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ETHICS COMPLAINT FORM

Please review the City of Spokane's Code of Ethics – Chapter 1.04A SMC – before completing this complaint form. When you have completed this form, submit it to:

City of Spokane Ethics Commission
Attention: Rebecca Riedinger
Office of the City Attorney
5th Floor Municipal Building
W. 808 Spokane Falls Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99201

or at: riedinger@spokanecity.org

Pursuant to the City of Spokane's Code of Ethics, I am filing a complaint regarding conduct which I believe constitutes a violation of the City's Code of Ethics.

Name, position, and department of person(s) I believe to have violated the Code of Ethics:

Name: Adam McDaniel

Position/Title: Senior Executive Assistant to Council President Ben Stuckart

Nature of Code of Ethics violation:

What specific provision of SMC 1.04A.030 do you believe has been violated?

1.04A.030 Sections F and G

Describe in as much detail as possible the alleged Code of Ethics violation conduct. Attach additional sheets of paper, if necessary. Please include all documentation you believe demonstrates a violation. Your description should include the date, location and frequency of the alleged violation.

Adam McDaniel has violated section G of the Code of Ethics by benefiting from legislation passed beyond the lawful compensation he receives as a city employee.

In short, Mr. McDaniel and his political consulting business are personally benefitting from the policy work he is doing, and being paid for, by Spokane taxpayers.

He has a clear outside interest, a consulting firm called McDaniel Projects, which provides political consulting, for money. He personally benefits from McDaniel Projects claiming credit for "successfully leading the progressive shift in Spokane" and, as a consultant who gets paid for this type of work, developing the policy that is then passed by the Spokane City Council. McDaniel Projects, a registered business entity in the State of WA, claims credit for working on the agenda of issues passed by the Spokane City Council.

He is simultaneously being paid by the city for his official policy work, and also benefitting personally, financially from the same work in his business capacity. He publicly claims credit, under the McDaniel Projects business, for the policy work the Spokane City Council has passed and on which the City has paid him to work. Based on these successes that McDaniel Projects claims credit for, McDaniel Projects solicits and is hired and paid by clients. Though McDaniel's LinkedIn page lists his work with McDaniel Projects starting in August 2015, the policy he cites in articles on his website, and claims credit for, date back to June 2014. His employment with the City, and requirement to sign the City's Ethics Code predate the formation of his firm, making the conflict even more apparent.

McDaniel has also clearly (under section F) "rendered services when such service is incompatible with the proper performance of his or her duties as a public employee."
Names and positions of the persons whom may have witnessed the event:

All members of the Spokane City Council and various city employees that interact with the council as it sets policy.

Evidence or documentation

Please list any evidence or documentation that would support your allegation of a Code of Ethics violation. Indicate whether you can personally provide that information.

Attached are screen shots from McDaniel Projects Facebook page, website (and all links on the site which make clear the policy for which McDaniel Projects is claiming credit), Adam McDaniel's LinkedIn page, and screen shots from the State of WA Business Licensing Service website showing McDaniel Projects is a business entity, registered with the State of WA with a UBI number. These screen shots show Adam McDaniel claiming credit, under McDaniel Projects, a business entity registered with the State of WA, for the policy work that was enacted by the Spokane City Council (a list of which is provided on the website with links to media articles explaining said policies) while he was employed by the City and being paid by the City of Spokane to the same work.

Complainant Declaration

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable reflection, the information in the complaint is true and correct.



Complainant's Signature

4-19-16

Date

Date and Place (e.g. City, State)

Spokane, WA

Name (please print): _____ Michael Cannon

Address: _____ 7401 N Alberta, Spokane, WA 99208

Phone Number(s): _____ (509) 954-8192

E-Mail Address: _____ mpcannon@gmail.com

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Nice review from recently elected Council Member Lori Kanney!

