

Public Comment for 22 Feb 2024 PDC Meeting

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Hi there PDC;

Joe A. Kunzler again. It's Groundhog Day, PDC edition. Once again, the PDC is denying a sane petition for rulemaking and referring it to a "strategic planning process."

Sure creates the impression that the PDC is just going to resist any attempt at rulemaking. This does *not* inspire confidence in a necessary public institution in the PDC.

I wish the PDC would realize politics is not conducted as a gentleperson's club where kindness reigns any longer, and that we live in a time when there is a rising modern song you apparently love that sounds like the sirens of Homer's Odyssey that all is well when the truth is that all is not well along Capitol Lake. The recent volume of complaints should at the least trigger new strategic planning at a special meeting and, at the maximum, make the PDC open to new rulemaking and stronger arguments for freedom, namely the freedom to know who is financing our politics.

For instance, elected officials and watchdogs need clarity on RCW 42.17A.555. But we know the sad truth - you'd rather listen to the song all is well than the sirens of watchdogs warning all is not well along Capitol Lake.

I encourage you to turn off the song all is well and look at Conner Edwards' rulemaking petition with new eyes, new ears, and a new understanding of the state's polity. A polity facing the fires of Tsimmerman's open defiance of the PDC and campaigning *for* hate. At a time when noncompliance with the PDC has become normalized, as proven by the bulk complaints in your enforcement office, the PDC *must* change with the new normal.

Kaja Kallas once famously said, "Freedom must be better armed than tyranny." I agree. If we do not arm the PDC now, we will lose our republican democracy by opacity and apathy and appeasement. That's what rulemaking is for - not for you Commissioners to dismiss into the "strategic planning process" bin.

I know what Alex Tsimmerman and MAGA have to offer to the American people. We see it in the open defiance of the PDC and other rule-enforcing bodies, burning down the credibility of a PDC led by Commissioners and Executive Director who are eager to say one thing on TVW that they refer cases to the Attorney General for noncompliance but can't get the Attorney General of Washington to act

to defend our democracy from Tsimerman. Those flames may spread beyond one evil MAGA madman with a Mercedes and the current massive noncompliance at the PDC, I fear.

We see it in the critical battlefield of Redmond City Council, where good and evil will almost certainly clash again Tuesday night. When anti-Semitic evil has a dear enabler in Mayor Angela Birney's appeasement, the good must have a strong alliance armed with credible consequences. It is the PDC that should be up to providing credible consequences, such as fines and potential prosecution for repeated misconduct, so we can restore *and retain* civility instead of having watchdogs have to use incivility and worse - e.g. recall petitions - to restore civility and our commons. So here is what I think would be a good start to credible consequences that the occupants of that wonderful marble building to your south should be urged to please do:

If someone is refusing to or unable to pay their PDC fines, they don't need to be on the ballot. Period.

If someone is driving around to campaign at public meetings, that misbehavior must be stopped. Repeated appeasers *and* bullies must fear serious consequences such as loss of car, title, and such. Period.

But while we wait on the occupants of said marble building to help meet the Tsimerman crisis and the normalization of noncompliance with the PDC, PDC commissioners can self-help also. If someone is coming to you to sharpen unclear regulations written by a certain mostly marble building a few blocks to your south, you should offer that fellow patriot a coffee and help that someone help you please. Period.

As I am wont to do on all matters Tsimerman, I quote Zelensky at some point, for Tsimerman is MAGA, and MAGA is Ruzzia, and I feel somebody around here has to be Zelensky against the darkness and also keep Ukraine's cause alight. I'd say be a Stefani, Catherine Stefani, as she is against the Russia-backed National Rifle Association, but I don't need a bra, and I seek out speaking lessons from her, among other things. So here goes the Zelensky quote;

If every time there was a need everyone in the world was confident that help would come, the world would be definitely safer.

That confidence is shaken, absolutely shaken by the way you the PDC handle rulemaking petitions. By the lack of tools to confiscate not just land property, but mobile property of repeat offenders of campaign finance regulations. By the unwillingness to work to craft new tools to stop Tsimerman's attacks. The consequences of all of this coming to a head will play out at Redmond City Council and in the Redmond Mayor's Office in the weeks ahead - not months, weeks. Please pray for CMs Kritzer, Forsythe and Fields - at least those three "get it" and are in fighting positions.

Mayor Birney? She wants to appease, facilitate, waffle, and worse. A PDC that was respected if not healthily feared would have ended this crisis by now.

So I will conclude with this thought: I am led to believe by the *pitiful* PDC response worthy of Greek fables to Conner Edwards' latest petition for rulemaking that the PDC thinks all is well when all is not

well. I encourage you to please take stock of where you the PDC are in 2024 and second Edwards' petition. Maybe after you approve Edwards' petition, we can please get on with fleshing out applying RCW 42.17A.555 to public comment periods and holding not just Avrum (Alex) Tsimerman accountable but preventing the next one.

Very strategically submitting;

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