

Sheila Rogers

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Sent: Saturday, May 25, 2024 1:03 AM
To: Sheila Rogers
Cc: Vanessa Kritzer; Dave Upthegrove; Claudia Balducci; Josh Brown; Max Patashnik; Trask, Blake
Subject: Public Comment for 2024 General Assembly

Dear Ms. Shelia Rogers,

Please share with the 2024 General Assembly my concerns. I have CC'd certain, er, good humans in the event this is ruled ineligible for public comment. Rather get this writing out of the way to kick off a meaningful Memorial Day Weekend.

Thoughtfully;

Joe A. Kunzler
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RE: 2024 PSRC General Assembly Public Comment and Item 4c

Dear PSRC General Assembly;

Joe A. Kunzler here, writing about your public comment policies and also Item 4c. My pick for President has graciously asked to pause/suspend the campaign. I have some ongoing concerns about the vulnerability of the PSRC - and her members - to the kind of malicious hate speech we've experienced in the past few years from Alex Tsimerman and the City Council Death Squad. Most of you have heard my complaints so I'm going to get to the solution.

See, you're using that solution. Buried within RCW 42.30.240 (1) is an emergency exit meant to silence the haters by going to written-only comments. I wrote that into the code of 2022's ESHB 1329 to go through the proper legislative processes. We know why: To stop Tsimerman's terror. As a last resort. So I quote Zelensky to you;

The vast majority of the world perceives the threat of terror in the same way – people always want reliable protection from terrorists and fair punishment for their attacks against life. And every nation would perceive restrictions in the fight against terror as wrong and unfair. The protection of life must have all of the necessary tools to truly defeat terrorists.

Therefore, I'm going to ask you to insist that whoever wants the job of PSRC President make two commitments to the General Assembly:

1) Be extremely clear that this option of written-only comments is always open. Frankly, I think the PSRC should go to this and continue the endeavour to be a data-driven, politics-free organization.

2) Commit to ensuring the PSRC follows the science and not the politics. My understanding is we have a candidate for this position who muscled in light rail with a deviation that was done without a study for Bus Rapid Transit/BRT requested many times. This candidate was Chair of the Sound Transit Board, and it took a historic Public Disclosure Commission complaint after this candidate rejected my request for a hate speech ban as profiled in Tackling Tsimerman (<https://bit.ly/3SbcLaG>) to start shutting Tsimerman down. After securing Sound Transit, Sound Transit 12s were able to race north to save the PSRC and now leap to the Eastside, doing more than this "Safe" Eastside mob will ever do to make the Eastside truly safe. Sadly, the Public Disclosure Commission is so broken down they can't actually collect against Tsimerman - but enough about our nemesis.

In conclusion, the PSRC is worth defending because a PSRC serving the truth and leaving the grandstanding to local councils will address key regional issues and heal our region. The PSRC should be a salon for only the smartest Puget Sounders. We need the PSRC to ensure regional grants are disbursed based on science, not politics; plus also meaningfully address the climate & housing & Washington State Ferries emergencies. The next PSRC President had better get on with the task and not try to, well, put politics first and divide us or bring back the 1930s. Frankly I would welcome another term of President Becky Erickson.

Very thoughtfully;

Joe A. Kunzler
