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Spokane Ethics Commission Members
c/o Sam Faggiano
Delivered via email to sfaggiano@spokanecity.org

Re: Opposition to Request for Continuance

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly oppose this late-breaking request for a continuance. The Complainant essentially admitted in his request that he did not have sufficient evidence to justify his complaint when he filed it and now requests more time to seek out such evidence, which is unlikely to be found. He apparently misunderstands the role of the commissioners as deciders of allegations rather than investigators. Meanwhile the target of unsubstantiated allegations must work under their shadow without relief until the Commission can fully evaluate the evidence.

The Complainant has requested from the City in a public records request the email that provided me the proposals that I later forwarded to Council Members (and not anyone outside the Council Office), which he alleges violated confidentiality under the ethics code. As a courtesy to him I am providing by separate email the non-confidential email I received from the Continuum of Care ("CoC") Committee informing me that they had rejected the proposed attached RFP proposals and were moving on to alternative proposals. I was planning on providing this in my disclosure of exhibits on August 17th. I will be arguing in my motion for summary judgment that this email definitely establishes that the proposals I sent to Council Members were no longer confidential (if they ever were) because the RFP rating and consideration processes by the CoC were over and the proposals were in the public realm when I forwarded them. The Complainant's stated need for this email no longer provides a basis for seeking a continuance.

I commend the Complainant for disclosing that he does not have sufficient evidence to prove an ethics complaint violation at this time either based on a public release of confidential information or a personal benefit. However, the appropriate remedy is to dismiss the complaint, not grant additional time for a fruitless investigation that should have been completed prior to filing the complaint.

Best,

Breean Beggs, Spokane City Council President