

While campaigning for a ballot proposition in the recent election (August 1, 2017), I believe Liberty Lake mayor, Steve Peterson violated some sections of Title 42. Here are the statement of facts as I understand them and my main concerns.

Newspaper Ad

A "Vote Yes on Proposition 1" ad was placed in the July 1 issue of the Liberty Lake Splash newspaper (attached). I have concerns with this ad with the most concerning being the misrepresentation of support for the proposition which came at the direction of Steve Peterson.

1. False Information

The add contains a list of names of those who support Prop1. However, this list was taken from a previous election ad from the prior year. After spot checking the names on the list it became clear that these people were not asked if they actually supported this proposition. Some I spoke to had not even read the new proposition at the time of this publication.

In short, this list contains many people who are not eligible to vote on the issue, many are city employees or council members, some were not in support of this proposition, and all of the names were used without prior permission.

2. Missing Information

The ad does not indicated who paid for this ad and where the money came from. After emails and phone calls with The Splash, a city employee, and Mayor Peterson it became clear that Steve Peterson had placed this ad.

On July 11, 2017, two weeks after the ad was published, a ballot committee was registered with the PDC. This ballot committee, Friends of Town Square, lists only Stan Jochim as the treasurer.

After asking for more information from Mr. Jochim (July 20), I was directed to the mayor's office. I was then told by a city employee that the committee is made up of Steve Peterson and I was not given any more information about financing or other members besides Mayor Peterson and Mr. Jochim.

3. Accountability and Transparency

Mayor Peterson called me directly on July 25 to see if he could answer my questions and address my concerns. He indicated that he had placed the ad in a hurry and just used an ad from last year. When asked if he would make this right before the election he responded that he would personally apologize to anyone who was not happy that their names were used. My response to this was that the issue is not personal.

There was a misrepresentation of facts to the public which may influence an election. I asked him to share this with the community before the election and he said he couldn't and that The Splash was working on something to address it. Neither The Splash or the mayor seemed to be concerned with misleading the public.

The August 1st issue (attached) of The Splash includes a new "Vote Yes" ad which had the names removed and listed the ad was paid for by Friends of Town Square and an address.

However, the issue date is on the day of the election and there was no mention of retraction or correction.

In summary, an ad with knowingly false information was placed to influence voters in an election and was placed without the proper disclosures. Then, when asked to rectify this prior to the election date there was no urgency, correction, or retraction.

My hope is that the Public Disclosure Commission will educate Mayor Peterson about the seriousness of influencing voters with false information. If in the future a mistake is made; my hope is that he will take it seriously and work to correct it immediately and disclose all required information.

Vote

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for a community center/library. In April 2008, only 38 percent of ballots were cast for a \$9.8 million project that would have raised property tax by 57 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. Last year's bond featured a hike of 50 cents per \$1,000.

Allen made it clear that the topic of aquatics – while not part of an election appeal to voters – is still afloat. She said the latest discussion has reframed the term "aquatic facility" to "municipal pool" and has raised the possibility of something more practical than last year's project. Taxpayer money, Allen said, has not been brought up as a way to pay for the project. City Council has not committed any funds to this point for a municipal pool.

"We have to look at the entire playing field," said Allen, referencing upcoming road projects and proposed improvements to the Trailhead golf course clubhouse. "The goal with a pool would be not to go to taxpayers. Any project would have to fit into our financing. Right now, it's too early to say."

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AUGUST 1, 2017

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After considering several sites for the electric vehicle charging station, including Pavilion Park and the Trailhead golf course, the city of Liberty Lake decided on Town Square Park for its accessibility and visibility.

CHARGE

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result has been a steady procession of gently used electric cars on the market from the south.

"For lots of important reasons, ZEVs have typically been sold through lease agreements," Dunne said. "At the end of the lease term, it's actually less expensive for California residents to return their leased car and get a new electric car, rather than buy the one they've been driving. The result is a local excess of used electric cars. The market has responded turning used electric cars into the state's newest export."

Dunne said he was sold on an EV after purchasing a 2016 Subaru Outback, recognized as the quasi-official car of the Inland Northwest. Last year's model featured a trip monitor function as part of a nifty navigation system. After a few months, Dunne noticed that most of the trips he was taking amounted to 30 miles or less.

"This Subaru demonstrated that having a car which had a range of less than 200 miles on a charge wouldn't be a significant inconvenience," Dunne said.

Town said he can travel in his Tesla to places like Sandpoint and back on a single charge. The days

of EVs being characterized as "go carts," are gone, he says.

From gas/electric hybrids to fully electric cars, Town and his fellow EV drivers seem to be part of a transportation transformation that is more than a passing trend. The Department of Energy reports that 3 percent of new vehicle sales worldwide are now of the electric variety with the percentage expected to reach 7 percent, or 6.6 billion, by 2020.

"When I bought my car (used in 2010), I'd say only 10 percent of people I talked to knew about EVs," Town said. "Now, it's reversed, only about 10 percent have never heard of them."

Photo by Craig Howard



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PROPOSITION 1

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Charmaine Peterson
Liberty Lake

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