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To: Members, Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
From: Lori Anderson, Communications & Training Officer
Date: May 15, 2014
Re: Strategic Plan Update - Personal Financial Affairs Review/Online Access

AGENDA

Following the April 2014 progress report, the Commission asked staff to solicit more stakeholder comment regarding potential online access to Personal Financial Affairs Statements. The additional comments received since the April meeting will be summarized for the Commission at the May 2014 meeting.

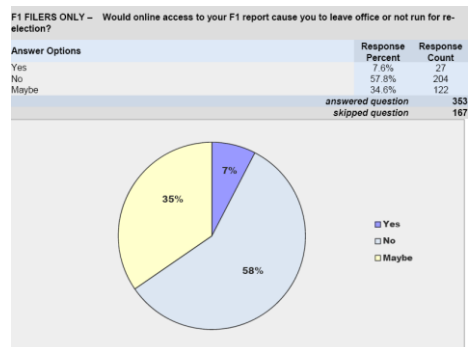
BACKGROUND

The strategic plan contains three F-1 related action items:

- 3.6 Review F-1 requirements to consider changes to laws and rules concerning: reporting thresholds (\$2,000 and \$10,000 thresholds); type and manner of reporting investments (stock values & mutual funds, short term vs. long-term holds, highest value vs. snapshot in time); and the nature and extent of reporting business ownership interests.
- 3.7 Evaluate the feasibility of using a short form for certain local F-1 filers.
- 5.5 Evaluate, through a pro-active stakeholder process, whether the Commission should begin posting on-line some or all information from candidate and annual F-1 forms and, if limited information from F-1s is to be posted, how to accomplish that in a technologically feasible manner and within available resources.

During the April 2014 meeting, the Commission reviewed recommendations related to action items 3.6 and 3.7 as well as public comment received through a stakeholder meeting and a survey that covered the recommendations and whether the contents of the F-1 reports should be available online.

The Commission expressed concern that so many of the 361 F-1 filers responding to the survey indicated that online access to F-1s would or may be a reason for them to leave office. Staff was asked to gather additional comment on this topic in an effort to learn, more specifically, what kinds of concerns filers have that might cause them to leave office or choose not to run again if the Commission moved to post F-1 reports online.



The Commission also generally agreed with the recommendations for proposed changes to disclosure requirements related to dollar value codes and investments, but was interested in seeing more detailed proposals and staff recommendations before making any decisions.

ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDER RESPONSE

Following the April Commission meeting, staff sent an email to all F-1 filers who had been invited to participate in the original survey asking for additional comment if they had responded that online access to F-1 reports would or may be a reason for them to leave office. Staff received 115 additional responses.

Some individuals cited general privacy concerns without identifying specific objections. Of those filers providing follow-up comments about their objections to posting F-1s online, the specific objections voiced since the April meeting include the following:

- home address, phone number and/or email address (50),
- security of information/identify theft (32),
- spouse and/or children's names (30),
- dollar values (5), and
- protecting business clients (4).

Copies of the emails received are attached. The emails are grouped by objection, to the extent possible. If an individual listed multiple objections, each objection is included in the counts listed here, but only one copy of the email is attached. One response suggests that the Commission develop an automated process for obtaining the F-1s that does not include having them posted online. A few responses encourage the Commission to post the F-1s. Professional staff from the House of Representatives express concerns with the Commission's definition of "professional staff" in addition to explaining their objections.

In addition to the emails, staff received a few telephone calls from individuals who were reluctant to send responses knowing that the emails are public records.

NEXT STEPS

Staff proposes scheduling a work session during the June Commission meeting in order to allow the Commission to consider options that staff will craft based on the recommendations and Commission guidance received to date concerning all aspects of the F-1 review, particularly the dollar codes, investments, and online posting issues. A work session would allow more informal and in-depth discussions and would also give stakeholders another opportunity to participate in the deliberative process.

Attachments: Email responses from F-1 filers

Emails from F-1 filers

Objection:

PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

From: [Baum, Beth](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 9:33:17 AM

Hi Lori,

I am uncomfortable with my personal contact information (home address, phone number, email address, etc) or information about my family (spouse's name) being made available online. If this information were redacted from the form I currently submit, I would be much more comfortable with the form being available electronically.

Thanks,
Beth Baum

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:41 PM
Subject: PDC F-1 Survey

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Thank you,

From: [Richard Bloom](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014 8:39:23 PM

Uncontrolled access to data in the F-1 reports would place the elected officials like myself and their families at risk from predatory individuals looking for "targets" for home invasion and the like.

As an elected official serving my community for \$350/month I have serious concerns as to making that information easily available on line.

I would ask if the same information would be available online for Commission members as well.

I live in a very safe community but that does not keep me safe from internet predators.

I feel that such a move by the PDC does not serve the public good but rather places community minded individuals and their families at greater risk.

Richard Bloom
City Councilmember
West Richland, WA

From: Lori Anderson <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>
To:
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:24 PM
Subject: PDC F-1 Survey

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From: [Buel, Richard D](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
cc: ["Richard Bloom";](#)
Subject: F-1 reports
Date: Monday, May 05, 2014 8:10:21 AM

Hi Lori,

I was forwarded a document by one of my fellow West Richland City Councilmembers (Richard Bloom), who had responded to your organization's question about posting F-1 documents online. I must have missed the email asking for input, as I did not send in any reply. However, I must echo Councilmember Bloom's sentiments about posting F-1 information online. I am not in favor of posting these complete documents on the Internet.

Respectfully,

Rich Buel, West Richland City Council

From: [Greg Castellaw](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 2:22:11 PM

Lori,

Thanks so much for the opportunity to respond to issues I have with providing on line access of F-1 filing information. I have very strong feelings concerning posting my personal information on line. For the life of me, I cannot understand why anyone would think this would be considered “appropriate balance”.

Please let me be clear the posting of my F-1 information on line would definitely require me to resign my school board position. Easy access to public servant **personal information** on line clearly steps over the line concerning **personal privacy and security**. It is already difficult to find qualified and willing candidates for unpaid school director positions. Subjecting school board members to this level of exposure will further erode the pool of quality candidates, especially those that are **not single issue** candidates (true public servants). We, as school directors, would not dream of subjecting the privacy of our students and staff to the same level of exposure as appears to be under consideration for school board members (& other elected officials) by the PDC and the State of Washington.

As an unpaid elected official, I have the following specific concerns:

1. **Addresses:** I am often required to take a position protecting our students that may be unpopular with certain individuals or discipline an employee for questionable behavior. I feel that the risk I might subject my family as part of the duties of my uncompensated position would become too high of a price to pay. Posting on line where my family lives, and where my spouse and I work would not be a safe practice.
2. **Children/Spouse:** Once again my concerns with listing names of my family, even though rare, might once again place my family at risk. Not only do I have a responsibility to protect the students of our school district, I also must protect my family, first and foremost.
3. **Income/Real Estate/Investments/Transactions/Etc.:** I fully understand and support the need for the PDC to be able to monitor monetary appropriateness, but this does not include splashing my private information on line. Those that are inclined to prey on, scam, or swindle others would be provided with an easy to follow road map of my personal finances and the locations of those holdings. As on line security of financial information becomes more difficult to maintain, it appears that the State of Washington may be interested in ensuring that my

personal information becomes less secure. Of the concerns I have voiced, I think this concern is my greatest. Privacy should not be compromised in this manner in the line of public service to others without compensation.

4. **Business Clients:** On line posting of my business clients that have paid my firm over \$10,000 is also a concern that I have. The potential adverse impact to my business and the families that are supported by those that are my employees would not be acceptable. I am sure that I have clients that would not be pleased to know that an easy “google” of them would reveal their business transactions that have occurred. The potential loss of business that I sense would be a deal breaker for my public service.

