

To: Micah Titus Ragins,
Compliance Coordinator
Washington Public Disclosure Commission

Mr. Ragins

Please accept my response to the following complaint(s) that you received by John Stilin and Sheri Nichols as outlined in your communication to me on

I am a candidate for Redmond City Council position 2. I filed with King County elections on May 18th. I have completed and submitted the F1 and C1 forms within the next 2 weeks and have received confirmation from the PDC.

My decision to run for this office was made on May 18th, 2017. Prior to May 18th, 2017, I had considered running for elected office in Redmond and discussed the possibility with family, supporters, friends, and other Redmond citizens the possibility of again running for elected office in Redmond

At no time prior to filing on May 18th did I formally announce myself as a candidate, solicit or accept a contribution or spend money for this campaign; reserve space or purchase advertising to promote candidacy; authorize someone else to do any of these activities for me; or state publicly that I am seeking office; or file a declaration of candidacy.

I had run for Mayor of Redmond in 2015 and consistently and accurately completed all required candidate public disclosure forms during the 7-month period of campaign and campaign closeout. When I announced my candidacy for Mayor in 2015 I had purposely and deliberately provided a formal public declaration of candidacy through press releases and formal interviews with local reporters.

On December 19th, 2016 I was unexpectedly contacted by the Redmond Reporter. I was asked by the reporter, Samantha Pak, if I was running for Redmond City Council. The reporter did not ask for a specific quote or indicate that this would result in a current article. I had previous informal conversations with this reporter during the Mayoral campaign. I assumed she was researching for potential future articles and would follow up once we were past the Holiday season and we were well within the 2017 election year. I responded that yes I was planning to run, but did not consider this a formal declaration similar to that made when I announced for Mayor.

(Please see attached emails)

I hope that I have provided you the information to dismiss this alleged violation. I did not seek this published article in December 2016 by the Redmond Reporter and did not consider it my public declaration for office.

Sincerely

Attachment: Emails Redmond Reporter

From: Steve Fields <sjf13@comcast.net>
Date: December 19, 2016 at 12:42:57 PM PST
To: Samantha Pak <spak@redmond-reporter.com>
Subject: Re: Running for City Council

Not yet

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 19, 2016, at 12:29 PM, Samantha Pak <spak@redmond-reporter.com> wrote:

Do you know who you plan to run against yet?

Samantha Pak

Reporter
Direct: 425-296-3277
Internal: 55235
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On Mon, Dec 19, 2016 at 12:26 PM, Steve Fields <sjf13@comcast.net> wrote:
Yes. I plan to run

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 19, 2016, at 12:00 PM, Samantha Pak <spak@redmond-reporter.com> wrote:

Hi Steve,

This is Samantha Pak with the Redmond Reporter. How are you? I hope you are doing well.

The reason I am emailing you is Bob Yoder emailed us to let us know that you will be running for City Council. I just wanted to check in with you to confirm that this is true.

Thanks,

Samantha Pak

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