

Written Comments for 28 March 2024

External Email

Dear PDC;

Joe A. Kunzler here. Say I caught most of the audio of your study session and I am baffled, just absolutely baffled at your staff's position on rulemaking.

Please accept my invitation to correct me if I'm wrong - and I hope I am - but the PDC's position appears to me to be:

- **No** to rulemaking to clarify RCW 42.17A.555 *versus* RCW 42.30.240 (public comment)
- **No** to new efforts to hold renters accountable when they don't pay their PDC fines - like keeping scofflaws off of future ballots until paying up
- **No** public comment period on strategic planning after I was told last year in a rulemaking effort and Conner has been told in his to wait for strategic planning
- **No** to maybe reducing the statute of limitations to reduce the # of comments
- **Maybe** to using AI, macros and such to help get better compliance than 55%
- **Yes** to blaming Conner Edwards for doing the work AI could be doing on enforcement - which is absurd

That's enough, thank you. As one of the architects of the 2022 upgrade to the Open Public Meetings Act, I want to remind you directly and kindly of something:

"The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed and informing the people's public servants of their views so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created. For these reasons, even when not required by law, public agencies are encouraged to incorporate and accept public comment during their decision-making process."

As such, I call upon you to please release a draft strategic plan for 30 days of public comment. I will do what I can to recruit local-level elections who have had, er, difficulty and/or concerns implementing RCW 42.17A.555 over the years.

Thank you for reading and yes, I'd like to call in to the PDC meeting Thursday please.

Very strategically;

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