As mentioned above, a decision by the PDC/State of Washington to post my F-1 information on line (any of the above information) will require me to immediately resign my unpaid position as school director. I hope that you do not decide to proceed with this poorly thought out proposal. Even though some might think that easy access to personal information of others should not be a concern, those same individuals would most likely be furious to have their personal information posted on line. There still are crazies and those with criminal tendencies out there looking for an easy way to pray on others. Please take a moment to consider what is an appropriate balance. Posting personal information on line that is required by the F-1 reporting is not an appropriate balance. It only compromises one’s privacy and security.

Even though I have enjoyed my public service and feel that I have been a very effective and dedicated school director for a number of years, **this service will come to an immediate close if you decide on posting of my personal information on line.**

Thank you very much for the opportunity to express my concerns,
Greg

Greg Castellaw
Director Clarkston School District
Home Phone: 509-758-6745
gcastellaw@ckarchitects.com

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:30 PM
Subject: PDC F-1 survey

From: [Jeff Cook](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 2:48:44 PM

I prefer that my public disclosure information not be available online. Last year in my second year of being in public office my wife and I were subject to unfortunate harassment incidents from one citizen to the point that we had to appear in court multiple times to obtain a restraining order against this individual and respond to other issues that were eventually dismissed by a judge. In all I had to go to court 12 times in front of 8 different judges because of this individual. I think that having my personal information readily available to individuals like this could cause my family problems. I'm not holding public office for the small monetary compensation that I receive but consider it as community volunteering. I ran in 2011 partly because no one else did. I think that having personal information readily available might discourage citizens from running for public office. We need more good candidates not less.

Jeff Cook
Council Member
Ward 3
Aberdeen, WA

On Fri, Apr 25, 2014 at 8:20 PM, Lori Anderson <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

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From: [Cutler, Pete](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 2:24:47 AM

Lori -

I did not indicate that I would have concerns about making the F-1 content public. HOWEVER I was thinking of the financial summary information. For safety reasons I would strongly prefer that home addresses, home/cell phone numbers, and family member names not be made public. If somebody has a legitimate need for that kind of information they should be required to contact the public employer or the PDC.

Thanks for asking, Pete Cutler [Senate staff]

From: Lori Anderson [lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:42 PM
Subject: PDC F-1 Survey

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Thank you,

From: [Davidson, Pam \(OFM\)](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 9:55:22 AM

Lori, I would not want my home address posted on-line. My daughter is grown now, but I used to list her, and would not want my children's names published either. Thanks for asking.

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Thank you,



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From: [Gene Egan](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:55:39 AM

Hi Lori,

Thanks for requesting our input. I would definitely leave office if any portion of my F1 report were made public.

Regarding the disclosure of my address, I have had citizens come to my house uninvited to discuss their concerns with the Town. I even had a disgruntled citizen call me at 5 am on a Sunday morning to complain. I make myself available to the Town and our citizens, but I should be able to enjoy private time also. Publishing our contact information would compromise this private time.

Regarding my financial information, it is simply nobodies business what my personal income or assets are. There is no financial reward for being a council member for the Town of Skykomish. It is quite the opposite. For example, when I attend meetings outside of Town, those expenses are picked up by me, not the Town.

We want to encourage good people to serve the Town, but some won't even consider volunteering for a council position if their contact and financial information is made public. As for me, as was unaware of this requirement, and would not have run for this position had I known of the reporting requirement.

Once again, thanks for asking for our input.

Gene Egan
Skykomish Town Council

From: [Dan and Ann Fagerlie](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: [Junk released by User action] Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, May 05, 2014 4:47:13 PM

I object to it being online as it is the PDC's business to make sure that we are not taking contributions or \$ from someone we should not, but if it is online then everyone in the world can see it. My son is a border patrol agent on the AZ-Mexican border. His and his co-workers fear is to be taken hostage or captive by cartel or other illegal influences. It would only take a second to search online to then see what we were capable of paying ransom or to even use to target relatives or my daughter or others whom travel to central america or mexico. This information could be used to actually target individuals who's family may have resources through hard work. I also had a friend whom was a lead detective in Spokane. She said inmates major way to make funds while in jail or prison was to sell information they knew or discovered, to outside people whom used that information to target places for burglary, etc. I can see many possible uses non-lawabiding citizens could use the information for. If it is going to be listed I would seriously have to weigh the decision on whether the safety of my family and home, or my service to the public is more important. Which would you choose??

----- Original Message -----

From: [Lori Anderson](#)

Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:29 PM

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From: [Ruth Gordon](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 9:05:42 AM

Hi, Lori – I don't recall this survey – but would just say, that although in this day anyone who wants to find you can find you, the information provided on an F-1 provides a golden key to anyone who wishes to harass, intimidate, blackmail or physically harm a filer or the filer's family. And it would be a treasure trove for run of the mill identify thieves. I don't think one's home address should be published online, nor the location of one's bank accounts. I do think those making policy decisions for the public good should disclose their financial interests, and it make sense to me to show a value range. I agree with those who stated that the value ranges in their current form provide much more privacy for the rich than those of modest means.

Please do not publish residence information, at a minimum.

When I was appointed to public office no one mentioned that I would have to disclose so much of my (formerly) private information, and then it was too late to weigh my options. It has given me some measure of comfort to know that information is not published online.

How many requests is your office having to respond to?

Thanks for doing this survey and sharing its results – very interesting.

Ruth

Ruth Gordon

Jefferson County Clerk

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From: Lori Anderson [<mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>]

From: [Paul Greenlee](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 11:51:25 AM

Dear Ms. Anderson,
My wife is a one-on-one and couples mental health counselor. Some of her clients are, frankly, "scary."
She is also under legal obligation to keep her client list confidential, among other things. That information is exempt from subpoena under Washington Law.
We have kept separate last names, and we keep our financial affairs separated.
Her clients are not told who I am, or what I do. I do not "advertise" her profession.
I have great concern for her safety, and for potential violations of "client privacy" and loss of her license, under the existing disclosures.
Having my F-1 online raises the risk substantially.

Further, to think that it's only a small change to go from "by specific request only" to online is incredibly naïve.
Google (actually "Backrub,") was the first "web-bot" or "web-crawler" in 1996.
In the almost two decades since, "data-mining" has exploded exponentially.
Automated (mindless!) data-mining by bots now constitutes a substantial percentage of total web traffic.
Exposing F-1 data to data-mining, substantially increases the risk that the covered officials will be subject to threat, extortion, or other forms of manipulation.
That is exactly opposite to the intent of of our Public Disclosure System.

Please, please, do not make this F-1 data dangerous.

Thank you for your service,

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Paul Greenlee
Council Member
City of Washougal

On 4/25/14 8:24 PM, "Lori Anderson" <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

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From: [Hesselholt, Claire](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 3:32:43 PM

I very strongly do not think residential addresses should be that easily available for anyone, but most particularly for staff. The residential address shows up with the real estate information, as you know.

Clearly the financial information is relevant – and that would include the value and the mortgage on the real estate. But the actual location doesn't need to be that easily available. I would think many people would have issues with this, but as a single woman with an unusual name, I have tried for years to keep my personal address private. I view this as a safety issue. I also think, in this day and age, that providing all this information online for so many people will provide identity thieves fertile ground for years to come.

I would be happy to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Claire Hesselholt

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
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From: [Hill, Hollis](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Thursday, May 01, 2014 10:22:30 AM

Dear Ms. Anderson,

I don't believe I would leave office if this information were on line but I would certainly object to mine and my family's personal finances being available for the public to see. I think it is appropriate for elected officials to divulge their campaign financing, of course, but I don't think it is a good idea for us to share information not relevant to our jobs. As a judge who is called upon to send people to prison and at times take away children I am vigilant about personal security by taking many measures to avoid my personal life being in the public eye. I urge the PDC not to put this information on line.

