

[Maxvogt](#) (Fri, 28 Jul at 4:29 PM)

to : [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov)

Dear PDC,

Every quarter, since I was appointed in 2015, I have sent out cards to every household in my district, inviting them to a coffee at a local coffee shop. I am there to meet and greet them and answer any questions they might have about what is going on in their city. Often, I will have someone from the city come and answer questions about the roads, or parks or whatever they have on their mind. June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year was no different. I was aware however, that even though I always pay for these 1,700+/- cards myself, once I declared my candidacy for reelection on May 14<sup>th</sup>, or in my case to be returned to City Council and I announced my bid to be kept on the council, I had to have my campaign pay for these cards and state as such to align to PDC standards. In my mind however, this was not an official campaign event but something I do in the normal course of my "job" on City Council. So I printed on my cards that these cards were being paid for by my campaign. (I have attached a copy of the June card. This is the same card I have mailed out every quarter and began in June, with the addition of my announcement and also "paid for by...")

One of the city employees came to this coffee after working hours, on his own time, to answer questions about roads, since this is a frequent concern in my district. He brought with him a new piece of equipment that was recently purchased by the City for the public to see. He parked on the main street in downtown Centralia for anyone to see. He does this for any group that asks and loves to talk about city vehicles to anyone. I understand now that even though this was in the course of my normal duties for almost 2 years, it could be construed as a campaign event.

One of the residents of my district, who is a member of my campaign staff, posted the event to my campaigns' Facebook page. When my opponent raised the complaint, I immediately removed the post from my campaign page. It was not my intent for this to be a campaign event but I can understand how it might look that way and I wanted to rectify the situation immediately. I will make sure that I do not invite any city staff or have any city equipment at or around my last coffee in September, before the election. It is my goal to align to all campaign guidelines and laws. I look forward to your guidance and instruction on how I should approach my quarterly meetings with my constituents during the campaign season, should you decide to respond.

[I have also included an attachment that was sent to me by you on this complaint response request. I do not know why I received it]

Respectfully,

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[Maxvogt](#) replied a month ago (Mon, 31 Jul at 11:57 AM)

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I wanted to add something to my response to you regarding the complaint.

As soon as I heard that someone complained about my campaign, I immediately sent this statement to our local paper, The Chronicle.

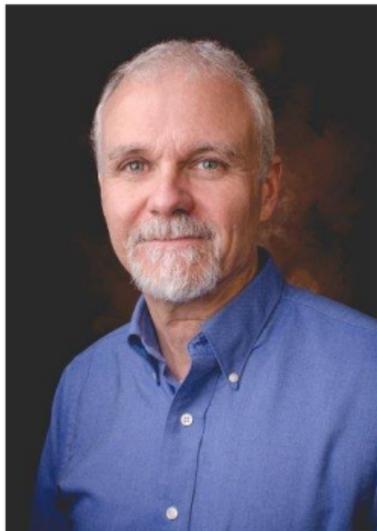
"I would like to thank Mr. Hamilton for bringing this to my attention. I want to follow the letter of the law as best as I am able, both as a current City Councilman and as a candidate to remain on the Council. I have of course removed, the post from my face book page as soon as I heard a complaint about it and I will be working with the PDC to find out if I did something wrong and if I need to do anything further, so I may be able to proceed as a better city council member and candidate."

Respectfully,

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Centralia City Council - District #3

# Help me keep working for you - Vote Vogt for City Council!

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**Thursday, June 1st** 6p.m.  
**Thursday, September 7th** to  
**Thursday, December 7th** 7p.m.

If you receive this, you live in District #3 and I am your City Councilman! Please join me at the Station Coffee House at 120 South Tower Avenue, grab a cup of coffee, and say, “Hi”. I will be there for you to ask questions or share your concerns and suggestions for the city. ~ **Max**