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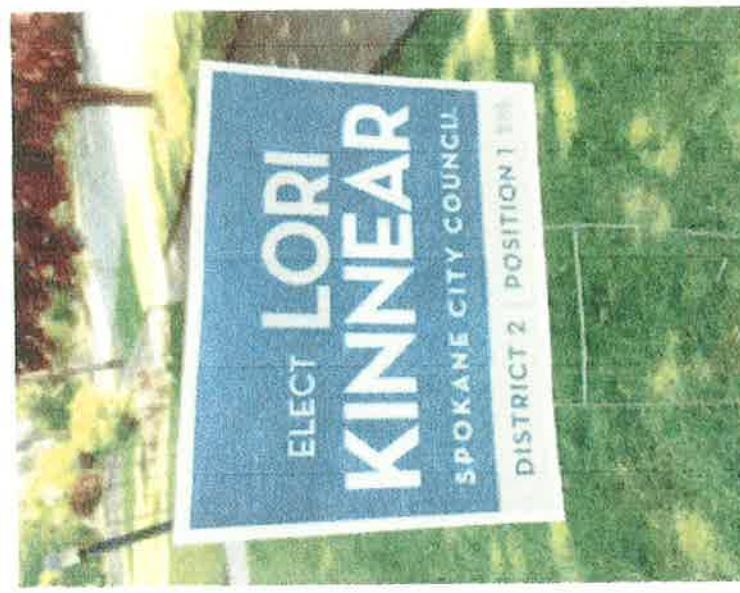
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August 2015 – Present (7 months) | Spokane, Washington Area

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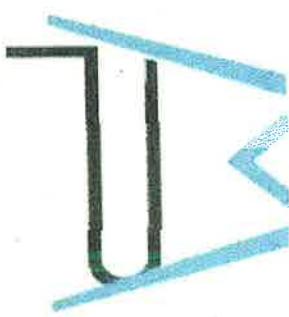
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Projects I have worked on in the past:

- Lori Kinnear for Spokane City Council
- Re-Elect Ben Stuckart for Spokane City Council President
- Re-Elect Jon Snyder for Spokane City Council
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City of Spokane Washington
November 2013 – Present (2 years 4 months) | Spokane, Washington Area

City of Spokane policies I have developed & have had passed into law:

- Medical Marijuana Vacations
- Immigration Status Protection
- Bias-free Policing



Senior Executive Assistant to Council President Ben Stuckart

City of Spokane Washington

November 2013 – Present (2 years & months) | Spokane, Washington Area

- City of Spokane policies I have developed & have had passed into law:

- Misdemeanor Marijuana Vacations

- Immigration Status Protection

- Bias-free Policing

- Audit Findings Transparency & Accountability

- Council Staff State Lobbying

- Veteran Representation on Community Housing Human Services Board

- Fuel Efficient Fleet

- Public Works Apprenticeship

- Sexual Assault Victim & Domestic Violence Victim Employment & Housing Nondiscrimination Ordinance.

- PCB-Free Purchasing Policy

- Preference for Recycled Products Ordinance

- Patronizing A Prostitute Car Impoundment

- Voter Registration & Election Resources



Tom Karmazek
Sales Representative at Lancer Ltd

Ted Blaszak

Math Teacher at Elyria Catholic High School

Jenna McDonald
Compliance Officer at Jefferson Wells



Todd Pote
Director of System Sales at LITE-CHECK

Todd Blaszak

Manager, National Distribution at Peerless-Winsmith, Inc

Toronto Wins
professional's arms at Federal

Cyber Surety Specialist

Washington Air National Guard

January 2013 – February 2013 (2 years 2 months) | Fairchild Air Force Base
Washington

Administer and manage the 141st Air Refueling Wing Information Assurance Program, including COMSEC (Communications Security) and COMPUSEC (Computer Security) programs.

Educate 141st Air Refueling Wing members on Air Force and Department of Defense communication security policies and directives.

In Common with Adam

Campaign Manager

Friends of Jon Smyder

April 2013 – November 2013 (8 months) | Spokane, Washington Area

Campaign Manager

Friends of Jon Snyder

April 2013 – November 2013 (8 months) | Spokane, Washington Area

Managed Councilman Jon Snyder's re-election campaign to a 30% point victory in the general election.

Developed campaign strategy including field plan and fundraising goals. Voter targeting and fundraising are exceeding original plan and objectives.

- Teamed with Yale Political Science professor to measure direct mail and 'get-out-the-vote' efforts on low turnout voters.

