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Subject:

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Hi there PSRC Exec Board and Sheila;

Joe A. Kunzler here. Going to be hopefully acute with you.

Please pass 9a, the Public Participation Plan (PPP) conditionally. The condition being the PPP is complemented by the "Expectations for Public Conduct while Accessing PSRC's Offices" coming into effect.

As sadly most of you have experienced, a troubled individual comes to these PSRC meetings to hurl hate and occasionally campaign. Hence my recommendation to consider going to a written-only comment policy as was written into 2022's HB 1329 as an emergency escape hatch.

So changing "limiting public comment to public comment may be appropriate" to, "limiting public comment to written comment may be appropriate" would be best. Again, it's intended to be an escape hatch.

With that, oral comments are OK if there is a pathway to exclude/expel/suspend the troubled individual for a year at a time or at least six (6) months. But the PSRC does NOT need to be platforming the troubled individual's malicious hate and occasional attempts to campaign at most PSRC meetings. It is a prolific deterrent to participation and a matter of ongoing concern that has filled up your Executive Director's inbox the past year - among other PSRC staffers.

Thanks for taking my written comments. Thanks also in advance for passing both the PPP and the "Expectations for Public Conduct."

Very thoughtfully;

Joe A. Kunzler

P.S. If the <u>upcoming MRSC training into the OPMA</u> is not on your agenda, I highly recommend making the investment.