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CITY OF SPOKANE ETHICS COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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: Michael J. Piccolo
Office of the City Attorney
5th Floor Municipal Building
W. 808 Spokane Falls Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99201

or at: cityattorneyinfo@spokanecity.org

**Please be advised that the completed complaint form is a public record pursuant to the Washington State Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW and will be filed with the City Clerk's Office, posted on the Ethics Commission's website and provided to the person who is the subject of the complaint as well as any other individual making request for a copy of the complaint. The Ethics Commission's review of the complaint will occur in a meeting open to the public. **

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: City Council

Position/Title: Beggs, Wilkerson, Stratton, Zappone, Kinnear

Nature of Code of Ethics violation:

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

1st Amendment rights, Discrimination, Bullying

Defamation & Abusive Treatment, Harassment

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.

See Attached Complaint

Names and positions of the persons who may have witnessed the event:

All Citizens of Spokane

General Public

All City Council Members

Other

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.

See Attached Emails - Provided

Council meeting Videos Online / Download

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

June 20th 2023

Date

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

City of Spokane, WA

Name (please print): Dave M

Address: Private - Resident City of Spokane - Private

Phone Number(s): (509) 866-6161

E-Mail Address: 99203wa@gmail.com

To: Spokane City Ethics Commission
From: Dave M.
June 20, 2023

City of Spokane Ethics Commission,

Complaint regarding; City Council president Breean Beggs (may also go by Breen), and council members Betsy Wilkerson ("true name" may be Elizabeth Lou Wilkerson), Karen Stratton, Lori Kennear and Zack Zappone ("true name" may be Zachary).

My Name is Dave M.

I have spoken many many times at City Council meetings for the past two plus years and even longer at Park board, School board and other various City public forums without a single issue over my name Dave M. I have always been respectful. Approximately one year ago the City Council decided to have a discussion at their public council meeting on whether I should be allowed to speak using my name, Dave M. It was decided that I could speak and have spoken regularly until April 2023.

At the April 24th 3:30pm City Council meeting, (link provided below) the Council again brought up the name issue regarding my "true name" Dave M (same council, same rules). This was obviously preplanned for the next time I signed up to speak as was admitted by Zack ("true name" may be Zachary) Zappone who stated it had been "discussed extensively at their retreat". The Council argued this for over 14 minutes while the public and I were put on hold. In that lengthy discussion it was said multiple times by many council members including CP Beggs that "the name they use and/or are known by in the community or in public" is and would be allowed. Dave M is my real name and that is the name everyone in the public as well as the entire City Government knows me by. At the April 24th City Council meeting I was called "Scary", "Intimidating", "Creepy" (multiple times) and accused of "Hiding in the shadows" and "not showing my face" when calling in on the phone. It's a Phone! It was said "this is a real Creep factor". I was ultimately told I was out of order and would not be allowed to speak without giving a last name or showing my face while on the phone and was hung up on. To disparage my person as "Creepy" and "Scary" because I elect not to broadcast my private information to the entire city, for personal safety or any other reason is Not "Creepy" nor "Scary"...It's just plain SMART.

At the very next City Council meeting April 1st 6:00pm (link provided below) I signed up to speak at open forum. The council spent another 10 minutes discussing my name Dave M and whether or not I should be allowed to speak. There were statements from council members that they were "fed up" and "don't feel safe" with me calling in on the phone. The Council president along with the majority again decided I would not be allowed to speak if I didn't give them a last name and/or show my face while calling in over the phone. So I offered them a last name (Magoo) it was immediately rejected and I was not allowed to speak and again was hung up on. Obviously a last name wasn't the true issue. As of this date I am not aware that the City Council has ever checked ID's or verified anyones name as being "true". Since that time I have signed up to speak at open forum each week and have not been acknowledged or allowed to speak.

I was informed by CP Beggs, (who said he would also attend), that if I met with Council members Stratton and Wilkerson for coffee and if that is the name I use in public and am known by in the community the council would allow me to speak. Well, we met May 16th. CM Stratton, Wilkerson along with their administrative assistants Carlos and Kelly (CP Beggs was a no-show). We had coffee and spoke for approximately one and one half hours. Since our coffee meeting I have still not been allowed to speak at any council meetings under my name Dave M. I kept my word...they did not.

