

Mark Michel reported via email Tues, 8 Oct 2019 at 1:05 PM
to: pdc@pdc.wa.gov

To Whom it May Concern,

I hate to bother you, but I have a question I'd like help answering.

To provide a little background information: I have been a Commissioner for Key Peninsula Parks for over 8 years. I have been unopposed for two elections to Position 1. This election, I chose to switch positions (from Position 1 to Position 3) on the Board to run against another Commissioner instead of running in my own (none of our Positions are defined or constrained by any geographical limits within the District). He also happened to be up for re-election this year.

Here's my question: Is this a re-election to the Board, or am I running as a new candidate against the incumbent in the position? It may matter for the campaign signs, and I don't want to do anything in violation of PDC guidelines.

Again, I'm so sorry to bother you with this. Thank you for your help. I hope this is the worst problem you encounter.

- Mark Michel

Sent from my iPhone

Mark Michel replied Wed, 9 Oct 2019 at 11:04PM
to: "PDC Support" pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Thank you so much for the clarification. I fear that I may have accidentally been in violation of the restrictions of the term: "Re-Elect." Again, I have been a Commissioner in Position 1 for 8 years. I chose to run in Position 3 this cycle. There are no constraints (term limits or address within the District) for any of Key Pen Parks positions.

As soon as I was made aware this was not technically a re-election, I covered up the "Re" of the "Re-Elect" on my signs. Our local paper comes out once a month. I ran ads in the September edition and another in October edition which came out on 1 October. Unfortunately, I noticed that within the body of text in the ad it indicated "re-elect." Because that paper comes out only once a month, and that was last week, I'm wondering if there are any other steps I can take to ensure I'm in full compliance.

My opponent has published on social media I am "currently under investigation by the state for illegal campaign practices in trying to mislead Key Peninsula voters." Honestly, I made an incorrect assumption, but did not intentionally, or maliciously violate the code. Additionally, so far I have not been notified in any way I'm under "investigation." Could you please let me know if this accidental breach requires investigation? If so, don't hesitate to contact me. I'll happily provide any information you need.

Again, I'm sorry to be a "problem child," hope this is the worst problem you encounter this election season, and look forward to hearing what I can do to resolve this issue.

Mark Michel
President, Key Pen Parks (Position 1 - for now).

Sent from my iPad

[Mark Michel](#) replied Fri, 11 Oct 2019 at 11:06AM
to: "PDC Support" <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>

Tabatha,

Thank you so much for taking this on. I'm so sorry if my actions caused you, or others in the PDC, additional work. Before I was notified (on Facebook by John) that I was under investigation, I had started correcting my mistake. I'm attaching two pictures: one is of the corrected sign. I have also asked for public help in identifying any sign which is still non-compliant (we only ordered 50, but they seem to "travel"). The second picture is of my "car magnets," which, for some reason never said "Re-Elect." To be honest, I did not design or order the signs. BUT, in no way am I saying that to avoid accountability. If there was a mistake in my advertising, it was 100% my own mistake.

Please let me know if there are further actions I need to take to ensure I am in full compliance. Again, I apologize for any work or hardship I've caused. As I stated before, as a Park Commissioner for the last 10 years, I was unaware (but should have taken the time to research) I was not being re-elected to the Board because I chose to run for a different position specifically to oppose John.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to taking this off your plate so you can return to doing other things.

- Mark Michel
Key Pen Parks Board President (currently)





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