

CITY OF SPOKANE ETHICS COMMISSION

PRE-HEARING ORDER

At its January 27, 2016 meeting, the City of Spokane Ethics Commission directed the parties to the ethics complaints filed by the complainants, Spokane Area NOW and Joe Shogan, to meet with the Commission's staff attorney pursuant to Section 4.7 of the Commission's Policy and Procedures Manual to address procedural matters for the February 24, 2016 meeting. The Ethics Commission directed that a hearing be scheduled for February 24, 2016 to further consider the Spokane Area NOW and Shogan complaints. Having already determined that the Ethics Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to the requirements of SMC 1.04A.110 (C), the Commission reserved further argument regarding dispositive motions that are based on matters of law and that do not include genuine issues of material fact.

Pursuant to Section 4.7 of the Ethics Commission's Policy and Procedures Manual, this Pre-hearing Order is issued setting forth the following protocol for the February 24, 2016 Ethics Commission hearing regarding the Spokane Area NOW and Joe Shogan complaints:

- 1) The Ethics Commission shall hear dispositive motions that are based on matters of law and that do not include genuine issue of material fact, including the pending motions to dismiss filed by the respondent in both complaints.
- 2) The parties shall set forth their arguments through pleadings and supporting affidavits/declarations.
- 3) The complainants shall file their respective responses to the motions to dismiss by February 17, 2016. The respondent shall file his reply to the complainants' responses by February 22, 2016. All parties shall serve their respective responses and replies with the Ethics Commission and on the other parties by e-mail.
- 4) The Ethics Commission shall also consider any related motions, including Mr. Shogan's motion for reconsideration, during the February 24, 2016 hearing.
- 5) Matters necessary for the disposition of the complaints not resolved during the February 24, 2016 hearing shall be scheduled for future hearing.


Troy Bruner – Chairperson 2-11-16 Date