Judge Hollis Hill

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Thank you,

From: [Diane Houser](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, May 12, 2014 10:29:37 PM

Dear Lori,

I feel strongly enough about this that I would resign my position as a local fire commissioner if F-1 information is made accessible online. The position is not worth the complete loss of personal and financial privacy of my family. Whether founded or unfounded, my family considers it a safety issue as well.

Sincerely,
Neal Houser

From: lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov
Subject: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2014 03:25:03 +0000

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From: [Debrena Jackson Gandy, Speaker & Author](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:18:47 AM

From Debrena:

I didn't mention that I'd leave office if the F-1s were on-line, but I would still like to weigh in. I must have missed the communication suggesting that this might occur.

As a volunteer appointed public servant, the number of hours invested in fulfilling my position, away from my business (self-employed) and family, is done in the name of service and contribution.

Then to have my , personal AND family's information available so easily and readily on-line in a culture where fraud is a full-time pursuit for many is unsettling. To have the names of my children, home address, spouse's information readily available at another's fingertips on-line, enables a level of exposure to my family and my private information that now creates a major deterrent to serving.

Even a registered sexual offender isn't require to disclose this much information on-line.

The F-1s are already available. What has precipitated the conversation about them being available on-line. Why is this so essential?

What is the down-side of leaving things as they are, and thus not taking the risk of alienating ANY Trustees, or creating what could be perceived as a burden of serving?

In this high-tech culture, personal information is already too readily available in my estimation, so as a function of my volunteer service as a Trustee, I am not interested in making my personal AND family information that much more readily available to an unscreened public and in a current environment where there are abuses of information. The "average Joe" can post and share personal information via multiple social media platforms with the touch of a button, someone who might be disgruntled, in

disagreement with a vote, etc.

If such a condition were in place as a consideration BEFORE I took office, I would probably have declined, based on this.

Thanks,
Debrena Jackson Gandy
Trustee, Highline CC

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:40 PM
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From: [Mike's iPad](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 12:18:37 AM

I would resign my office for the following reasons.

It would make it easier for the less than stable and vindictive constituents to access my personnel information should they want to create harm to me or my wife.

Anyone that files an F-1 and the F-1 is publicized in the current environment of the radical political opposition creates an atmosphere that would make it prudent to carry protection as well as my wife.

The position is not worth the added risk and my wife having to obtain a CWP and carry a concealed weapon.

James M Dennis Langham

Sent from my iPad

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From: [Penny McAnally](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 2:49:08 PM

Hello,

I wouldn't want my home address, phone number, etc published online.

Thank you,
Penny

From: lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov
Subject: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2014 03:35:13 +0000

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Thank you,

From: [Doris McConnell](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 11:05:58 AM

Lori,

I would prefer to keep my address and financial information as private as possible. It could only be used against an elected. Particularly in local government, our salaries is accessible and why would anyone want to know our address and more personal information?

Thanks,
Doris McConnell
Shoreline City Councilmember
dmcconnell@shorelinewa.gov

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From: [Mary Morgan](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 11:01:50 AM

I did not receive the survey...but must admit that when I found I had to do the F-1 for the last year that I was horrified. I run a one person business in a small community, and tend to keep my financial affairs very private. If my F-1 is made available online, I am not sure if I will feel safe in many ways where I live. I liquidated 2 properties last year, in order to resolve financial issues. Both had been in my ownership for many years, but it makes my report look as if I have money that I don't have. The proceeds of the sales went to settle debt, but there is no way on the form to show that. I seriously thought about resigning from office but realized that you would still force me to file for last year. If the information is going to be published online, I feel it is grossly unfair to those like myself who try hard to keep our personal matters out of public view. In addition, I am a single older woman, 67, and I live alone. This has the possibility of making me a target, especially with the fact that anyone can find out where I live because of public notice requirements. Please do NOT publish this information online. And frankly, if someone does a public request for this information, I feel I should be notified so that I can take appropriate actions to protect myself from harm. By the way, for about 40 hours a month of work on Ellensburg City Council, I am paid \$250/month. Hardly worth giving up all my privacy for that!

Sincerely,

Mary
Ellensburg City Council
Ellensburg, WA

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On Apr 25, 2014, at 8:22 PM, Lori Anderson <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

From: [Dawn Morrell](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 2:39:02 PM

Thank you for asking. In today's world I would not like to have children's names and home addresses on the PDC F1 report. Too many scary people out there and safety is important. I don't care about investments - probably because I don't have many.

Thank you

Rep. Dawn Morrell

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Thank you,

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From: [Steve Nylund](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 11:16:36 AM

Hello Lori,

I'm new to this whole process so I did not respond to the original survey, but I would like to add a second to this comment—the F-1 should not be required at all for **unpaid** positions where there is little or no opportunity for the person to receive any direct financial gain due to the position:

Only required by paid elected officials. As a School Board Director...makes little sense!

And for any information that needs to be on-line, then I would prefer that personal information, like street addresses and children's names, not be included. It also seems like it would make sense to increase the voter numbers and the dollar ranges.

Thank you and best regards,
Steve Nylund
School Director - Hockinson
19712 NE 174th Street,
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360-896-4161

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From: [David Poucher](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 2:26:39 PM

I do not believe my home physical address should be available on line. I do not mind my mailing address being available.

Mayor David Poucher
White Salmon

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From: [Jesse Salomon](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014 7:21:04 PM

While I'm not planning to leave office over this, the idea of publishing my home address leaves me very uncomfortable. In my day job I work with people some of whom have long criminal histories, serious mental health issues etc. I do my best to keep my personal information private to best protect myself and my family. I try to keep our personal address offline. I feel like I shouldn't have to jeopardize our safety so that I can also serve the public as an elected official. Why not use our elected office's business address? While I love serving I still value some semblance of a private life.

Jesse Salomon, Councilmember
City of Shoreline
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Sent from my iPad

On Apr 25, 2014, at 8:26 PM, "Lori Anderson" <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

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From: [Brenda Stonecipher](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 7:22:10 AM

Lori:

Thank you for asking.

I think it's important for the Commission to remember that the purpose of the Open Government Act, as I understand it, is to bring 'sunshine' to the financing of campaigns and lobbying. The collection of candidate and elected officials' personal information is necessary where it helps to 'shed light' on the activities that are deemed essential for the public to know. I hope the Commission asks itself, when considering these changes, whether or not the publication of any personal information would allow users of the information to understand better the candidate's campaign financing or lobbying activities.

I think the publication of all the F-1 information is an invasion of privacy that transcends what is reasonable for a public office holder. The ready access to an elected official's home address, the names of his/her children and spouse, and the locations of other property owned is unreasonable because it puts both the office holder and his/her family in danger. Rogue citizens who are angered by the official's actions could easily find the information that would enable them to track down the official and -- more importantly -- his/her loved ones. Moreover, this information serves no public purpose. Why would my constituents be entitled to know who my children and spouse are, or where I live? The only legitimate purpose would be to establish that the elected official meets the residency requirements of his/her office -- a task that the PDC does not perform. County election officials, who field these inquiries, have other ways to handle them.

In reviewing the PDC "Privacy Notice" on your website, I note that you "do not knowingly collect any personal information from children," and you caution repeatedly that personal information of children who access the site "may be subject to public access." The reason for these warnings is that you, evidently, believe that publication of a child's personal information is inadvisable. Please take your own advice and protect elected officials' children and families.

As for the investment information, I actually believe it is information that

SHOULD be available and serves a valid public purpose. If I am asked to vote on an action that benefits a business or developer, my constituents have the right to know if I have a financial 'relationship' with the business or developer. If I do, it may impair my ability to make an unbiased vote on the action. While ethical rules may require an elected official to recuse him/herself from a vote where they have a direct financial interest, it is possible to be biased even if there is an indirect financial investment in an unrelated business unit or, in the case of a developer, a different development LLC.

