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

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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for bringing this rule to my attention.

I am running again for an office that I previously held as a Councilmember in the City of Edmonds. I am using the website address: REELECTTIBBOTT.ORG on my signs and other literature (please see attachment). I do not state in any literature, advertising or speeches that I am running for Re-Election to a position that I once held. I do not even attach the word ReElect to signs or literature. I am only using the website address shown above.

To avoid any confusion, I have added that I am "Not the Incumbent" on my website and at the bottom of every webpage.

My understanding is that the RCWs allow me to use the word ReElect with reference to my campaign because I am seeking election for a public office that I once held. I believe most voters know who the incumbent is for Pos#3 and that I was formerly a Councilmember. Both of us are public figures. Both of us have run vigorous campaigns in the past. We are both known for holding the office of Councilmember. In this respect both of us may use the term "ReElect". However, I may not use the term "Retain".

Finally, when I filed for office and set up my website. My opponent had not filed or even indicated that she would be running again. I was simply using the language that fit the situation at the time that I filed to run for office. I am glad to discuss other options to clarify my campaign language for the good of the election process.

Sincerely,
Neil Tibbott