

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to respond to Mr. Rogers' complaint about an alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.555.

The photo attached to the complaint was not taken by anyone in my campaign and it has not been used in any paid advertisement for the campaign. The photo was taken by Cydney McFarland, a reporter for the Peninsula Daily News, and is clearly identified in its caption as being the property of The Peninsula Daily News. It was published by that newspaper as part of an article announcing my run for office on Thursday, April 20, 2017. Ms. McFarland suggested that location for a photo and I complied with her request.

The only use of that article (with photo) by my campaign was a link on my campaign Facebook page to the full article. That post, with a link to the article, with the caption and photo credits clearly visible, was created on April 24, 2017. This is the destination one reaches when one clicks on that Facebook link:

<http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/politics/jefferson-election-season-starts-with-bid-for-hospital-board-seat/>

Though a candidate for the position of Jefferson County Public Hospital District #2, Position 1, I am not an elected official nor an employee of Jefferson Healthcare. I hope that I have not misunderstood the intent of RCW 42.17A.555, which reads:

“No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. “

It is my belief that this complaint by Mr. Rogers is frivolous and retaliatory. A complaint was filed on September 20, 2017 against my opponent's campaign for their alleged violations of both RCW 42.17A.555 and RCW 42.17A.335. The PDC ticket number for this complaint is 25194.