I realize that the internet makes much of an elected official's private life public. It is likely that all the information contained on the F-1 is available somewhere, but it would require a great deal of effort for a person to gather that information, and it might not be a complete set. I do not think the PDC, whose primary mission is to help citizens understand who is financing elections and whether lobbying efforts are exerting influence, should be in the business of publishing personal information just because you have it. Particularly if that information puts a candidate and his/her family at greater risk, while serving no public purpose.

Brenda Stonecipher
Everett City Council

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From: [Charlene Strong](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 8:55:26 AM

Hi Lori,

I would seriously have to consider the exposure to my family. Being a same-sex couple with children, and the work that I have helped with in this state for marriage equality, I have already felt unfavorable, and at times scary behavior from those opposed to equality.

I am deeply proud that our state operates with such sunshine laws, and I think it is good practice generally, however, when people chose to serve the citizens of this state, the cost to our privacy is great.

I would encourage the PDC to consider the potential vulnerable position that this poses to families, and for privacy and protection of our children.

Thank you for you email,

Charlene

[Charlene Strong](#)

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A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.

Martin Luther King

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On Fri, Apr 25, 2014 at 8:40 PM, Lori Anderson <lori.anderson@pdc.wa>

From: [Art Swannack](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:10:32 PM

You would be revealing private specific address, investment and financial data of my self, wife and minor children that is none of the public's business in terms of direct access. You would also be revealing my farm size, debt status and worth that could damage my ability to compete. I understand the PDC department needing it for reference purposes and legal issues. My family's welfare could and likely would be endangered due to extensive details of their address and other links to daily life patterns being available for unstable people to find and use. My family lives on a farm in rural eastern Washington. Sheriff's/EMS protection is not fast (30min to 1hr response time). I don't believe that the citizens' will gain any real insight to any decision I make that warrants this level of access to data but I see real increases in risks to my family, unnecessary separation from the people I represent (their data won't be available to compare to mine when someone attacks my personal character based on flawed judgements of my affairs) and serious risks of identity theft and electronic data security breach-personally, in my business and potentially at the county. My only other alternative is to not fully complete your forms. I don't believe that is what the PDC wants either.

Sincerely,

Art Swannack
From my mobile phone
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Office (509) 397-5247
Cell (509) 288-1684

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To:
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From: [Art Swannack](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 11:40:26 AM

One additional comment: please make sure any vulnerable elected officials (Sheriffs/Prosecutors/Judges) needs are considered when you decide what to do. They have active criminals that could be after their families or personal data.

Thanks,



Arthur D. Swannack

Whitman County Board of Commissioners

District 1

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Colfax, Washington 99111

Phone: (509) 397-5240
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To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
cc: [Thompson, Mark;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, May 12, 2014 12:37:08 PM

The following response is my opinion and my opinion only; does not reflect that of my organization or fellow electeds. Sorry for the late response, but have had other pressing matters to attend to.

First off, I truly believe that the intent for public disclosure was intended for Statewide elected, Senators, Representatives, Governor and the like as well as county council members/commissioners, those that make laws/policy that impact businesses etc. Public disclosure should have never really been intended for elected members of Junior Taxing Districts such as school boards, fire districts, hospital districts, library districts and the like, as they don't make public policy or laws that affect the masses or have fiscal impacts other than for their operations; they have to live/operate within the laws established by the legislature, where financial disclosure should be, due to impacts statewide.

So that being said, I think PDC F-1 filing should only be required of state wide elected offices and local county council members/commissioners and not the local junior taxing districts within the state.

In regards to the question at hand regarding online access to F-1 reports and stepping down from my elected position. I am sure the PDC staff are aware of the numerous groups/individuals that are self appointed watch dogs or anarchist types and bloggers that want go harass elected officials and agencies, and PDC staff by filing complaints regarding perceived violations of some rule/law or violate their twisted interpretation of what they think should be right in their world.

The Junior Taxing district that I have been elected to represent has had numerous public records requests for things the requestor believes they are entitled to, to support their personal/group agenda , but we don't have that information that they think/believe we should have. Many times requests are made, many hours of staff time are spent getting the information and it is never picked up!! It is just harassment of the agency. Some of that information is available online, but they don't care, they want to make a

public records request so as to see if we will comply with the PRA timelines, which take valuable and limited staff time!!

So now knowing what is going on out in the public trying to be transparent and open, I don't feel that personal information regarding family members, personal property and financial information regarding with whom I have investments and how much is anyone business and in my junior taxing district jurisdiction does add value to my ability to serve my community. I hire/fire the administrator and approve a 16 million dollar budget 80% of which goes to personnel costs not make laws that have an impact on anyone or would have cause to influence anyone!

Junior Taxing District electeds do not need to give anarchist, self proficating watch dogs easy access to personal information that has not already been provided through the election process and we should not be mandated to provide the personal family information so as to provide information that sets up our family members in the crosshairs of such groups or individuals and their publishing of their innuendo's and contrived rhetoric based on their perceptions of how things should be in "their world."

When the anti-campaigns, anarchists, self appointed watchdogs, bloggers are required to play by the same rules of elected officials, having to tell true and nothing but the truth and have to disclose their information; then there will be true transparency in government.

Do to the experiences suffered by my agency, should the PDC enact the policy of immediate access to local Junior Taxing Districts electeds F-1, I will resign my position to protect my family from being in the crosshairs of anarchist, self proficating appointed watch dogs and bloggers!

I truly love my being an elected official for my district and community I serve, there is no need to paint a target on the backs of families of elected officials of Junior Taxing Districts.

I also strongly believe that should you make F-1 reports readily accessible via the web for Junior Taxing Districts, the pool of interested and dedicated candidates for local elected offices will dwindle to the point that only the anarchist, watchdogs and demeaning bloggers will be those elected to local office and the guiding government principal "of the people and by the

people” will stress and tear at the constitutional fabric of the State and the Union.

I encourage the Commission to not invoke online access to all Junior Taxing District electeds F-1 reports.

Mark L. Thompson, Fire Commissioner
South King Fire and Rescue

Sent from Windows Mail

From: [Lori Anderson](#)

Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:28 PM

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From: [Urquhart, John](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014 11:46:25 AM

I have no objection to the general content of the F-1. However in my job, as with judges, elected prosecutors, and so on, personal and family safety is a huge concern! I don't think anything is accomplished by allowing home addresses, names of children and spouses names *more* easily available accomplishes anything except to reduce our safety.

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From: [Margaret Wiggins](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 7:40:59 AM

Hi Lori,
Maybe if the personal address, phone number etc were redacted it would keep the pests from annoying the electeds. In the 16 years on the job none of the customers have had trouble getting a message to any of us here at the Northshore Utility District by district forward or email link on our website. But at least the pests have to work a little harder to dig the home address and tel number information out of your website.

Thanks,
Margaret Wiggins
NUD
Kenmore, WA

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From: [Randal Wilhelmsen](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:46:05 AM

My concerns run in the area of personal information being available. I already get phone calls at unreasonable times from people who want to influence me one way or another. The open meeting law provides that opportunity. I should not have to deal with these calls at my home at any time much less than after 9:00 at night. Publishing personal information would make me reconsider running again.

Randal Wilhelmsen
School Director
Peninsula School District 401
Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Wilson, Donna](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 3:57:18 PM

While it would not make me not run for re-election, I do have a concern about easy access to the F-1. Home address is the most important thing that comes to mind. There have been stalkers and rapists and as a single woman living alone it causes me some concern. Having our addresses on-line was greatly discouraged by the US Marshall's task force on judicial safety. Thank you.

