-immigrant&docid=a2TLFjXw0T9FvM&tbnid=ibY3pYRSvG6HLM%3A&vet=10ahUKEwja\\_djXqtXkAhWB4J4KHeilBykQMwhDKAAwAA..i&w=1280&h=845&itg=1&client=firefox-b-1-d&bih=882&biw=1280&q=photos%20of%20dow%27s%20october%2030%2C%202017%20press%20conference%20in%20Burien&ved=0ahUKEwja\\_djXqtXkAhWB4J4KHeilBykQMwhDKAAwAA&iact=mrc&uact=8](https://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westsideseattle.com%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fimages%2F%255Bdomain-url%255D%2F%255Bnode-yyyy%255D%2F%255Bnode-mm%255D%2Fburien_press_conference_-_1.jpg&imgrefurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westsideseattle.com%2Fhighline-times%2F2017%2F10%2F30%2Fking-co-exec-dow-constantine-and-others-speak-out-against-anti-immigrant&docid=a2TLFjXw0T9FvM&tbnid=ibY3pYRSvG6HLM%3A&vet=10ahUKEwja_djXqtXkAhWB4J4KHeilBykQMwhDKAAwAA..i&w=1280&h=845&itg=1&client=firefox-b-1-d&bih=882&biw=1280&q=photos%20of%20dow%27s%20october%2030%2C%202017%20press%20conference%20in%20Burien&ved=0ahUKEwja_djXqtXkAhWB4J4KHeilBykQMwhDKAAwAA&iact=mrc&uact=8)

Photo 2 – Nancy Tosta

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Photo 3 – Keri Gibbard Kline and Hugo Garcia

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