I would ask..who else in the community has ever been harassed and scrutinized to such a degree? What other Citizen of Spokane has ever been called out in this manner or required to prove who or what they are in order to exercise their right to speak to this Council? This has been unfairly applied to me and only me. This is an attack on me and my person because the majority on the council don't like what I have to say and don't like my name, Dave M. This is nothing less than their attempt to shut me up and make me go away.

This should never be allowed to happen to anyone.

This is a direct violation of my first amendment rights, freedom of speech as well as my right to address my government as a Senior Citizen, a taxpayer and a resident of Spokane WA. This blatant act of discrimination, bullying, intimidation, defamation, harassment, character assassination and abusive treatment is a complete violation of the Constitution, the Spokane Municipal Code and the City Code of Ethics.

I have always been respectful when speaking at any City Council meeting, board meeting or any other community meeting or event. I expect to be treated with the same respect and have my rights restored.

Everyone should be allowed to speak to or question their government and their elected officials without fear of intimidation or retaliation for doing so.

Thank you for your attention to this most important matter,

Dave M.
(509) 866-6161
99203wa@gmail.com

PS. I have included multiple email correspondences with the council along with this complaint. (9)

Please review the April 24th 3:30pm council meeting: time 1:07:37 - 1:21:04 +
<https://my.spokanecity.org/citycouncil/meetings/2023/04/24/briefing-session/>

Please review the May 1st 6:00pm council meeting: time 00:41:00 - 50:40 +
<https://my.spokanecity.org/citycouncil/meetings/2023/05/01/legislative-meeting/>

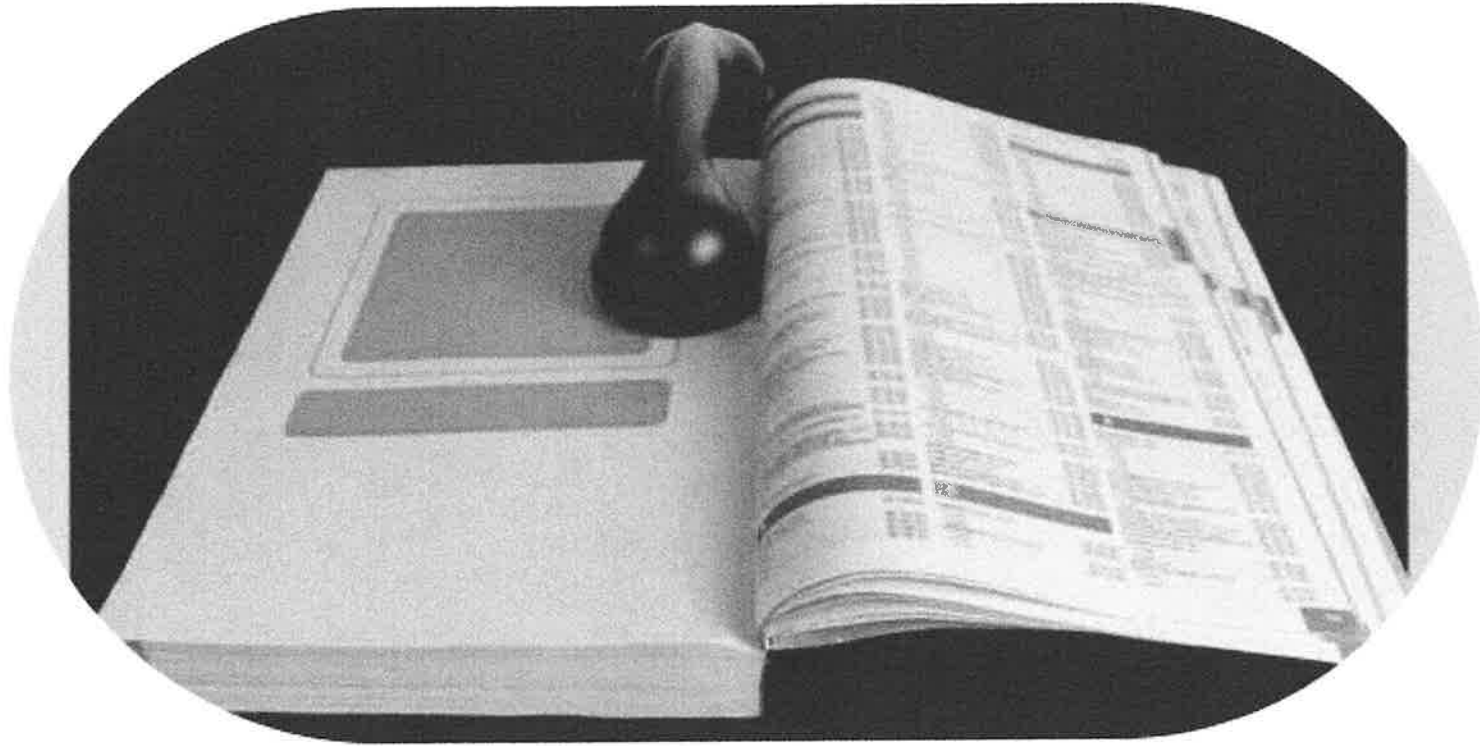
Both meetings are available online and downloadable.