Judge Donna Wilson

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:18 PM
Subject: PDC F-1 survey

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Lori Anderson
(360) 664-2737 - phone

Emails from F-1 filers

Objection:

**ONLINE SECURITY/
IDENTITY THEFT**

From: [Andrea McNamara Doyle](#)
To: [Angel, Sen. Jan;](#)
cc: [Austin, Debbie;](#) [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: F-1 possibly on line - - concerns
Date: Friday, May 09, 2014 11:07:47 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you Senator, for your thoughts about the issue of posting F-1s on-line. They echo the comments we've received from a number of others, and the Commission is carefully considering all viewpoints. I will include your email with the other written comments we've received, which will be provided to the Commission later this month as they continue their deliberations at their next meeting on May 22.

Andrea McNamara Doyle, Executive Director
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andrea.doyle@pdc.wa.gov



From: Angel, Sen. Jan [mailto:Jan.Angel@leg.wa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 5:44 PM
To: Andrea McNamara Doyle
Cc: Austin, Debbie
Subject: F-1 possibly on line - - concerns

Andrea, thank you for your note. When I first heard about our F-1's possibly being on line it concerns me that this opens us up even more as elected officials to have our identity stolen. Most all our information is on this form - -please take that into serious consideration, as if our F-1 is requested, we at least know who is making the request - -on line we would never know who would have what. I see that as a serious problem. I also feel it could possibly develop into a safety issue for us as well - -wish everyone loved us (smile) but that is not the case. Thank you - -some points and thoughts to ponder. Senator Jan Angel

From: [ANTHONY X CAROLINE](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 6:38:18 PM

Lori

I am against placing the F-1s online. The recent news of security breaches causes me grave concern and puts not only my personal information at risk but that of all my family members. I also object to having to involve my adult children in my F-1 reporting just because they happen to reside in my house. This places their personal information at peril just because their parent is a public servant. This information is confidential and should remain so. If there are issues or concerns expressed by members of the public they should be required to submit a public disclosure request and state the specific reason for this requiring this confidential information.

Causing this information to be readily available to the general public puts me and my family in a very precarious position and I would seriously rethink my public service position. This has the potential for placing myself and my family in danger. What type of financial guarantee would the PDC grant me to ensure that the information released would not be used to damage my credit or that of my family members or would not jeopardize our employment? My family members should not have to be at risk because their parent is a public servant - they did not ask for this.

I request that the PDC reconsider this and not allow the information to be accessed on line.

Caroline Belleci
Councilmember, City of University Place
cell: 253-389-9517

From: lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov
Subject: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2014 03:24:21 +0000

Thank you to everyone who completed the Public Disclosure Commission's

From: [labevis](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 7:13:44 AM

My concern with on-line access is that you may become a target for people looking to steal from you--they have an address, investment, financial information that I don't feel should be available to anyone. The Commission might need to know if you can afford to run for office but others do not. I am a senior citizen and safety is very important to me. There is too much scamming going on and nothing is secure in this day of technology.

Thank you for doing the survey.

----- OriginalMessage -----

From: "Lori Anderson" <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>

To:

Sent: Fri, Apr 25, 2014, 08:24 PM

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From: [Chris Brong](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:32:02 AM

Dear Ms Anderson. If possible please accept my comments for the survey.

I am required to complete a F1 as a current County Commissioner with only 11,000 residents in the County. I had never planned to run for public office but was continually requested after retiring from over 33 yrs with the federal government working in Wash. DC and several western states. I was required to file numerous financial disclosures during that period. A FOIA request approval would be required to disclose this information under specific criteria and normally this is very rare.

Have any of you been a County Commissioner in a small community? We treasure our privacy as such. Should F1's be easily available on line? Absolutely not. It would be fodder for those who would utilize for personal and family attacks, and potential financial identity crimes.

I would definitely NOT run for public office if F1's were easily available on line.

Sincerely,
Christopher Brong
Skamania County Commissioner district 1

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2014, at 8:22 PM, "Lori Anderson" <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>> wrote:

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From: [R X](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 10:58:06 PM

Lori,

If the F-1's were posted online it could have an impact on my willingness to serve because:

- a) 1. it identifies which financial institutions I have accounts, which makes it that much easier to find a way to defraud me.
- b) 2. the value range provides a road map as to which accounts are worth accessing.
- c) 3. the real estate ownership requirement forces me to disclose my home address
- d) 4. while this does not apply to me, I am concerned that the debt disclosure requirement provides information can be used to identify elected leaders who are under financial duress, and therefore could be targets for undue influence by foreign governments

Put them online and the international criminal organizations will soon find them. If a story comes out that an F-1 was used to defraud or otherwise attack an elected official it will have a chilling effect on the willingness of future candidates to serve and it will take years for our democracy to recover. I think the only reason this has not apparently happened in the past is that international criminals prefer online records they can access anonymously.

If the PDC does go ahead with online F-1 access is the PDC willing to indemnify, defend and compensate F-1 filers if it can be proven that the information was used to defraud or hurt them, if not why not?

BTW I think it's fair that if I have to disclose my personal financial information to anyone who wants it that I should be told any time it's accessed and the name of who accessed it.

From: [Clark, Sally](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 3:14:09 PM

Hi, Lori –

I think I replied that I'm fine with F1 information being accessible on-line. Your email has me thinking a bit more about the question. I still think on-line access is a good idea, but I would want to avoid a level of specificity that might lead to fraud. The specificity of investments, home addresses, kids names – I would be in favor of making it slightly more difficult to get that information.

Thanks for thinking about this.

Sally

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
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Thank you,

From: [Cleveland, Sen. Annette](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
cc: [Winters, Vickie;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F1 Survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 4:52:02 PM

Hi Lori –

While I did not respond that I would leave office if F-1 reports were posted online, I do have strong feelings I would like to share with you regarding this issue.

I do not object to most aspects of the F-1 reports being posted on-line. What I do object to is any information listed on these reports that share personal information related to my husband or child. While I am an elected official, they are not. Therefore, I believe their privacy should be maintained and protected.

I also am concerned that posting this information on-line could increase the likelihood of identity theft. I would welcome your thoughts regarding how best to safeguard against this type of possibility.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my perspective. Please feel free to contact me should you have additional questions.

Best,

Annette Cleveland
Washington State Senator
49th Legislative District
Vancouver
(360) 786-7696

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
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From: [Dan and Ann Fagerlie](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: [Junk released by User action] Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, May 05, 2014 4:47:12 PM

another thought Lori, is this information available online could lead to elected officials being targeted for online identity fraud because of their listed resources including investments, banks, etc. My wife and my daughter have been victims of identity fraud and it is not a fun experience. Please do not make it easier to target those with resources.
Dan Fagerlie

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From: [Lori Anderson](#)
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:29 PM
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Lori Anderson
(360) 664-2737 - phone

From: [Forbes Robert](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:02:28 PM

Lori:

I don't recall whether I said I'd leave office or not if the F-1's were online but here is my two cents worth anyway:

There are two types of political office - the ones with high visibility, large responsibility, and generally decent salaries (federal/state legislature, county council, etc.) and the ones that are unpaid such as school board, city council, etc. I fit into the second category. I ran for school board to help my community and didn't spend any money campaigning as I ran unopposed (probably still wouldn't have spent any campaign money even if I had an opponent...). Yet I still have to fill out an F-1 and potentially may end up with my (general) income and investments online so anyone can access that information at any time. I can see the need to provide transparency for the first type of politician, but for those of us in small towns serving in an unpaid office it seems quite intrusive. I feel if you're making money off the position then you give up a lot of your privacy and putting the F-1 information online is probably valid, but for the folks like me I'd prefer to make it a bit harder for the identity thieves to get at my financial information. If you put the F-1's online, I'm going to have to think hard about whether I want to run for another term. I'm not certain it is worth the exposure.

Bob Forbes
253-912-5446

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From: Lori Anderson <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>
Sent: Fri, Apr 25, 2014 8:39 pm
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From: [Charles Gibson](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Thursday, May 01, 2014 1:43:02 PM

Lori,

I would seriously consider leaving my elected position if the F-1 is available online. The opportunity for data mining and pulling together F-1 information with other information available increases the risk of identity theft or fraud.

