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ALEXANDER J. SHOGAN, JR.
Complainant

DAVID CONDON, MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF SPOKANE,
Respondent

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) MOTION BY COMPLAINANT SHOGAN
) FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
) PARAGRAPH C OF COMPLAINANT'S
) AMENDED ETHICS COMPLAINT
) BASED ON NEWLY DISCOVERED
) EVIDENCE
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COMES NOW ALEXANDER J. SHOGAN, JR., Complainant in This Matter, and Pursuant to SMC Section 01.04A et seq. Moves the Ethics Committee to **Reconsider** Its Dismissal/Refusal to Consider the Allegations contained in the **Beginning Portion of Paragraph C of Complainant's Amended Complaint.** More specifically, Complainant calls Attention to that Portion of Paragraph C encompassing the following words: "With regard to rumors of Misconduct by then Spokane Chief Frank Straub, Respondent had heard of 'these issues' in the 'last several weeks.'"

Complainant, in his continuing conduct of an Appropriate Good Faith Inquiry and Investigation has discovered Documentation not possessed by him at the Jurisdictional Hearing by the Ethics Committee on January 13, 2015. This Documentation is as Attached Hereto and is Listed as Follows:

A. Front Page of the Thursday, November 26, 2015 Edition of the Spokesman-Review beginning with the Headline: "**Condon Lied, Stuckart insists Sex harassment claim was kept quiet for months**" by Nicholas Deshais.

B. Portions of the Front Page Article of the Sunday, November 29, 2015 Edition of the Spokesman-Review entitled: "**Records unveil layers of secrecy at Spokane City Hall**" again by Nicholas Deshais This Article concerns itself with **the Statements made by the Respondent** at the September 22, 2015 Press Conference concerning the Termination/Resignation of Spokane Police Chief Frank Straub.

1 Page 3 of this Attachment contains these words: "Rumors of sexual
2 harassment already had begun to swirl throughout City Hall, but
3 Condon stayed on message, saying he had 'accepted Frank Straub's
4 resignation' in a mutually agreed decision. Numerous times,
5 Condon said he'd only heard of 'these issues' in the 'last several
6 weeks.'" The Truth is that Respondent knew of the sexual harassment
7 by the SPD Chief Straub at least in April of 2015, at least FIVE
8 (5) MONTHS BEFORE the September 22, 2015 Press Conference.

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10 Based on All of the Facts stated above, Complainant's Motion
11 for Reconsideration of Paragraph C of Complainant's Amended
12 Complaint Should be Granted by the Ethics Committee.

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14 DATED at Spokane, Washington, this 21st day of January, 2016

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ALEXANDER J. SHOGAN, JR.
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Attachment A

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"blessed. I don't like to leave my home. I like it here."

— Ben Stuckart



Condon lied, Stuckart insists

Sex harassment
claim was kept
quiet for months

By Nicholas Deshaie
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Spokane City Council President Ben Stuckart said he is "severely disappointed" in Mayor David Condon for the handling of allegations of sexual harassment against former police Chief Frank Straub, saying he can't trust Condon or members of his Cabinet after being "lied to."