Aide to Senate Minority Whip Andy Billig

Washington State Legislature

November 2012 – April 2013 (6 months) | Olympia, Washington

IT Communications Project Manager

United States Air Force

July 2009 – December 2012 (3 years 6 months) | Fairchild Air Force Base Washington

- Analyzed and assigned communications requirements for the 92nd Air Refueling Wing Headquarters and Annex military construction (MILCON) projects – Total project cost estimated at \$15 million.
- Increased turnaround for cable and IT infrastructure maintenance work orders by 33%.
- Decreased travel voucher process time by implementing lean principles as member of Fairchild's AFSC 21 base team.

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- Planned and implemented the upgrade of Pelco Endura Installation Camera System – An Air Mobility Command Top 10 priority.
- Examined 92nd Air Refueling Wing tenant support agreements as the 92nd Communication Squadron Functional Area Agreement Coordinator.

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July 2009 – December 2012 (3 years 6 months) | Fairchild Air Force Base Washington



- Analyzed and assigned communications requirements for the 92nd Air Refueling Wing Headquarters and Annex military construction (MILCON) projects – Total project cost estimated at \$15 million.
- Increased turn-around for cable and IT infrastructure maintenance work orders by 35%.
- Decreased travel voucher process time by implementing lean principles as member of Fairchild's AFSO 21 base team.

- Planned and implemented the upgrade of Peice Endura Installation Camera System – An Air Mobility Command Top 10 priority.

- Examined 92nd Air Refueling Wing tenant support agreements as the 92nd Communication Squadron Functional Area Agreement Coordinator.

- Awarded 92nd Communications Squadron Airman of the Quarter, 92nd Mission Support Group Airman of the Quarter, 92nd Air Refueling Wing Airman of the Quarter, and Team Fairchild Airman of the Quarter.

- Initiated and managed the replacement of the Alert II Secondary Crash Telephone System – A 92nd Air Refueling Wing Top 5 priority.

- » 2 projects.

Spokane City Council Project Intern

Spokane City Council - Intern

February 2011 – July 2011 (6 months) | Spokane Washington



- Interviewed local Spokane religious stakeholders about public policy affecting churches and congregations.
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- Created a database consisting of every historical church in Spokane including its historical attributes.

- Addressed the aspects of the Spokane Historical Church Project on Council Connector, a local television program hosted by the Spokane City Council.

- Drafted an informational summary of the project for presentation at the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference to be held in Spokane, 2012.

- Project is featured on Spokane Faith & Values website: spokanefav.com

Alabama High School Graduation Exam Remediation Tutor

Lamar County Board of Education

October 2007 – February 2008 (1 year & 2 months) | Mobile, Alabama

- Taught 25 remedial students in Language Arts, Math, Biology, and Social Studies in preparation for the Alabama High School Graduation Exam

President/Author

Journey Enterprises

May 2007 – June 2009 (1 year 2 months) | Oxford, Alabama

- Authored the Alabama Cram & Jam e-book and study program as preparation for the Alabama High School Graduation Exam.

- Managed the e-commerce marketing strategy and direct sales approach - Places the product in 20 Alabama school districts.

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Virginia Swan, the
Legislative Analyst for Councilman Jeff Smith's
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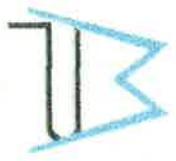
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McDaniel Projects was founded by Adam McDaniel, who has worked in both state and local Eastern Washington politics. Prior to working in politics, Adam served in the United States Air Force and later in the Washington Air National Guard as a project manager.





Adam is a native of Alabama and a graduate of the University of Alabama and City University of Seattle. He lives in Spokane with his dog Cleo.

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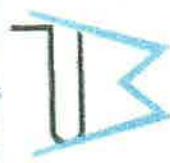
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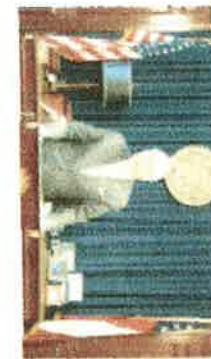
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Last year, President Obama called on Congress to pass national legislation that would guarantee all American workers the right to earn paid sick days, something those who live in all other developed countries are entitled to. But while waiting on Congress for action, Obama also called on cities and states around the country to pass legislation of their own.