Thanks for asking.

Charles Gibson

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From: nehenders@comcast.net
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 4:12:21 PM

Hello Ms. Anderson,

I didn't participate in the survey because I unfortunately wasn't aware of it. I looked to see if it was sent out in a previous email, but didn't locate that. I'm sorry if I overlooked this because I would have responded.

I support transparency. There needs to be a system in place as a deterrent to self-aggrandizement due to one's political position. I think that need is currently met with the ability of anyone to make a request to obtain a copy of an F-1. I am concerned that if the F-1 forms were posted online, it would provide anonymity for the one viewing the F-1, increasing the likelihood that the forms may be viewed for nefarious purposes such as identity theft. It is wise to maintain a record of who is requesting the information. I believe the current system does that while providing a means for public disclosure.

I agree with the comments of others to increase the financial categories to be more specific above \$100,000, since this is more meaningful.

I'm not sure that the specific financial institution needs to be reported. It would seem to make identity theft a bit easier.

Thank you for taking a look at my thoughts on this.

Best regards,

Nancy Henderson
Councilmember
Town of Steilacoom

From: "Lori Anderson" <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:24:21 PM
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From: [Marcus Hoffman](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#); "undisclosed-
recipients";
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014 1:39:02 PM

Dear PDC,

There is enough ID fraud and hackers stealing peoples private information, why are you trying to make it easier by having our personal information online? If concerned WA citizens want this information they can request it from you. No one trying to steal information or break the law would leave you their contact information. I am all for transperance in elections, but please use some common sense about disclosure of sensitive information.

Marcus Hoffman
Commissioner

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:38 PM
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From: [Kedrich Jackson](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
cc: [Duke Mitchell](#);
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 4:03:04 PM

Hello Lori,

My business in the tax prep & accounting industry where identity theft is the number one issue the IRS is dealing with today. Further, access to my kids' name is a serious concern of mine in protecting their online identities.

It is VERY POSSIBLE I would step down if this information on my family is easily available online without any safeguards in place.

Regards,

Kedrich Jackson
Trustee - Columbia Basin College

Sent from my iPad

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From: [Jarvis, Veronica \(OFM\)](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 8:47:04 AM

Hi Lori,

I recently had my identity stolen so am keenly aware of how too much information online makes it easier for identity thieves. Having a home address, some of my financial information, along with my name and workplace are just more pieces of the puzzle for a thief. It just seems like we're making it easier for them! Some of those items you listed are what the credit bureaus ask you to prove you are you, so making that publicly available, and easily searchable, is really a bad idea.

That would be my reasoning for discouraging making the information available online. I would be happy to let you know further about my issues if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Veronica

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From: [Lien, Laurie \(OFM\)](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: FW: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 1:41:21 PM

After giving this more thought, I would probably retire if it's decided to post F1s of professional staff on-line. I have serious concerns about my (and my spouse's) personal and financial information being available for anyone to search on the Internet just because I work as a nonpartisan staff in the executive branch of state government. Having this information on the Internet would increase the possibility of identity theft and fraud. There is too much identity theft already; let's not make it easier for more of it to happen. If someone really wants to know that information about me, they can already get it via a public records request; at least that leaves a trail of who got it.

Thanks for the opportunity to convey my concerns.

From: Feinstein, Deborah M. (OFM)
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 11:02 AM
To: OFM dl B-ANALYSTS
Subject: FW: PDC F-1 Survey

FYI

From: Lori Anderson [<mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 5:54 PM
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Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:41 PM

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From: [Moore, Paula \(OFM\)](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 11:11:12 AM

Hello Lori,

I wanted to provide a comment regarding posting F1s on the PDC website. I think this raises a question regarding what information in the professional staff F1 should be shared with the public in the age of identity theft and certain cases of domestic violence and the need to protect individual privacy. I am concerned that professional staff addresses are listed and their financial institutions are listed. Perhaps a middle ground approach is needed—which could list the type & range value of the asset or creditor without releasing personal information. I think this consideration is key if the information is posted online. It may also be worth the PDC considering this if the information is released via a public records request given issues with identity theft and/or domestic violence. Thank you for your time.

Paula Moore

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Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 5:54 PM

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To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Fwd: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Friday, May 02, 2014 5:48:01 PM

Hi Lori,

I am forwarding this to you. Our information is all out there because C.J. and I wanted to offer his considerable experience, time, and service to the Longview School District as a board member. There should be some way to screen people whose intentions aren't legitimate nor noble from making it difficult for our personal lives.

Thank you,

Sue and C.J. Nickerson

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ramona Leber" <ramona.leber@cni.net>
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: May 2, 2014 at 9:59:55 AM PDT
To: "C.J. Nickerson" <cjnick7@gmail.com>

Hi Sue:

Go ahead and respond to the survey with your concerns. There is more and more hacking happening. I was part of the KickStarter hack, just because I wanted to support new ventures. What a pain. Your concerns are valid and the PDC want to hear them.

Ramona

From: C.J. Nickerson [<mailto:cjnick7@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2014 1:01 PM
To: Ramona Leber
Subject: Fwd: PDC F-1 survey

Hi Ramona,

I don't know if it is too late to make a comment on this survey. We feel strongly that the position of school board does not necessitate disclosing such detailed information on our personal, vital information. We realize no monetary reward or advantage from this elected position. We, in fact, are put at some risk in having this information made public. C.J. is simply serving the needs of the community. We just experienced a great inconvenience because personal information and our social security numbers were compromised as a result of trying to volunteer with the Catholic Church in Western Washington. Their whole system was hacked. What would prevent us from being at risk as a result of divulging our personal information in this wide-spread method?

Do you have any advice?

Thanks, Ramona. sue nickerson
Begin forwarded message:

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From: [Bob Powell](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 2:02:01 PM

Lori, thanks for your email. While I've been e-filing the F-1 since 2010, your email is the first I've heard about any plan to post the F-1 reports online, or about a survey concerning that.

I object strenuously to the idea of the complete F-1's posted online and indeed that would factor strongly in the tradeoffs involved in deciding whether to continue in this basically volunteer position as an elected water commissioner.

The question that should be asked isn't whether it's public or not. The fundamental problem with the complete F-1's posted online concerns personal privacy and fraud. With all this personal information online, it will instantly become part of hundreds of giant databases that at the very least exploit filers for marketing purposes, but also significantly expose them to high risk of identity theft and account theft.

It would be egregiously awful for the names of family members and the names of financial institutions to be posted online. Everyone so affected would become an immediate target of financial account fishing and fraud.

Seriously, if this complete information was posted, based on my direct experience in the computer security world, I would seriously consider resigning from office before the rule change takes affect, if that was my only option to prevent this information from being posted.

regards,

Bob Powell
Water District 19
Vashon, WA

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From: [Anne Proffitt](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:21:08 PM

Hi Lori,

Thank you for providing the survey results and seeking additional feedback.

As a Trustee for one of the four year public Colleges, I have always filed my PDC/F-1 report because it is required. It has been difficult for me, however, because it is such an invasion of privacy. While I can understand – to a point – the value for elected officials, I fail to see the value for appointed positions such as Trustee or professional staff.

I already take steps to limit online access to personal information, guard against identity theft, fraud and other intrusions into my personal life. Again, I do not agree with the amount of information I am currently required to provide. If the public were to gain online access, I would consider resigning from my Trustee position.

Thank you,
Anne Proffitt

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:40 PM
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From: [jim redding](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sunday, May 04, 2014 5:57:48 PM

Lorie,

In this day and age, I am extremely concerned about identity theft and fraud. This seems like one more avenue for personal information to be freely distributed and the only consequence is my identity and personal information is at risk.

