

Complaint Description

[Joe Kunzler](#) (Mon, 17 Sep at 2:50 PM) via Portal Meta

With Seattle Council President Bruce Harrell allowing Alex Tsimerman to use Seattle Council Public Comment for his Seattle City Council campaign, this is a clear violation of RCW 42.17A.555 and worthy of a reminder letter. See PDC Ticket Number: 27890.

As to that reminder letter, I think it would be helpful to remind the Council President as you said, "PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the preventing public facilities, including public comment periods, from being used to support or oppose any candidate or ballot proposition. In the future, PDC staff expects that public comment periods will not be allowed to be used for these purposes." That is all I request and require here, I'm sure the Seattle City Government legal staff will impress upon ALL Councilmembers the importance of compliance with a PDC written reprimand.

As to the facts of this new case on 10 Sept 2018, Alex Tsimerman made his candidacy announcement in the last 15 seconds of his public comment to the Seattle Council without rebuke. This is a clear violation of RCW 42.17A.555 which prohibits resources like the Seattle Channel and the Seattle Council Chambers being used for campaign purposes.

You can view the violation here: [Video of Seattle City Council for 10 September 2018](#). 20:09 of the link.

Furthermore for the record on 17 Sept 2018, Alex Tsimerman claimed that even RCW 42.17A.555 was not applicable to his Seattle City Council public comments when he said everything he does is legal. I know you guys at the PDC can't do much - this is my THIRD complaint to the PDC in the past twelve months regarding Alex Tsimerman's outbursts; but I'm sure my good friend Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez - formerly of the Seattle Ethics & Elections Commission - has a different opinion. Please reach out to her office.

Failure to send a reminder letter in this case would be selective justice. The law is the law; and must be enforced regardless of race, gender or jurisdiction. I have sent many e-mails to the Seattle City Council warning them I'd *reluctantly* take this step if they didn't act to cease Tsimerman's hateful campaigning outbursts. Well I would say it's a safe bet certain Seattle City Councilmembers want the PDC to step in here...

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

The violation creates a hostile environment in the Seattle City Council Chambers and also

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.

20:09 of <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos?videoid=x97994&jwsourc=cl> is where the use of the Seattle Council dais was used by Alex Tsimerman. The rant starts at 18:15 of the same link.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez

Councilmember Debra Juraez

Complaint Certification:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.