

## **PDC #100925 - David Strader response**

To assist in my reply, I have put in bold the allegation by Mr. Cosner with my response below.

**I submit that Mr David Strader orchestrated his withdrawal to cause the other candidate to feel unopposed during the campaign season and that he continued to campaign in person or through others (with his knowledge) while knowing that he would reconsider his candidacy termination.**

I do not know how to answer the first part other than to state that my actions during this campaign were not orchestrated. This process is all new to me, and I am continuing on a learning curve to understand it. I have never spoken with the other candidate to lead him to believe anything. Also, the deadline withdraw from the ballot had passed (May 24, 2021).

Regarding the second part, I did not campaign in person or through others, much less with the plan to reconsider my candidacy termination. I called the PDC on October 25, 2021 to evaluate my options and consequences. On the evening of November 1, 2021, I submitted the C1 and F1 forms. The morning of November 2, 2021 I called the PDC to formally withdraw my notice, and I then submitted an email stating the same.

**It was also noted by other candidates that Mr Strader continued filing documents with King Co. Elections after his termination letter.**

The one and only document I filed with King County elections was filed on May 28, 2021 (attachment 1). I received two emails from King County In July and August regarding submitting information for the voter's pamphlet, and I did not respond to either email (attachment 2 and 3).

**I will continue with the RCW 42.17A.205 allegation. Specifically his reconsideration of candidacy date is in question. I allege that the candidate failed to notify the PDC after terminating his candidacy on 14 Jun 21 that he actually reconsidered his withdrawal as of 19 Jul 21 (which is when King Co Elections required Candidate information for the Voters Pamphlet). By submitting the documents to King Co Elections for the Voters Pamphlet he acknowledged that he was a candidate still running an election campaign. According to PDC records Mr Strader was in contact with PDC on 25 Oct 21 and 2 Nov 21 in regards to his reconsideration with the PDC well beyond the 10 day notification requirement for the change.**

My information was submitted to King County Elections on May 28, 2021, and I was a candidate when the information was submitted. Nothing was submitted to King County after that date. My call to the PDC on October 25, 2021 was to ask if it was possible to reconsider my withdrawal and information regarding the enforcement action process. I was told that if was reconsidering I should complete the forms and advise them as soon as possible. I submitted the F-1 and C-1 forms on the evening of November 1, 2021 and called the PDC on the morning of November 2, 2021. They advised me to submit an email stating my intentions, which I did.

### **List of evidence**

**Candidate went door to door after 14 Jun 2021 (Notice of Termination of Candidacy) in Milton with other candidates who were running for office.**

I never went door to door either before or after 14 June 2021 in Milton with other candidates who were running for office.

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

**All residents in Milton who received partner solicitations from other candidates or groups supporting him during the campaign season between 14 June 2021 and 2 Nov 2021.**

I know of no partner solicitations from other candidates or groups supporting my candidacy. If any exist they were created without my knowledge.

**ATTACHMENT #1**

Dave Strader &lt;davestrader4milton@gmail.com&gt;

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**Local Voters' Pamphlet Filing Confirmation - Dave Strader**

1 message

**election.operations@kingcounty.gov** <election.operations@kingcounty.gov>

Fri, May 28, 2021 at 12:54 PM

To: davestrader4milton@gmail.com

Cc: election.operations@kingcounty.gov

Dear Dave Strader:

You have successfully submitted your local voters' pamphlet information for the 2021 Primary Election with King County Elections.

**Here is the information you submitted:****Ballot information**

City of Milton, Council Position No. 5  
Dave Strader

**Education and occupation information**

Education: AA in Business, Graduate of the US Coast Guard Chief's Academy.  
Occupation: Retired Law Enforcement and U.S. Coast Guard

**Statement**

I've lived in Milton for 28 years, and I know that still makes me a "newcomer" : ) -- most of my neighbors have grown up in Milton -- but it is with their encouragement that I am running for city council. Milton struggles with the same issues again and again: effective leadership, future development, and appropriate infill development in existing neighborhoods. We all enjoy the small-town feel and look of Milton, and I believe Milton needs to focus on a cohesive strategic plan as our best chance at keeping it. We need to be proactive rather than reactive, and everyone should be involved in the process. I would like to see community listening sessions with the public before big issues are discussed at council meetings, so public input is first, not last. I pledge to listen to your concerns -- it would be my honor to serve you.

**Photo****Campaign contact information**

This information will be published on our website and in the King County Elections Local Voters' Pamphlet.

**Mailing address:** PO BOX 1465, MILTON, WA 98354

**Phone:** (253) 926-3495

**Email:** [davestrader4milton@gmail.com](mailto:davestrader4milton@gmail.com)

**Website:**

**Important information for candidates**

**Withdrawal of local voters' pamphlet submission:** A candidate may withdraw their local voters' pamphlet information by submitting a [signed request](#) that their information not be printed. This request must be submitted no later than Friday, May 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

**Campaign contact information updates:** Campaign contact information listed above will be published in the local voters' pamphlet. Candidates have until Monday, June 14, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. to make updates to their campaign contact information.

Sincerely,  
**Election Services**  
King County Elections  
206-296-1565



[kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections)



## ATTACHMENT #2

Dave Strader &lt;davestrader4milton@gmail.com&gt;

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**Reminder: General Election Voters' Pamphlet Submission**

1 message

**Election, Services** <Election.Services@kingcounty.gov>

Thu, Jul 29, 2021 at 8:45 AM

To: "davestrader4milton@gmail.com" &lt;davestrader4milton@gmail.com&gt;

Dear Dave Strader:

We have not yet received your voters' pamphlet submission for the General Election. Your voters' pamphlet submission for the general election must be received by our office **no later than Friday, August 6, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.** There will be no exceptions for late submissions.

When you are ready, submit your materials at [kingcounty.gov/elections/file-my-vp](https://kingcounty.gov/elections/file-my-vp). You will need:

- Your Voter ID number: 104495
- Your candidate statement - review the [Candidate Manual](#) for guidelines on formatting. Word limits are listed in the [Offices Subject to Election](#)
- Your candidate photo - review the [Candidate Manual](#) for photo guidelines
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**Frequently Asked Questions**

- **I already submitted a statement for the primary election do I need to submit a new statement?** Only if you want to submit a new statement. If we don't receive a new submission for you we will use the information you provided for the primary election.
- **I'm on the primary election ballot and won't know if I will be on the general election ballot, do I still submit a statement?** Yes, you should still submit a statement for the general election. Your statement will only appear for the general election if you are on the ballot.

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ATTACHMENT #3

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1 message

**Election, Services** <Election.Services@kingcounty.gov>

Fri, Aug 6, 2021 at 1:10 PM

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