There is no "one size fits all" in regards to public disclosure. Conflict of interests must be noted for honesty and confidence in elected officials. I can understand reporting conflicts of interest due to other business interests, however my net worth should not be public nor financial institutions I deal with. A State representative, Governor, etc. representing thousands of voters at the state or federal level needs some level of disclosure versus smaller entities.

Personally, I am a Water district commissioner in a ~4000 voter district, basically volunteering to manage the system with the other commissioners and only receiving compensation for our monthly meeting. Everything else I do is volunteered at no cost to the district.

I had second thoughts about stepping forward initially because of PDF requirements at the level of a local water district commissioner, but if the PDC makes this information available on line I, for one, will be resigning (if it's not already to late)

Best Regards,

Jim Redding
Grays Harbor County Water District No. 2

From: [Rolfes, Sen. Christine](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: FW: PDC F1 Survey
Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 9:47:16 AM

Lori -

I missed the original deadline to comment on the proposal to allow public access to F-1 reports, but read about the discussion in the newspaper last week. I'm hoping I can give the members of the Commission some additional feedback.

On April 15, while filing our family's taxes, we learned that a fraudulent tax return had been filed under my social security number. I had not experienced identity theft before, and it was an enlightening experience that I know millions of others have been through. One thing that was of consolation was the knowledge that my personal financial records were not available online through the PDC, as that would have made it even easier for anyone in the world to easily assume my identity, falsify my tax return, or really mess with my investment funds or bank accounts. In fact, I actually had the thought that PDC filers should be notified electronically each time their personal financial statements were accessed by a member of the public, to help prevent identity theft. This, ironically, is the opposite direction that the Commission is heading.

My other concern is that by making our records available to everyone in the world, the state is placing my children at greater risk. While we have never been threatened, it is already of concern to me that everyone knows where we live and where they attend school. This concern would be heightened when organized criminals have access to all my financial records.

I am in complete agreement that the personal financial affairs of elected officials and some public employees should be available to public scrutiny, but support the current policy of not placing these records on the internet. For these reasons, I ask the Commission to please proceed carefully with the decision to make our personal financial statements available online. It is highly likely that their decision will impact the quality and quantity of Washingtonians willing to serve for years to come.

Thank you,
State Senator Christine Rolfes

----- Original Message -----

From : Lori Anderson[<mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>]

From: [PVandever](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
cc: [Tammie Ownbey](#); [Rachel Johnson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 8:51:23 AM

April 28, 2014

Lori Anderson and Commissioners,

Greetings. As a local judge, I occasionally put people in jail and, otherwise, tend to tick off people on a fairly regular basis. It comes with the territory. One defendant went to prison for fervently threatening to kill me, and I have had problems with the Freemen and other groups trying to intimidate me both in court and by obtaining my home address for a personal visit. I live in a small town, so it is simple to find out where I live should someone want to do something rude and unpleasant. Let's just say I am prepared, and don't plan on leaving office.

On the other hand, publishing my address, family, and financial information online for everyone to access provides a whole new level of opportunity for anyone who truly wants to F%#K with me or my family, play havoc with my finances, or screw with my business or other relationships. I am sure you have some idea of what kind of damage can be done to someone using the internet, social media and other new technologies. Publicly posting private and sensitive information to assist in the process is sheer lunacy.

As a public official I expect to be under the microscope, and I am prepared to disclose sensitive information. However, it would be much better to require that individuals personally request such data. This would leave a trail should the information be used for unlawful purposes. And, the fact that the name of the requester is known would probably reduce the chance of the requesting

individual using the information to hurt or harass.

One more thing. The Commission is now on notice that broadly publishing the private, personal, and financial data of elected officials can lead to physical, economic and emotional harm to the elected officials and their families that is directly related to the information the Commission requires to be posted. I can imagine an injured public official or his family seeking legal redress against the appropriate authorities. Whether it would be successful would be another matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Judge Philip Van de Veer
Pend Oreille County District Court

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]

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From: [Common Sense Managing](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 12:12:53 PM

Hello Lori,

Do you seriously have to ask why, for approximately 40 hours/month at a grand fee of \$75/month before taxes, I would not want my personal information available to the entire world?

Have you never heard of identity theft?

Or harassment of public officials?

I live and serve in a small town, so many people know where I live and know they can stop by most anytime to discuss city issues. However, I don't want any of my personal information, that I am forced to provide to you, to be published.

The question I would like you to propose to your PDC is:

Would you like to have your personal information published on-line?

Bill Werst
City Council & Mayor Pro Tem
White Salmon

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Emails from F-1 filers

Objection:

FAMILY NAMES

From: [Anderson, Marcine](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 11:51:45 AM

I wouldn't leave office, but I would ask that the PDC be careful with our family information such as home address and names of children. m

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From: [Bashor, Gary](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
cc: [Warning, Steve; Evans, Michael;](#)
[Haan, Marilyn;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F1 Survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:09:51 PM

As a superior court judge I would certainly be concerned about my son's name and our home address being available to the public online for obvious security reasons. I wouldn't leave office because of it, but would certainly have concerns.

Sent from my iPhone
Judge Gary Bashor

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From: [Dixie. Budke](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:14:29 PM

Hi Lori,

Thank you for asking this question.

I would leave office if my children's names were made public. I have chosen to be a public official...they have not. They deserve their privacy. I know of cases that adult children's past behaviors have been used as a tactic to discredit the child and the office holder during a contentious campaign. Ugly.

I am also not keen on having my address published. While I live on a small island I use a PO box for my mail. We have had recent vandalism at our school and the loss of waiver for NCLB will be difficult for most people to understand when the board scrambles to continue critical services for our students...while rearranging teacher and staff assignments. This will not be a happy time for those of us who hold education as a top priority and value in our lives. I am a retired college professor.

All this being said....I log countless hours as a volunteer school board member to preserve what has been created on Lopez Island. Our teachers create magic daily. As I see it...ONE of my responsibilities is to provide a safe environment for them to continue to do what they do so well. I believe school board members must be provided the same respect for privacy and safety.

If I leave office...who will be courageous enough to fill this volunteer position? Will the best and brightest step forward to run our schools?

With kind regards,

Dixie Adair Budke, Ph.D.
Lopez Island School District

360-468-4991

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From: [Geoffrey Doy](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
cc: doyg@svsd410.org;
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 11:41:45 AM

Lori,

I must have missed the email for the survey, however picking up on the request for reasons to leave office should personal details be made available on line, I have some comments.

In my view the details required by PDC are mostly irrelevant to my position on the Snoqualmie Valley School Board, indeed I contemplated long and hard about running for office even under the current disclosure regulations.

If someone can tell me why my address, family details, including my children's names and my financial status have any bearing what so ever on my meeting my school board obligations I would be pleased to hear them.

School Board issues are often highly emotive, I regularly receive for sake of a better word "unpleasant" emails and social media postings and that is fine, it goes with the territory but to increase the risk of my family being exposed to this type of behavior would mostly cause me not to run for reelection next year.

Geoff Doy
President, Snoqualmie Valley School Board

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email: doyg@svsd410.org

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From: [DeLano, Lynne N. \(DOC\)](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 8:56:09 AM

Hello,

I somehow missed the survey, but wanted to share my comments. I'm generally supportive of the disclosure of information to the public with the exception of personal info such as salary and general financial worth, especially if this type of information is available on everyone, whether or not they're serving in an elected or appointed position. I'd prefer the personal address and children's names not be listed, although the reality is much of that can be found via the internet's various search engines. I would also prefer the names of the financial institutions not be disclosed. I certainly agree with the survey comments that the current levels of income are more disadvantageous to those who earn/are worth \$200,000 or less.

Regardless of the outcome of the Public Disclosure Commission's decision, I would continue to serve in my appointed position.

