Re: 195202

Good afternoon, Ms. Hanson.

Thank you for forwarding the above-referenced complaint.

I will address Mr. West's allegations as listed on the complaint form.

!#. Mr. West could not have seen me place my items on the display table, as I did not set them up. I took my chair in the front of the room at the table with name plates for participants. My husband brought in my campaign items and placed them on a table in the back of the room. My husband had none of my official County Commissioner business cards.

My husband can submit a statement with his recollection if you would like.

#2 and #3 are just references to the cards.

#4. Mr. West is lying. I have had a clarifying conversation with the Goldendale Sentinel staff prior to writing this statement. Mr. West brought the ad into the Sentinel. He did speak with the owner, Lou Moralaz, and also the front desk staff. He did show the ad to staff and told her it was illegal. She stated she was not aware of any of the rules. Mr. West left the building.

In his #4 explanation, Mr. West quotes, " When I brought this to the paper's attention, a staff member commented that if she had noticed the web link when Lori came in, she would have said something." This statement is not true. I never came to the Sentinel and handed staff a prepared ad.

I ordered and paid for the ad via a conversation on the phone with staff. The newspaper staff developed, charged, and published the ad. I did not influence the ad except to

request a simple thank you to the voters for the primary votes and to supply my photo as requested.

With this statement, I feel Mr. West seemed unaware that staff created the ad and purposely tried to tie me to the ad for creating the website error for my own gain.

In my previous email regarding the first complaint, I noted that the owner of the Sentinel acknowledged and explained the error and that they will run a correction or explanation of the error, free of charge.

Question: What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

Mr. West's answer: Use of Government resources for politics is an abuse of office. Distorts voter information to choose candidates.

My response: Regarding the allegations that I was using my County Commissioner cards as advertising for my campaign. I have campaign printed materials with information and my platform. I do not need to give them a County card or feel that would influence anyone. It is public knowledge that I am the incumbent, and my information states "re-elect".

The only reason I would give a County card to anyone is if they have official business or questions that I think they would be better served if they contact me at my office or arrange a meeting. Those cards would have the correct numbers to reach me. Being a current Commissioner, no matter the setting, an event, or even simply trying to shop, people stop you and ask questions or tell you problems they need solutions to.

I believe it is also important to point out that Mr. West appears to be the campaign manager for my competitor, Mr Andrew Killien. As I understand there were some conversations within the Republican Central Committee that if a member represents a candidate, they must declare it to the group. As well, Mr. West is at Mr. Killien's side at every public event. He has used his personal vehicle to drive him in parades and has also manned Mr.

Killien's booth at every event. It is well known to the public who Mr. West is supporting in this race.

Mr. West is also associated with Mr. Rick Esaacson, who filed the first complaint in the case. And Mr. Esaacson was my competitor in the primary in 2022, and as you can see by the final numbers had a substantial loss. Mr. Esaacson has been bitter towards me since that time.

Question: List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found?

As for other witnesses. Mr. Barta and Mr. Rizzi were in the room for the Dallesport Candidates night. Mr. Rizzi was MC and, from what I saw, mainly up in the front of the room with the Candidates. Was it possible that they both saw the business cards after they were placed? Possibly.

But, again, I did not place them, nor did my husband.

Mr. West had ample access to that table, as during the event I saw Mr. West standing in the back of the room close to the table. And, when I was ready to go home, I had to retrieve my extra signs and rack cards, and Mr. West was blocking access to my table. I had to squeeze past him to get them. I was very uncomfortable. Mr. West is large and very loud and does try to be intimidating. At the time, I felt at the time that he was blocking access to my literature and signs as a way to move people toward the candidate he supports. Mr. Killien.

The remaining photos of my campaign signs. I retrieved my signs as required after my last campaign in 2022 and carefully stored them in case I wanted to run again. When I filled out my first PDC paperwork, I noted the signs and their worth. And I ordered simple stickers to put on the signs that state "re-elect" and also noted that purchase on my PDC reports.

Please know I have the utmost respect for the political system, your work, and the PDC requirements. It is a valuable asset for the integrity of our system and elections. I hold myself to a high standard and would never intentionally try to cause harm. Please let me know if you need anything or more clarification.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lori Zoller

Ms.Hansen,

After re-reading Mr. West's complaint and checking the dates when filed, I believe Mr. West tried to compound the original complaint by adding additional information that I had broken rules with the card and sign issues. And, said so stating the PDC should not trust me for the answer regarding the newspaper ad complaint. And he purposely skewed the chain of events with the newspaper, stating I had crafted and brought in the ad for printing.

I am sure you have a multitude of complaints like these to filter through in the work you do.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Lori Zoller

Ms. Hansen,

Please check the "contributions" section of PDC reports for Mr. Andrew Killinen, County Commissioner, District #2. Mr. West is listed several times, a donation from Dave Barta and several small donations not listing who, which could be other "witnesses".

Thank you…Lori Z