What sort of name can you call yourself?

You are free to change any part of your name — you can change your first name, your middle names, and your surname. You can add or remove names, and you can change the spelling of names.

As for each name itself; in general you can choose any name you like — it is not specifically laid down in law what sort of name you can call yourself. However, in some cases a change of name will break the law in another way. For example, you cannot change your name to avoid paying a debt, or you would be committing fraud.

"O" As The Most Common One-Letter Last Name



telephone book

The conclusion from Eckler's study was that O was the most common one-letter last name in the United States.

Single Letter Last Names (Examples)

December 1, 2022 by Margaret O'Brien

There is no law in the United States that surnames must have more than one letter.

But that doesn't mean that there are people with one-letter last names.

I've reviewed recent censuses, data from the Social Security Administration, and a research project published in 1982.

My conclusion is that at least four letters are used as last names in America. These are the four:

- E
- I
- O
- U

Using The Social Security Index

The U.S. Social Security website publishes information about popular baby names and surnames.

But I have to go back to 1974 to find anything they disclosed about one-letter surnames.

In 1974, there were 221 people with a social security number and a one-letter name. The population of the United States was nearly 214 million that year.

Social Security told us that twenty-four people had the surname A. This was the highest number across the letters.

There were three letters that had only two people with the name:

- N
- Q
- X

Apparently, there were other letters that had a number between that high and low. And I assume that some letters had no people at all.

From: W A 99203wa@gmail.com

Subject: Re: Coffee & Council Rules

Date: May 25, 2023 at 12:45 PM

To: Wilkerson, Betsy bwilkerson@spokanecity.org, citycouncil2@spokanecity.org

Cc: Stratton, Karen kstratton@spokanecity.org, Beggs, Breean bbeggs@spokanecity.org, Ramos, Virginia vramos@spokanecity.org, Thomas, Kelly kthomas@spokanecity.org, Mark Carlos mcarlos@spokanecity.org

Bcc: mayor@spokanecity.org



Council Members,

I'm very disappointed that the council didn't keep their word. CP Beggs had said, if it's "the name one uses in the community" or "the name you are known by in the community" that would be acceptable. After meeting with CM Stratton & Wilkerson as approved by CP Beggs, the council has ignored my registration/request to speak at open forum for 5 weeks now. At the 5/22 6pm meeting the council even broke it's own rules multiple times. I guess it wasn't really about a name. Everyone knows my name is Dave M.

CM Wilkerson, I am deeply disappointed and not to enthused with your email response (below). It's not making an exception after 2 years of speaking at open forum under the same "rules", same council, and I can't fathom what "more problems" could even exist. "So what's different this year?" It's blatant discrimination and bullying in an attempt to silence a member of the community with whom you disagree. This could have been your opportunity to shine, to be a "role model" to stand up and do the right thing. Unfortunately, It just confirms what so many in the community are saying, and now I concur, you are not ready, qualified or prepared to assume the position of Council President and be a leader rather than just a follower.

