

Respondent Names
Jennifer Senescu
Complainant Name
Tammy Weisman
Complaint Description
<p>Tammy Weisman</p> <p>Thu, 10 Apr 2025 at 4:39 PM</p> <p>During an official Town hall meeting held at the Camas Public Library, which was intended to provide neutral information about Proposition 1 (regarding the RDF), a Camas City Council member expressed her personal opposition to the measure. She explicitly stated how she would vote, repeatedly emphasized that she was “just one vote,” and explained at length the reasoning behind her decision. Because this occurred during an official public meeting held in a city facility, and the purpose of the meeting was to provide information; not to advocate. I believe her statements crossed the line by using public facilities and her official position to oppose a ballot proposition, which may constitute a violation of RCW 42.17A.555. I attended the meeting with the intent of discussing fluoride, as it was supposed to be addressed. However, the topic was briefly mentioned before the meeting officially began, and was not brought up again until I raised my hand to inquire when it would be discussed. I later learned that the council members had actually started the meeting before the published 4:00 PM start time and allowed people to testify before the meeting officially commenced. While the early start time and handling of the agenda may not be a PDC violation, I believe these actions should be included in the public record. The meeting was not conducted in a neutral, orderly manner as expected, and it undermines the integrity of the process, particularly in the context of the discussion about fluoride that was mishandled prior to the start of the official meeting.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>1. The impact of this violation is a loss of public trust in the neutrality of our city government. When an elected official uses a publicly funded meeting space and their position to express personal opinions about a ballot measure, it can appear as though the city is taking an official stance; even if that is not the intent. This can unintentionally influence voters and create a perception of bias in what should be an impartial, informational setting. It undermines the fairness of the democratic process, especially when opposing viewpoints were not equally presented.</p>
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
<p>On March 25, 2025, at 4:00 PM, I attended a public Town Hall meeting hosted by Camas City Council Members Jennifer Senescu, Leslie Lewallen, and John Svilarich at the Camas Public Library (upstairs meeting room). The meeting was intended to provide information and allow for comment on a number of issues. I attended to submit a statement in support of keeping fluoride in our public drinking water. During the Proposition 1 discussion concerning the RDF, the fire chief spoke (he was in and out of the room attending to other business and may not have been present for this part). During the meeting, Council Member Jennifer</p>

Senescu expressed her personal opposition to Proposition 1. She stated that she was "just one vote" several times and elaborated on her reasoning for opposing the measure. The other moderator did not correct or comment on these statements, nor did they attempt to stop her. Instead, she added her own information, carefully avoiding any legal violations, leading me to believe she understood the magnitude of the situation. To my knowledge, there is no official recording, sign-in sheet, or minutes from this meeting. Nor was an agenda provided or available for reference. I attended in person and can attest to the statements made.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

This was a public meeting held at the Camas Public Library and was attended by multiple members of the public. I attended in person and heard the statements firsthand. While I was aware of other individuals in the room who also heard the comments (including the people I arrived with), I prefer not to list additional witnesses as the statements were made openly in a public setting and the people I arrived was my adult child and her friend. Should this be necessary, I can provide their information.

Certification (Complainant)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.