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to:

"PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Good Evening

I have read the email, including the statement and I am providing my response, for the record.

As a homeowner in a non-annexed community in Camas, directly across the street from our middle school, I know that I cannot vote for mayor. The verbiage for voters is clear "you must reside within city limits". However, the verbiage for running for mayor was not; "applicants must reside in the City of Camas." Which I do. However, I do not like gray areas. I called the Clark County Elections office, spoke to a woman and asked her very specific questions about running for mayor in Camas as a Write-in, residing in the un-annexed neighborhood of Winchester Hills, and my not being eligible to vote for mayor or Proposition 2. I stated how it appears that I could run for mayor since I indeed lived in Camas with a Camas address and Camas zip code and she agreed. She did not ask me for my address.

Now that I had the confidence of what I considered an authoritative yes, I took it to prayer. Next, I spoke with my husband, children, and a handful of business advisors and personal confidants. With the initiated pleadings of several dozen community members asking me to run for mayor, the support of my family, and the guidance of my faith, I was led to complete the full application process and wrote a check for the full amount due, which I believe was \$262.00.

I started a social media campaign only, on October 30th, 2019. On the website, it states that write-in applicants have until 5pm on November 5 to file their paperwork and pay the financial portion.

I had an 'Underwood for Mayor' photo shoot downtown Vancouver the afternoon of November 5th, including one of me with my completed paperwork outside of the Clark County Elections office.

When I went inside, I spoke to the woman at the counter and told her I was there to file write-in paperwork for Camas Mayor. She said something to the effect of, "I'm not the one who knows how to help you with that, let me see if so and so (I don't recall the woman's name that she said) can help you with this. She called out to one lady who was sitting at a desk and she said something like, "you don't want me to do that, ask so and so." The gal walked off and a few minutes later, a woman older than I, mid 60's if I were to guess, came over to me. She revised my paperwork, verified the check amount and said that she would plug my info in and be right back. Instead, she called from a back cubicle that I was not eligible to run for mayor. I didn't understand why at first.

She came back to the counter and we talked it over. I told her about my call to that office earlier that week. She apologized and said, unfortunately, you aren't official until your paperwork and check are accepted, I was very disheartened. I understand mistakes are made, but this should be known throughout the Elections office. I put a lot of time and money into this and it could have actually warped the results. I am so glad my running for 6 days did not ruin any possible outcome.

When I got home the afternoon of November 5th, I made a live video that I streamed to my campaign page telling all of my supporters and followers about what happened and asked them to vote for another candidate. At 8pm That same night, I removed the video.

As you can see, I was fully prepared to run. I have attached a few photos from that day as well.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

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-Suze Orman