Dave M.

On May 22, 2023, at 5:49 PM, Wilkerson, Betsy <bwilkerson@spokanecity.org> wrote:

Our meeting with Dave M was pleasant and he shared his concerns and suggestions regarding council rules. At this time I am not willing to revisit them or make an exception for Dave M. I feel this would open more problems that this one would solve.

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My Pronouns are: She, Her, Hers y Ella

Stay updated by following me on Facebook!

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From: Stratton, Karen <kstratton@spokanecity.org>

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 5:00 PM

From: W A 99203wa@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Coffee & Council Rules
Date: May 25, 2023 at 9:42 AM
To: Stratton, Karen kstratton@spokanecity.org



Good morning Karen,

As of this email I haven't heard anything from CP Beggs.

Dave

On May 22, 2023, at 5:21 PM, Stratton, Karen <kstratton@spokanecity.org> wrote:

Dave M. and CP Beggs,

I am connecting you two via email --- and hope you can find some time to meet in person. I have also attached suggestions from Dave M. regarding council rules.

Thanks,
Karen

Karen Stratton | City of Spokane | Council Member
(509) 625-6291 | Fax (509) 625-6550 | kstratton@spokanecity.org
808 W Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201-3335

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From: W A <99203wa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 8:02 AM
To: Stratton, Karen <kstratton@spokanecity.org>; Wilkerson, Betsy <bwilkerson@spokanecity.org>; Thomas, Kelly <kthomas@spokanecity.org>; Carlos, Mark <mcarlos@spokanecity.org>
Cc: City Council Members and Staff <citycouncil@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Coffee & Council Rules

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

Good Morning Council Member Stratton, Wilkerson, & Legislation Assistants Ms. Thomas, Mr. Carlos,

Thank you for taking time out of your schedules to meet for coffee and good conversation. I enjoyed getting to know all of you on a one on one basis. It's so nice to discuss issues and ideas face to face in a friendly respectful way. Thank you all.

As we discussed yesterday, i'm including my food for thought regarding the council rules...(attached)

Items in red could be removed
Items in green could be added
Items in blue could be modified

Again, Thank you all

Dave M.
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From: W A 99203wa@gmail.com

Subject: Fwd: Coffee & Council Rules

Date: May 23, 2023 at 1:06 PM

To: Michael Cathcart mcathcart@spokanecity.org, Jonathan Bingle jbingle@spokanecity.org



CM Cathcart & Bingle,

Just an FYI as I see Betsy did not include you in her response to me last night after I had sent an email to all council members that I had signed up to speak at open forum. It has now been 5 weeks since I've been allowed to voice my opinion. I have signed up every week.

Betsy's response, in my opinion, is childish. I'm wondering what "more problems" she is referring to. I noticed Beggs broke the rules last night by allowing Rick, Sherry, and Tanya to speak within the month when there were more than 15 signed up. I guess the rules only apply when and to whom he wants them too.

Dave M.

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: RE: Coffee & Council Rules

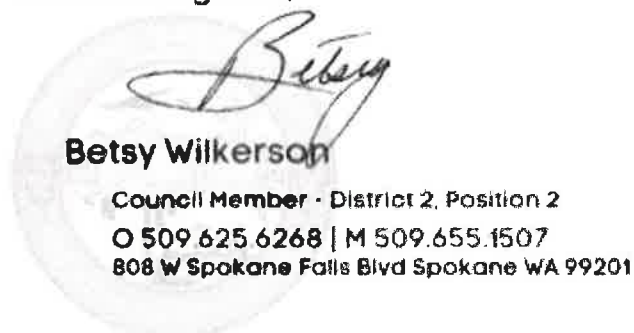
Date: May 22, 2023 at 5:49:26 PM PDT

To: "Stratton, Karen" <kstratton@spokanecity.org>, W A <99203wa@gmail.com>, "Beggs, Breean" <bbeggs@spokanecity.org>

Cc: "Ramos, Virginia" <vramos@spokanecity.org>, "Thomas, Kelly" <kthomas@spokanecity.org>, "Carlos, Mark" <mcarlos@spokanecity.org>

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Dave M.

