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Dear Public Disclosure Commission and Staff;

I'm going to cut to the chase. The PDC has once again broken my heart. First you have public comment later and later in the meeting, which is not the intent of RCW 42.30.040. Second, you are not getting tough on ALL campaign lawbreakers.

RCW 42.30.040 Issues

Let's deal with RCW 42.30.040. I'm of the view that you should have public comment before any action items are taken. You can also use public comment to get ideas for questions to place before staff. I'm sure you agree with me that you want the best question bank possible for the engagement session debrief and management team updates. Certainly, you should be asking how the training updates are going to stop campaigning during public comment.

What is being done with public comment renders me... speechless. I would think the PDC appreciates the fact you have three middle-aged gentlemen invested in *your* success instead of working to dilute our ability to help the Commission and Staff be better. Perhaps the PDC likes to teeter on irrelevancy. I hope not, and to see new policies starting next month.

Get tough on ALL campaign lawbreakers

As much as I cringe to publicly agree with Dan Brady's client, I do. The PDC needs to hold ALL potential campaign finance lawbreakers accountable. Additionally, the PDC needs to make clear to "Let's Go Washington" what is and is not acceptable conduct. I certainly don't want to hear about another attempt to bribe voters with misinformation-fueled gas price-lowering stunts. Frankly, I appreciate their work on parental rights and by restoring reasonable police pursuit.

In conclusion

My point is this: The PDC needs to realize you're my institution to defend. Your actions need to be beyond reproach. Instead in at least the above two instances, your actions reduce confidence in the PDC. I want you trusted and relevant, OK please?

So I quote Kaja Kallas to you,

"We need to take care of the democratic relationship between the citizen and the state. As much as it is the individual responsibility of every citizen to care for democracy, it is the leaders who are responsible for keeping the rights of individuals and the rule of law at the center of governance. Leaders must also safeguard strong institutions in support of it."

Very thoughtfully;



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