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Since Obama's call, seven cities and the state of Oregon passed sick leave laws, bringing the country's total to 27, now 28 with Spokane's vote. More than 15 million Americans are now covered by a guarantee to earn paid sick leave.

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Yet even with all of these laws on the books, about 40 percent of Americans don't get paid sick leave at work, particularly those who earn the least.

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Andy Campbell
Editorial, The Huffington Post

The Washington state legislature can't seem to pass a law that would vacate past misdemeanor marijuana convictions — so one city decided to take matters into its own hands.

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Spokane City Council on Monday voted 5-0 to pass legislation that will vacate municipal court convictions for misdemeanor marijuana possession prior to July 2014, according to The Spokesman-Review.

Spokane's measure was modeled after a [state bill that was introduced to the legislature earlier this year but never made it out of committee](#). Spokane City Council President Ben Stuckart, who proposed the measure, said it's unfair to penalize people with low-level convictions over a drug that's [legal to possess in Washington](#).

"To me this is a no-brainer," he told The Huffington Post. "If you're 21 and have a misdemeanor conviction for having a little weed, you could carry that for the rest of your life — that's not justice."

By early next year, Spokane residents will be able to apply to have their convictions vacated by Spokane Municipal Court. The law only applies to municipal court convictions, ensuring that felony drug charges are heard in district court, The Spokesman-Review reports.

The new measure will affect 1,817 people in the city who were convicted between 1997 and 2012, Stuckart said.

He said an overwhelming number of those convictions were handed down to African-American and Native American residents. African-Americans make up 2.9

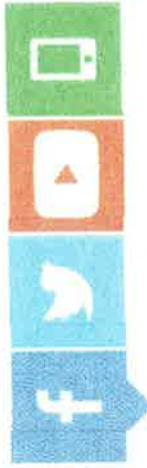
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"There were definitely some racial equality issues with these convictions," Stuckart said. "You see that throughout the criminal justice system. I hope this vote spurs other cities to act."

He said he also hopes the vote will help students looking for federal aid or housing programs, since the federal government penalizes people applying for these program who have drug-related convictions.

It's unclear how long it'll take other local and state jurisdictions to pass similar measures. Colorado, for example, has been overturning a few convictions through the court of appeals, likely paving the way for official legislation to expunge misdemeanors down the road. There's also a state law in place allowing some felony convictions to be kicked down to misdemeanors.

Oregon, on the other hand, appears to be leading the charge in getting past criminal records expunged. Portland's Metropolitan Public Defender's office is holding "expungement clinics" to help low-level felony or misdemeanor convicts

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Stuckart said he would like to see Spokane pave the way for other cities — and even the state — to embrace vacate laws.

"Across the country, we need to give people second chances," he said.

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If it hits the streets - the city hearing examiner must sign off on its legality - do not sign.

But what is it that has so offended a Federal Way group, Respect Washington, and the Spokane County Republican Party?

In creating a sanctuary, the council simply prevented city employees or police officers from asking about anyone's immigration status. Police can do so if they have reasonable cause to believe they are dealing with a possible felon who may have re-entered the United States after deportation.

They cannot detain someone based solely on immigration status.

In essence, the ordinance takes the Spokane Police Department out of the business of enforcing federal immigration laws. Our overextended officers have plenty to do without supplementing the efforts of a U.S. Border Patrol force that has quintupled in the past 20 years.

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The ordinance also complements Spokane Police Department policy adopted in 2013, which recognizes that focusing on a suspect, witness or victim's immigration status will discourage efforts to fight crime. The circumstances that may require notifying immigration officials of a suspect's status, or when police can cooperate with immigration officials are carefully detailed.

The "purpose and Scope" of Policy 428 says it all: "The immigration status of individuals alone is generally not a matter of police action. ... Confidence in this (personal commitment to equal enforcement of the law and equal service to the public regardless of immigration status) will increase the effectiveness of the Department in protecting and serving the entire community."

Amen.

Spokane is one of more than 100 U.S. cities and counties that have adopted some form of sanctuary law, Seattle and King County among them. The state of Oregon is a sanctuary.