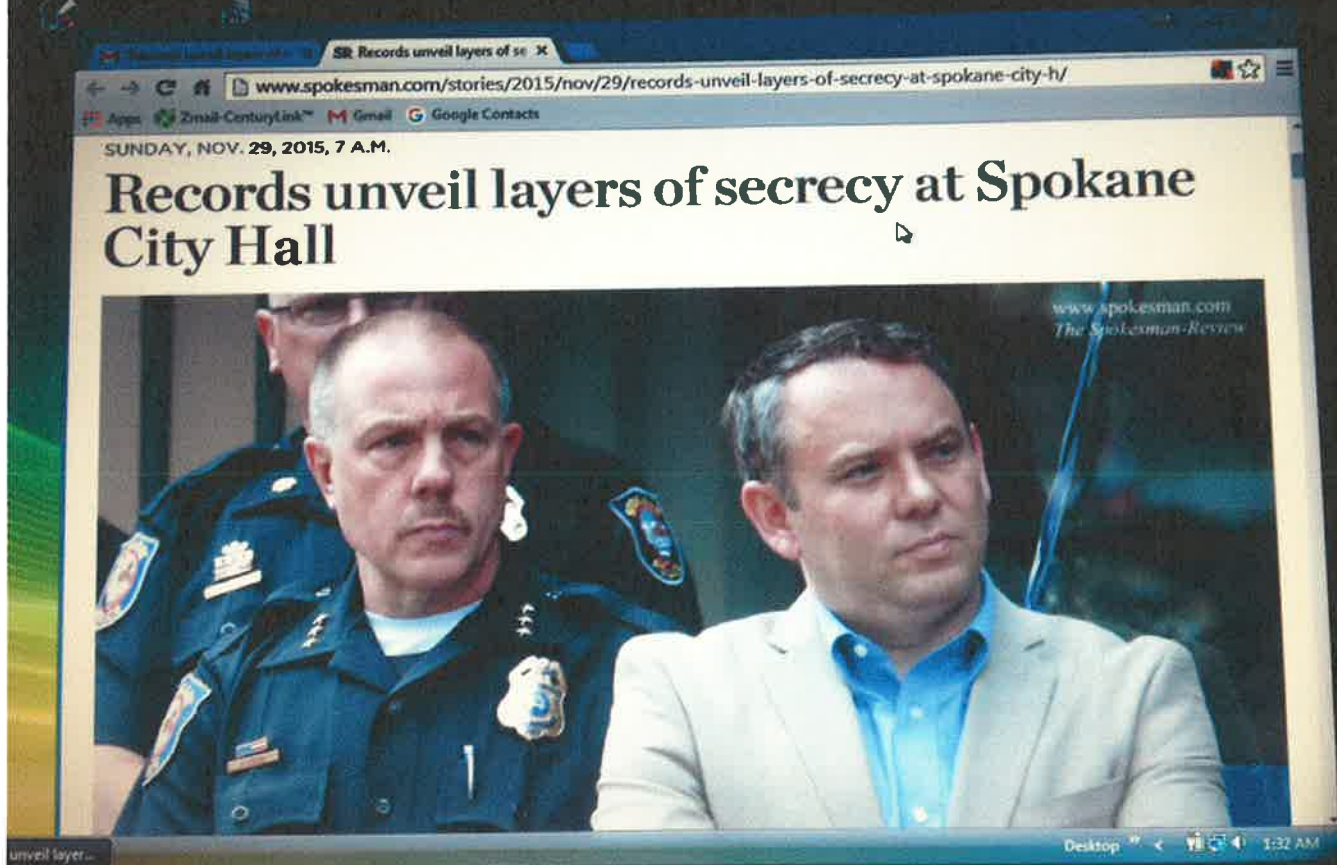
Stuckart is "working on a draft of a letter with a very long list of questions" for Condon. Some of those questions raise concerns about the timing of records released this week that show that Condon knew in April the police chief had been accused of harassment.

If the mayor doesn't sufficiently answer the questions Stuckart...

Church has resisted repeated offers to stay with family members.

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Timeline of events
Here's a timeline of the allegations against former police chief Frank Straub.

They draw the curtains in a room of Spokane City Hall when the cameras roll.

On Sept. 22, reporters were given eight minutes to rush to that room adjacent to the mayor's office on the seventh floor, where the mayor's lectern already was set up, and the three flags of country, state and city hung as backdrop for a hastily called news conference about the forced resignation of police Chief Frank Straub.

Unlike those in the room, and the public they would be reporting to, Spokane Mayor David Condon had more than eight minutes to prepare for the day he'd take Straub's badge because of allegations about the chief's behavior toward employees. He had more than five months.

With Council President Ben Stuckart at his side and the cameras and voice recorders rolling, Condon said he'd decided it was time to "move in a new direction, change management" in the police department after receiving a letter from the police Lieutenants and Captains Association detailing the

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Like Condon had in May, Sanders said the decision to move Cotton came as part of a larger city endeavor to "tell the story" of Riverfront Park. Sanders also said she had no knowledge of problems between Straub and Cotton.

"Not that I'm aware of," she said in August when asked if there were any difficulties between Straub and Cotton.

A month later, Condon took Straub's badge, and the explanation for Cotton's transfer changed.

Rumors of sexual harassment already had begun to swirl throughout City Hall, but Condon stayed on message, saying he had "accepted Frank Straub's resignation" in a mutually agreed decision. Numerous times, Condon said he'd only heard of "these issues" in the "last several weeks."

After praising the work of police officers and defending Straub's efforts to reform the police department, Condon attempted to give the lectern over to Stuckart, who stood by his side.

"I think we're open for questions," Stuckart said instead.

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City Council members, Stuckart among them, have said they were kept in the dark on the matter – much like the public and the media.

But it was more than darkness. In the past few months, Condon, Sanders and Brian Coddington, the mayor's spokesman, all denied that there were accusations of sexual harassment. In response to a question at the news conference announcing Straub's removal – a question based on one of many rumors coursing through City Hall at the time – Condon chose his words carefully, saying there were no official complaints of sexual harassment lodged against Straub.

But in handwritten notes jotted down in April, Sanders wrote of Cotton telling her about "sexual harassment" that had left Cotton "too distraught to come to City Hall."

Sanders assured her the matter would be settled quickly and quietly, and that "the mayor put the matter in my hands to investigate."

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