From: W A 99203wa@gmail.com

Subject: Tonight - May 22 Council meeting

Date: May 22, 2023 at 5:38 PM

To: citycouncil2@spokanecity.org, Allers, Hannahlee haller@spokanecity.org, City Council Members and Staff
citycouncil@spokanecity.org




Fyi, All council members,

Just a note to let all know that I have signed up to speak via phone for open forum tonight 5/22. It has been 4 weeks now that Ive not been allowed to speak. I had signed up and been on the phone for the last 2 weeks and was ignored at open forum.

Just thought all should know.

Dave M.

From: W A 99203wa@gmail.com 

Subject: Coffee & Council Rules

Date: May 17, 2023 at 8:02 AM

To: Stratton, Karen kstratton@spokanecity.org, bwilkerson@spokanecity.org, Kelly Thomas kthomas@spokanecity.org, mcarlos@spokanecity.org

Cc: citycouncil2@spokanecity.org



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City Council Open Forum Rules

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ARTICLE CONTENTS

At the 6:00 p.m. legislative session, prior to the consideration of consent or legislative items, the Council shall hold an open forum unless a majority of Council Members vote otherwise. The open forum shall have **15 (fifteen) spaces** of two minutes each available and members of the public who have not spoken during open forum during that calendar month will be prioritized for spaces ahead of those who have spoken during that calendar month (unless changes to the agenda have been made).

Members of the public can sign up for open forum in the **2 hours** preceding the legislative session, or at the conclusion of the briefing session, whichever is later, via the virtual testimony form linked in the meeting packet, or in person outside Council Chambers. Each speaker must sign themselves using their **true first and last (name)**. Members of the public who are unable to sign up during the sign-up period or who attempt to sign up late will not be added to the list of speakers. The order of the speakers will be determined at the discretion of the chair **(and each Council Member shall be provided a list of all who have signed up for testimony)**. Each speaker shall be limited to no more than two minutes unless a majority of the Council Members in attendance vote on an alternate time limit.

No action, other than a statement of Council Members' intent to address the matter in the future, points of order, or points of information will be taken by Council Members during an open forum.

The open forum is a limited public forum and all matters discussed shall relate to affairs of the City. No person may use the open forum to speak on such matters and in such a manner as to violate the laws governing the conduct of municipal affairs. No person shall be permitted to speak on matters related to the current or advance agendas, potential or pending hearing items, or initiatives or referenda in a pending election. Individuals speaking during the open forum shall address their comments to the Council President and shall not use profanity, engage in obscene speech, or make personal comment or verbal insults about any individual.

More information about the City Council and the Open Forum rules can be found here:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/citycouncil/faqs/>

From: W A 99203wa@gmail.com
Subject: Re: coffee, call & budget meeting

Date: May 10, 2023 at 5:10 PM

To: Thomas, Kelly kthomas@spokanecity.org

Cc: Stratton, Karen kstratton@spokanecity.org, City Council Members and Staff citycouncil@spokanecity.org



Kelly,

I'm hoping this was just an honest mistake on your part...Just to keep the record clear, I did not cancel meeting for coffee at anytime during our communication. If you follow the email chain below anyone can easily see the chain of events. You said Karen could not meet the day after the council meeting as agreed. You then asked if 5/16 would work and I told you yes when we spoke on the phone. Then you emailed and said you "spoke too soon" and the 16th wouldn't work. You asked about 5/23 to which i replied "I had a prior engagement" on that day. You said "we'll have to revisit". That was the very last I heard from you until today. For the record.

Dave M.

On May 10, 2023, at 2:32 PM, Thomas, Kelly <kthomas@spokanecity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Mr M,

Karen is definitely planning on calling you. She has been very busy. For the record, Karen and Councilmember Wilkerson were ready to meet you and have coffee, but you cancelled, and it has not yet been rescheduled. She's elected to take you up on your offer to call you, so please stay tuned.

Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2023, at 9:24 AM, W A <99203wa@gmail.com> wrote:

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Council Member Stratton,

I had asked your assistant Kelly, to request that you give me a call since you were unable to meet for coffee as agreed. As of this email I have not received a return phone call from you. I must say this is very disappointing. You had said at the Monday 5/1 meeting you would be more than willing to meet for coffee the following day. What happened? I understand you may be busy but then why not a phone call?

At last nights community budget meeting I re-introduced myself to Council Member Wilkerson and got to met her admin asst. Mr. Carlos. We had a pleasant interaction. It was also nice to reconnect with so many from the city and even meet some who I've only spoken to on the phone.

It's a shame you didn't attend.

I look forward to hearing from you.
(Kelly has my phone # if you don't)

Dave M.

Begin forwarded message:

From: W A <99203wa@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: coffee
Date: May 3, 2023 at 6:35:20 PM PDT
To: "Thomas, Kelly" <kthomas@spokanecity.org>

Hi Kelly,

Maybe you could have Council Member Stratton give me a call and we could at least chat over the phone until she has an opening to squeeze in a cup of coffee. I don't believe it needs to be a long meeting, at least on my end. If she only has 15 or 20 minutes that would be understandable.

Thanks,

Dave M

On May 3, 2023, at 1:18 PM, Thomas, Kelly <kthomas@spokanecity.org> wrote:

Hi Dave,

I'm sorry that won't work for you. Unfortunately, Karen is booked this week and next. We'll have to revisit. I'll send out some more suggested times under separate cover. Thanks!

Kelly

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From: W A <99203wa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2023 3:32 PM
To: Thomas, Kelly <kthomas@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Re: coffee

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Kelly,

I won't be able to meet on the 23rd. I have a prior engagement that day. My apologies. I am however free most of this week.

Dave M

On May 2, 2023, at 12:20 PM, Thomas, Kelly <kthomas@spokanecity.org> wrote:

I spoke too soon! Let's make it Tuesday, May 23. There were some scheduling conflicts on the 16th.

The invitation should have come to your email address by now.

Kelly

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From: Thomas, Kelly
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2023 12:18 PM
To: W A <99203wa@gmail.com>
Cc: Stratton, Karen <kstratton@spokanecity.org>
Subject: RE: coffee

Good morning, Dave –

My name is Kelly; I'm Councilmember Karen Stratton's assistant.

I'll be sending along a separate invitation for coffee with Karen at 9:00 on Tuesday, May 16 at the Starbucks on 37th & Grand. I'll also extend the invitation to Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson. I hope this date works for you!

Kelly

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From: W A <99203wa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 8:06:13 PM
To: Stratton, Karen <kstratton@spokanecity.org>
Subject: coffee

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Council Member Stratton

~~CC: @mattmiller, @miller, @miller,~~

Following up on my offer for coffee. I look forward to meeting you.
My schedule most days is fairly open. I'm sure yours is much busier.
Could we meet at the Starbucks at 37th and Grand at a time convenient for you?
Just let me know...

Thanks,

Dave M

From: W A 99203wa@gmail.com
Subject: 5/1/2023 City Council repeat Discrimination
Date: May 2, 2023 at 4:15 PM
To: citycouncil2@spokanecity.org



Spokane City Council Members,

Again I was not to enthused at Last nights council meeting (5/1/2023). Again I was bullied and censored by the council president along with the majority and not allowed to speak for the 2nd week in a row. Last week (4/24) the public waited and watched the bantering for over 14 minutes, this week (5/1) the public again had to sit through over a 9 minute repeat for a total of almost 25 minutes wasted. I can't remember how long this debate was the first time approximately a year ago or more. Most likely around the same amount of time. I've spoken since day one using my same name at every council meeting. So what changed...Same rules, Same council, Same me?

I have used this name, my name, to speak not only to the city council but many people, various boards and meetings within the city of Spokane.

Let me give you some examples of who and where...

