

From: **PDC Support** <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov>

Date: Wed, Oct 16, 2024 at 10:34 AM

Subject: Fwd: File a Formal Complaint - Adolfo Bailon

To: <[REDACTED]> Dear Rashell Lisowski:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Adolfo Bailon concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Adolfo Bailon the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and WAC 390-37-060(1)(a) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Jordan Campbell at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Jordan Campbell

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On Wed, 16 Oct at 10:18 AM , PDC Support <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Dear Adolfo Bailon:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 9, 2024. The complaint alleged that Rashell Lisowski (the "Respondent"), may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using public facilities or resources for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure.

PDC staff reviewed the allegation(s) and the filing history of the Respondent and found the following:

RCW 42.17A.555 states: "No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition."

The Respondent is not a elective official nor any employee of an elective office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency.

As such, The Respondent is not subject to RCW 42.17A.555

It is the responsibility of the presiding officer at any public meeting to take steps to stop those making public comment from using that time to campaign for a ballot measure or candidate.

Failure to do so may represent a violation of RCW 42.17A.555 on the part of the presiding officer.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and WAC 390-37-060(1)(a).

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Washington State law established email as the PDC's official means of communication as of June 7th, 2018 (RCW 42.17A.055). Filers have a duty to amend their reports within 10 days of any material changes, such as new email addresses. Please ensure your email address is up to date.

To respond, please reply to this email.

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On Wed, 9 Oct at 9:43 AM , Adolfo Bailon <adolfo@burienwa.gov> wrote:

The City of Burien requests the Public Disclosure Commission's assistance in investigating a potential RCW 42.17A.555 violation for improper campaigning within the Burien City Council Chamber during a regular meeting of the Burien City Council. The perpetrator is Rashell Lisowski, Organizing Director for the Washington Community Action Network and associate of the Transit Riders Union, sponsor of initiative Measure No. 24-001.

At the start of the Burien City Council Regular Meeting the Public Comment period, on October 7, 2024, the Burien City Clerk instructed everyone (also included in print on the agenda) to abide by RCW 42.17A.555 and not campaign during their respective public comment. Four (4) people participated in Public Comment, including Ms. Lisowski. Ms. Lisowski was the only person to violate RCW 42.17A.555.

During public comment, Ms. Lisowski denigrated an existing ordinance in Burien that establishes a new municipal minimum wage and spoke in support of Initiative Measure No. 24-001, which has qualified for placement on the ballot in February and would repeal Burien's existing minimum wage ordinance and establish a different minimum wage in Burien. The City Attorney attempted to advise Ms. Lisowski that her comments appeared to be campaigning and asked her to stop violating RCW 42.17A.555. Ms. Lisowski acknowledged the reminder and continued speaking. Ms. Lisowski recommenced campaigning in support of her Initiative Measure No. 24-001 despite the instructions of the Burien City Clerk and City Attorney.

Attached to this complaint are screenshots of the Washington Community Action Network website that promotes Ms. Lisowski as an organization employee; a website screenshot hosted by the Transit Riders Union, sponsor of Initiative Measure 24.001, that promotes involvement from Ms. Lisowski in their campaign effort; and a web link to the Burien City Council meeting recording that corresponds with this complaint.

Contact information for Ms. Lisowski is limited to a telephone number listed on the website of her business in Burien, Locksmith Contact, and telephone number, email, and physical address for the organization Washington Coalition Action Network.