

Complaint Description

Peg (Sat, 16 Nov 2019 at 12:27 PM)

Candidates are required to file with PDC within two weeks of becoming a candidate: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/new-candidates>

According to the disclosure law, one becomes a candidate when one states publicly that they are seeking office: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/new-candidates>

Awna Underwood stated publicly no later than Oct 30th that she was running for office. She may have made earlier declarations. See her Nextdoor.com post which was broadcast locally via the app to 42 surrounding neighborhoods (see screen shots).

However as of PDC website search 11/16/19 Awna Underwood is not listed as a candidate. Voters were given no access to C-1 information and/or method by which to request financial data.

The mayoral race is not a game. Throwing in write in names without following the correct process divides the votes and causes confusion to the voters.

Thank you.

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

Declaring oneself as a write in candidate without following the correct process is a reckless action; it harms the public by dividing the vote between legitimate candidates and causes confusion to the general voting public. It works against those who have followed process and are running honest campaigns.

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

Screen shots #1-7 of Awna's public declaration of her intent to run for office as a Camas Mayoral write in candidate

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

witnesses and their phone numbers are available should they be needed

Complaint Certification:

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Awna Underwood, Winchester Hills

Camas Mayor Write-In, Awna Underwood

For the past several weeks, I've been honored to spend a considerable amount of time responding to questions from Camas friends and acquaintances, regarding the upcoming Mayoral election and Proposition 2 (Ordinance #19-007, a \$78M Bond) in Camas. I wanted to take time to put a few things together for those of you who are questioning, curious and having a difficult time. Of course, I urge you to continue to research more on your own because I believe that our community deserves the best in leadership and government.

I appreciate the vision statement that the Camas Chamber of Commerce shares; "We work to maintain a healthy, livable community through positive business leadership, participation, collaboration and accountability."

What ever your choice is, it is your choice. Please vote.

Details

We have Incumbent Mayor Shannon Turk who was appointed 11 months ago by City Council members when then Mayor Scott Higgins, a lifetime Camas resident, resigned early. Last Tuesday, my husband and I had the opportunity to hear from Mayor Turk and write-in, Barry McDonnell (Melissa Smith, write-in, was recovering from neck surgery). At the tail end of the debate, on camera and then after the debate, there was considerable talk about lack of trust and transparency in the incumbent, statements that she was not reachable by "the people" and a gross lack of communication and effective outreach into the majority of the community, possibly due to the fact that Mayor Turk works a full time job with the City of Vancouver. There was also appreciation acknowledged for her education and understanding of city government and planning.

In November 2018, the post record quoted Shannon saying, "I am feeling very excited to come into the job. It's a fantastic feeling to have the support of the council going forward as the mayor. The first thing we will start working on is improving communication."

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Talking with many Camas folks and reading commentary and social media posts, it's seems that people appreciate Barry calling the Council and Mayor out and asking for responsibility in communication. Also, for transparency and fiduciary responsibility in a sustainable aquatic center.

Mr. McConnell was honest with his shortcomings and lack of knowledge in all of the details that the office of Mayor is currently involved. It was refreshing. He also acknowledged that he has full support of his family and friends and was 100% committed to learning it all quickly.

City Council Member, Melissa Smith is the other write-in, and also bid for the seat against Shannon when Scott resigned. Lacamas Magazine asked Melissa;

Does your candidacy mean you have no confidence in Shannon Turk?
"Correct.

I wouldn't have put in for it if I did have confidence in her. I don't see any leadership in the current mayor. The appointment process was council's decision. I knew Shannon would probably get it, but this time is a citizen's choice and I trust the citizens to make the right choice. This is my home and just like everyone else who lives here, I want to take care of her. I want to see Camas be prosperous and collaborative; a place where opposing views are heard as long as things are done in a civil manner. You can't totally shut people out."

She also shares that she believes the office of Mayor in Camas is a 40 hour per week position, of which she is ready and available to commit to.

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Leadership Experience:
Regional Hiring Manager
Sales Training Manager for Multi-Million dollar company
Manager for employee owned business
Camas Citizens Advisory Council member
Grads Valley PTO
Camas High School Social Media Chair
Unite Washougal Coalition Coordinator
Cascade View Covenant Church Youth Group Leader
Founder and Director of Classy Moms of Clark County

Camas Life Relevance:
I am a resident of Camas and I was raised through 5th grade in Washougal and moved to Camas the summer before starting middle school at James David Zellerbach. I walked to and fro because I lived near Crown Park and was within the 'walk zone' all of middle school and high school. The pool and park was my haven.

My dad, Dennis Murphy, worked at Pendleton Woolen Mill all my life and my mom, Lisa, was a CNA and homemaker. My mom was a Camas High School graduated too, class of 1979, pretty cool! I am an honorary CHS class of 1997 member and attend all of our alumni events, though I completed my senior year in Astoria, Oregon. My husband is class of 1995 and our son is class of 2018. Our middle daughter is slated as CHS class of 2025 and our youngest, class of 2033. She attends Camas Christian Academy, which currently houses grades pre-K through grade 9, with projection for all grades in the near future. We own our home and property in Camas and we plan to stay here. I have a small, private practice as a Family Mediator, helping families improve communication. I am also a licensed life insurance agent. I work by referral only, part time, out of my home office.

North Shore/Growth and Development:
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I appreciate round table discussions and hearing from many people. More voices bring opportunity for unique ideas and solutions. When folks are used to working together for a long period, their ideas tend to merge and look similar. Their approach, data collection and execution can become complacent. It has been said by each candidate that communication needs to improve and I agree. It's time to shake things up, do things differently and do them well!

Thoughts on a New Camas Pool:
I am opposed to Proposition 2 as it is currently written. I believe there needs to be multiple bids, including local business given the opportunity to bid. We also need more research and development on available lands and costs associated. Collaboration with communities like Firstenburg in Vancouver, other communities of similar size and median income levels with aquatic centers.

Why should you write in my name?
Sometimes, our gut just needs someone to feel good about choosing. You can feel good about me.
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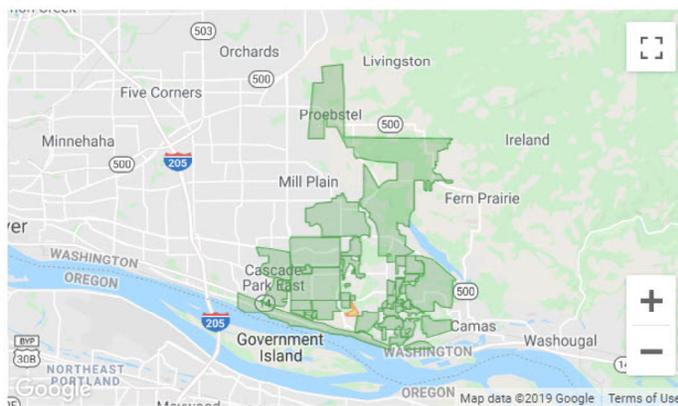


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