Respect Washington has tried unsuccessfully to put an initiative on the state ballot that would exhaustively detail how public officials and private companies should go about identifying immigrants and certifying their legal status.

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The Spokane City Council is preparing to pass new laws protecting victims of domestic violence against discrimination, while creating a fund to help prevent such violence and prosecute offenders.

The action comes as a direct result of last month's attack at Deaconess Hospital, where a man shot and killed his wife before turning the gun on himself.

"I wanted to adopt some things that we could quickly make into law," said Council President Ben Stuckart, who is putting forth the ordinances with Councilwoman Amber Waldref. "This is a huge problem in our community. We need to be doing everything possible to take care of these people."

The first ordinance amends the city code to protect victims of domestic violence against discrimination, primarily in housing



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The first ordinance amends the city code to protect victims of domestic violence against discrimination, primarily in housing and employment. The second one creates a fund administered through the Spokane Municipal Court. Fines assessed against domestic violence offenders will go toward "establishing and funding domestic violence advocacy and domestic violence prevention and prosecution programs," according to the draft law.



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"Judge Logan said it would be like trying to squeeze blood from a turnip," Stuckart said, referring to the court's presiding judge, Mary Logan. "I said, 'What if we create the fund anyway?'"

Logan responded by finding other money to contribute, Stuckart said.

"Just by creating the fund, we started a conversation about getting more in there," he said. "It's not going to be a large amount of money, but it's something there that we don't have now."

Waldref agreed, adding that the new fines would send a message.

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"We're taking a stand saying we are sick and tired of people who are continually reoffending and hurting people," Waldref said.

But this isn't just some exercise in making people feel better, Waldref said. The problem is real and needs to be dealt with. The Spokane YWCA Alternatives to Domestic Violence crisis line receives an average of 4,500 calls every year, and the program helps more than 3,700 women and children annually. One in three women in Spokane will experience domestic violence in their life, according to the YWCA.

Earlier this month, Spokane police Chief Frank Straub gave a budget presentation to City Council members. At that meeting, he said domestic violence was one of the two biggest challenges facing the department, along with mental health issues.

According to Straub, the department gets an average of 8,000 domestic violence calls a year, and this year is on track to receive more calls than any previous year on record.

In response to this trend, Straub said he created a Special Victims Unit led by Lt. Mark Griffiths that would deal with domestic violence as a major crime. The unit would also focus on sex crimes, Internet crimes against children and human trafficking.

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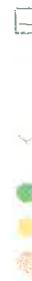
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Waldref said the council was helping these efforts already underway.

"Look, we knew as policymakers we couldn't do much. We're not mental health experts. We're not the courts," she said. "But this is something we can do."

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SPOKANE, Wash. — The Spokane City Council was set to vote on an ordinance Monday night to ban city staff from buying products containing harmful PCBs. City leaders said the chemical PCB was one of the biggest causes of pollution in the Spokane River.

Leaders said they were willing to spend more money to buy products that keep the chemical out of the city.

The Spokane River has an unhealthy level of PCBs, according to officials. Officials said these chemicals do not break down easily.

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PCBs were used by companies for decades but banned in 1979. The chemical was still showing up in some products in 2014.

"I really think it's up to us as leaders in the community to set those standards and say we won't purchase products with PCBs," said City Council president Ben Stuckart.

Stuckart said he did not want the City to use any product with the harmful chemical. The chemical can be found in anything from clearing supplies and paper to motor oil and paint.

The City's concern came after a Rutgers University study showed that some products with a yellow eye might have a similar form of the same harmful chemical.

The City hoped to identify more products that did not have the chemical.

"We just weren't tracking it or paying attention," said Stuckart. "As we get closer to our river and make it accessible, we need to make sure it's cleaner."

City leaders said it was unclear how much the City has been using products with PCBs.

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Spokane council OKs Quality Jobs standards

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SPOKANE (Dec. 17, 2014) —

The Spokane City Council voted Monday night to approve ordinances designed to create local jobs and more apprenticeship opportunities for family-wage careers. The Spokane Alliance of area labor unions and community supporters packed the council chambers — in what Councilmember Jon Snyder called the biggest turnout of the year — to urge passage of the ordinances.

