

Complaint Description

[Drcarolynn](#) (Fri, 3 Aug at 10:01 PM)
Not sure what I need to post here???

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

Becky Erickson is running for State Representative in District 6 while simultaneously holding the elected office of Mayor of Poulsbo WA. She is using her public office facilities as Mayor of Poulsbo to campaign for the State Representative seat. While attending a campaign forum, she invited attendees to visit her at Poulsbo City Hall during her Saturday office hours. There were no Poulsbo constituents at this political forum so she was inviting people interested in her State Representative campaign and not in City of Poulsbo business. I asked her to stop doing that and she said she would continue at political forums in the future.

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

Here is the advertisement for the political forum and below that will be the email thread where Becky admits she made the invite and that she will continue to do so:

AUG 1 Monthly General Meeting

Event for Kitsap Progressive Action Network (KPAN) · Hosted by Susan Brooks-Young.
Wednesday, August 1 at 7 PM - 8:30 PM

St Paul's Episcopal Church, Bremerton, WA

700 Callahan Dr, Bremerton, Washington 98310

We are excited to bring two guests to KPAN this month, Marco Padilla (State Rep Pos. 2 candidate-District 26) and Becky Erickson (State Rep Pos. 1-District 23)

These candidates were invited because we have questions about why they hesitate to say who they plan to caucus with, and in Becky's case, how she will balance working as mayor of Poulsbo and a state representative at the same time.

We are giving both of these representative candidates approximately 15 minutes each to tell us a little more about themselves and then we will open the floor for questions. Keep in mind, KPAN is not supporting any political candidates we are only asking these candidates to tell us things we don't already know about them so we can have a better understanding on where they stand prior to election.

It would be helpful to know your questions before hand; for those of you who may not have access to Google Docs, we are providing the questions we came up with at last months meeting. You can use these as examples of what you may like to ask these candidates or use any that may apply. The guest speakers may not have time to answer every question so bear that in mind as well. Review the sample questions at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zXGROAtxS_yD6YnX5A7mqPe6rQre_WSfE8grLpr7IUA/edit?usp=sharing

It will be a pleasure having these guests at the meeting and we are looking forward to giving them an opportunity to see what KPAN is all about, please help us in welcoming them to KPAN this Wednesday. If you cannot attend please send someone from your group to represent you.

Here is the email thread between myself and Becky Erickson:

From: Carollynn Zimmers <dracarolynn@comcast.net>;
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 12:49 PM
To: Becky Erickson <berickson@cityofpoulsbo.com>;
Subject: Saturday morning hours at City Hall

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I would like your comments on this issue. If you disagree please tell me how this is not a violation. If you agree, please let me know that you will no longer mention your office hours at any time you are at a political forum or campaigning.

Respectfully,
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On August 2, 2018 at 3:24 PM Becky Erickson <berickson@cityofpoulsbo.com>; wrote:
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List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

Cathy Canderle: (650) 465-7468; katcan@cwo.com
Susan Brooks-Young: sjbrooksyoun@gmail.com
Wendy Pond: wendiepond@gmail.com
Jim and Ginny Sommerhauser: jim.sommerhauser@comcast.net; (360) 337-7334
Tom DeBor: tadebor@outlook.com; (360) 697-7073
Scott Rabor: active@raberfamily.com; (360) 536-7096

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.

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<https://www.facebook.com/events/453679798433968/>