1. Mayor Woodward, Scotty Nicol - both have met me
2. Johnnie Perkins - has met me
3. Garret Jones Parks Director - has met me/ water tower meeting.
4. Kyle Towhig City engineer - both him and his dog have met me.
5. Marlene Feist, Brian Coddington - both have met me - at Hablin school and park.
6. Shawn Jordan COO School Board - we met for coffee at Starbucks 37th & Grand.
7. Council member Cathcart - has met me
8. Council member Bingle - has met me
9. Council member Betsy Wilkerson - met me at a southgate neighborhood meeting. most likely the last one she attended in 2022.
10. KXLY, KHQ, KREM reporters - have met me at various events.

This is just a few that come to mind. I hope those I've failed to include won't be offended. Ive also spoken to numerous staff and office personnel for all of the above and many, many more by phone and in person.

Every single one knows me as Dave M.

I think the council is the one out of compliance and should reconsider.

Best,

Dave M.

From: W A 99203wa@gmail.com
Subject: City Council Discrimination Practices
Date: April 28, 2023 at 2:25 PM



To: citycouncil2@spokanecity.org

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Spokane city council president and council members,

The actions of the majority on the council at Mondays (4/24/2023) 3:30 meeting was despicable.
(video & link attached)

Let me say, I Was Not Enthused.

This behavior by the council cannot be condoned. My First amendment rights were trampled on and violated. Council "rules" do not override constitutional rights. This violates the city code of ethics Ch 1.04 A and Mission Statement/Purpose. I'm puzzled that council president Breean Beggs who claims to be an advocate and attorney for individual rights and free speech would champion such behavior.

The picking and choosing of when to enforce a "rule" and to whom it applies is a blatant violation of fairness and equal treatment. I have spoken at many, many council meetings and this "rule" has been discussed at prior meetings and never enforced on anyone. Not one. You can't unring that bell. I have used this name for years, It is my name. No one at the city or anywhere else has ever had an issue. Not one.

Many have spoken and not used their "true real name". To single out one specific person, not once but twice now, while others have never been called out is frankly Racist and an attempt to silence my voice. To shut me up because I may have a view that differs from the majority on the council is censorship, plain and simple.

To disparage my person as CREEPY and SCARY because I elect not to broadcast my private information to the entire city, for personal safety or any other reason, is not CREEPY nor SCARY...It's just plain SMART.

I believe a public apology from the city council president and council is in order. I'm sure some would not be to enthused, but its the right thing to do. You should add that to next weeks agenda.

I think the majority on the council have forgotten who works for whom.

Dave M.

Spokane resident & taxpayer

<https://vimeo.com/820718897>
(council meeting time: 1.07.45 -1.21.01)

From: Byrd, Giacobbe gbyrd@spokanecity.org
Subject: RE: Council Meeting Link
Date: April 24, 2023 at 5:05 PM
To: W A 99203wa@gmail.com

Dave, yes I can pass your message along. Would you like me to forward to the entire Council?

Giacobbe R. Byrd

Director, City Council Office

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From: W A <99203wa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 5:01 PM
To: Byrd, Giacobbe <gbyrd@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Re: Council Meeting Link

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Giacobbe,

What just went on at the council was appalling.
To silence person is very telling..That's what's CREEPY !

I know you had nothing to do with this but please pass it along.

Thanks, Dave M.

On Apr 24, 2023, at 4:17 PM, Byrd, Giacobbe <gbyrd@spokanecity.org> wrote:

Excellent

GB

Giacobbe R. Byrd

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From: W A <99203wa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 4:09 PM
To: Byrd, Giacobbe <gbyrd@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Re: Council Meeting Link

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Giacobbe

Giacobbe,

Thank you. I am on the phone now, ready for open form.

Dave

On Apr 24, 2023, at 3:42 PM, Byrd, Giacobbe <gbyrd@spokanecity.org> wrote:

Hi Dave,

I see you signed up for open forum today but I'm not seeing you in the virtual meeting. Providing the meeting link and other info below. Let me know if you need anything else on my end.

Meeting link:

<https://spokanecity.webex.com/spokanecity/j.php?MTID=m5462b39e5530ec632d943c0f5a2ab73a>

Meeting number:

2497 452 1932

Password:

0320

Best,

Giacobbe R. Byrd

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DAVE M

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