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"The Quality Jobs campaign has been over a year in the making," said Cezel Krawczyk, lead organizer of the Spokane Alliance. "Our hard work, persistence, and consistency led us to this win for Spokane. Now we have a way to start putting our youth, veterans, and women into state-approved apprenticeship programs while creating opportunities for local contractors and investing in our community."

The Quality Job Ordinances create:

- Requires contractors on public works projects costing more than \$350,000 to utilize apprentices whenever possible. Beginning next year, 5 percent of all labor hours on such projects must be performed by apprentices and in 2017, that standard will rise to 15 percent. It also creates a grant fund for Community Empowerment Zones (CEZ) for poor performers who do not meet the criteria and fail to obtain a waiver. This measure, which passed with a veto-proof 5-2 majority after hours of testimony, will "create a more skilled workforce" in Spokane, said Council President Ben Stuckart.
- A funding mechanism to assess the economic benefit of low-bid materials over \$20,000 compared to materials purchased locally.
- A way to awarding points to local contractors with a history of good performance.
- Goals of 10 percent to meet federal guidelines for women, minorities, and residents of a CEZ.

The Spokane Alliance has been working to create Quality Jobs in Spokane for the past five years. This ordinance package is an evolution of the work the group did last year with the Public Facilities District Board to align Quality Jobs values with the implementation of work on the Convention Hall and Arena which resulted in keeping \$38 million of \$42 million local while putting

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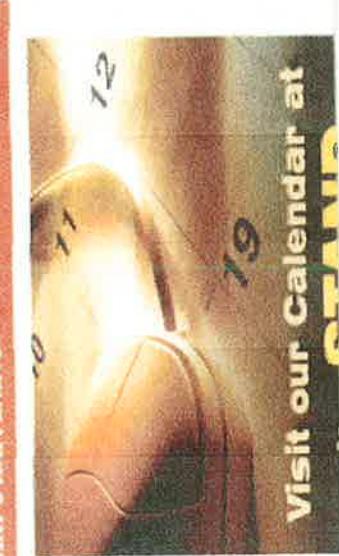
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After the ordinances' passage, The Spokane Alliance thanked City Council President Ben Stuckart, City Councilmembers Candace Norman, Jon Snyder, Karen Stratton, and Amber Waldrep for positively impacting the city. They say the council's support of the package is acknowledgement of the large number of public works projects that are coming up, the need for additional technical opportunities for area youth, and the age of our current workforce.

[The Spokane Alliance](#) is a non-partisan and non-profit alliance of congregations, unions, schools, and community groups in Spokane County, representing more than 20,000 people, that are working together for the common good.

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Paper-pushing at Spokane City Hall is likely to get a bit greener.

A proposal expected to win council approval Monday night would require the city to use only recycled office paper, a move that would cost an extra \$5,900 annually and serve to bolster Spokane's growing focus on sustainability issues.

City Hall uses about 27 tons of office paper a year and currently just 7 percent is from recycled products, said Council President Ben Stuckart, who introduced the proposal after checking with the city's primary paper supplier to make sure it would be practical to make the switch. The requirement would save nearly 700 trees per year, Stuckart said.

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The proposal follows council directives over the past couple of months to reduce city use of products containing trace PCBs and insecticides considered detrimental to honeybees.



"If we're really going to be sustainable, in my mind, then we should be purchasing recycled paper," Stuckart said.

The city already had a purchasing preference for recycled products, he said, but the council proposal would make it a requirement when the additional cost is no more than 15 percent higher.

Councilman Mike Fagan said he has concerns about the proposal's requirement that Spokane's use of recycled materials be promoted and advertised. If the recycling symbol or an existing notation on the office paper advising that it's made from recycled materials would meet the requirement, Fagan said he's supportive, provided the alternative products are adequate and competitively priced.

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"In this case, we're looking at an additional cost of \$5,900 above and beyond what we're already paying," he said. "In some people's minds, that's not competitive."

Nationally, use of recycled paper is growing.

Although no figures were immediately available for how many cities require exclusive use of recycled paper products, the American Forest and Paper Association said more than 60 percent of the paper used in the United States since 2009 has been recovered for recycling each year and current projections show it should exceed 70 percent by 2020.

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