Lynne De Lano, Chair
Indeterminate Sentence Review Board

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From: [Doherty, Mike](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 10:26:32 PM

Why can't a limited amount of the personal information (children's names) be redacted from the online copy? Folks should understand that in a democracy the residents should be able to understand the potential conflicts of interest of their elected officials. mike doherty

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From: [Feinstein, Deborah M. \(OFM\)](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: FW: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 9:39:11 AM

Thank you. I have several concerns for **professional staff** in addition to the ones I see on the survey. I may also send additional ones at a later date.

1. The spouse of the professional staff is also listed on the F1 form. Putting this information on the web may infringe on his/her privacy, job and safety.
2. Our salaries are already on line with fiscal.wa.gov. What purpose is served in the public knowing the value of professional staff's real estate, investments and debt? I am particularly concerned about having the value of real estate, investments and bank accounts online. I fear it will increase the likelihood of solicitations, theft and fraud.
3. Have you had anyone from the Attorney General's Office look into the implications of putting the F1 on line for professional staff?

Can you tell me the time of your meetings? Thank you again.

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 5:54 PM
To: Feinstein, Deborah M. (OFM)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey

I apologize for not responding sooner, Deborah. I tucked all the responses I received into a folder and am just now reading through them to prepare for next week's commission meeting.

The Public Disclosure Commission's strategic plan contains action items related to potential changes to the F1 filing requirements as well as posting F1s received on the PDC's website. Over the last few months, the PDC staff has been gathering information for the commission to consider if and when they take action. A [summary](#) of the stakeholder work so far and the input received was given to the commission when they last met in April. On p. 7 of the linked summary, you will see that we have received comments from professional staff that were shared with

the commission. **If you have additional general considerations to share with the commission regarding professional staff, email them to me.**

No decisions have been made yet. The agenda for the May meeting has not been finalized but, at this point in time, I believe that responses to my April 25 email will be reviewed with no action taken. So, if you have objections specific to particular personal information being available online, email them to me. The sooner the better because I am compiling them all and those received by the end of the day Wednesday, May 14, will be sent to the commission members in advance of the meeting.

A significant amount of time will be set aside at a future PDC meeting – perhaps in June – for an in-depth discussion and potential action.

You are also welcome to join the discussion by coming to a PDC meeting. Meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month, so the next meetings are May 22. and June 26. Agendas are always finalized and posted on the PDC's website the Friday before the meeting.

From: Feinstein, Deborah M. (OFM) [<mailto:Deborah.Feinstein@OFM.WA.GOV>]

Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2014 10:18 AM

To: Lori Anderson

Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey

Would professional staff's information be on-line as well? I am a budget assistant to the Governor at OFM. I would not want my information on line. Can you tell me how best to voice my objection. Thank you.

From: Lori Anderson [lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]

Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:41 PM

Subject: PDC F-1 Survey

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From: [Glenn](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:23:56 PM

My first objection is having to file and F1 at all for a non-paid office because the hassle discourages participation on unpaid commissions and boards.

Secondly, the idea that any family information would be just a click away for any unsavory purpose is repugnant.

Thirdly, the goal of ensuring a candidate has no conflict of interest is not furthered by public disclosure making said disclosure unnecessary.

First, do no harm.

glenn
503-730-3404

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From: [Christie Goodenough](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:06:05 PM

I personally would not like my children's name listed or my home address listed. My personal reason is that my husband works for the Dept of Corrections and employees of DOC are constantly told to keep their information unlisted. As an elected official for a School Board, I know that my information needs to be available, but would prefer that it is not too easily accessible.

Thank you,
Christie Goodenough

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From: [Lora](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Thursday, May 01, 2014 1:54:38 PM

Lori,

I do not recall having a chance to complete this survey. However, I would object to either actual dollar amounts or personal details such as home address and spouse or child information being posted online.

As Public Elected Officials, we have already chosen to forgo much of our privacy and I think that putting that information into the open accessibility of the internet is going too far.

As an elected official in the very grassroots Houghton neighborhood of Kirkland, most of my constituents know me personally and already know where I live. I don't need the rest of the world, who have no need to know any more about me, to have access to that information.

I might even reconsider my continued participation in the elected VOLUNTEER position for which I receive absolutely no compensation, were there to be such personal information about me and my family at the finger tips of anyone who wished to browse/troll for it.

Lora Hein,
Houghton Community Council

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Apr 25, 2014 8:39 PM
To:
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From: [Andy Jewell](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 1:12:16 PM

I don't think we should have the f1on line at all as it makes it to easy for people to harass public servants but if you list home addresses and Children's names I would consider leaving office as I feel this would be an unneeded exposure to my family.

Sincerely
Andrew Jewell

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From: [Samuel E. Low](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014 5:30:54 PM
Attachments: [PDC F-1 survey.msg](#)

Lori,

I am not sure if i got the survey or not? As an elected official it does concern me when I have to include information and address for my 5 minor children. As a public official I would appreciate an extra layer of protection when it comes to my kids personal information. Sam Low Lake Stevens

Please note: message attached

From: Lori Anderson <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>
To: Undisclosed-recipients:;
Subject: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2014 03:22:48 +0000

From: [Sheli Moore](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:42:03 AM

Hi Lori,

I can't remember if I answered the survey or not, it has been hectic. I would maybe leave office, even though I love it, if online access is made available. I am elected to an unpaid commissioner position. I object to the access of any information relating to my immediate family members that is included in the report. Our family investments should also be kept private. You can also add identity theft of any of my family members as another objection.

Thanks for your concern,

Sheli Moore
Blaine-Birch Bay Parks & Recreation District 2
Commissioner

From: lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov
Subject: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2014 03:28:01 +0000

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From: [Angie Roarty](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 1:04:44 PM

Lori,

I don't believe I took the survey. However, I, too, would likely leave my appointment if my personal and financial information was readily accessible on line. My objection is that my address, my children and dependent information would be readily available. I am somewhat more sensitive to my personal and financial information being online since the passing of my spouse.

Thank you,
Angie Roarty
Trustee, Pierce College Board of Trustees

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:40 PM
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Thank you,

From: [Stokes, Timothy](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:50:09 PM

While I am perfectly comfortable with the F-1 information being publicly disclosed, I do believe that children who are minors should be redacted from the publicly disclosed information. While it would not force me to leave my position if it were disclosed, I would hold the state responsible if my children were the brunt of harm or ridicule because of the disclosure of my F-1 information to the public.

Timothy S. Stokes
President, South Puget Sound Community College

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From: [Ray Teter](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014 1:16:42 PM

Hi Lori,

I do not see how it is pertinent that any of my personal information is online. I would resign if my children's names, home address, investments, etc. were available online. It is not worth it to me to continue being a city councilman and have my entire personal life open to online public inspection. Actually, just filling out the report seems like a waste of my time and taxpayers money. What benefit is it to taxpayers to have a personal financial affairs statement filled out by a public official? Is it worth the time, effort, and money to have Washington state employees process and keep track of these forms?

Instead of having public officials fill out F1's, it seems like it would be better to have them fill out annual statements regarding the official's opinion on various topics. This could be put online and useful to taxpayers. It would allow voters to see if their representatives have the same viewpoints as the people they are supposed to be representing. A political choice public disclosure survey seems a lot more beneficial than a personal financial affairs statement.

Thanks,

Ray

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:20 PM
Subject: PDC F-1 survey

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From: [Bill Trandum](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 10:29:21 PM

I serve as a Park Commissioner without pay as a public service. My personal information is nobody's business. I already get unwanted e-mails from outliers who hate public parks. Your publicizing information about me subjects me, my wife, my children and my grandchildren to being targeted for harassment. Of course I'll quit if you put my personal information on line.

Bill Trandum, President
Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Board of a
Commissioners.

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Thank you,

<image001.jpg>
Lori Anderson

From: [Leah Wells](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 8:31:09 AM

Hi, my name is Leah Wells and I serve on the school board for North Thurston School District.

I would not necessarily leave office were the F-1 forms readily accessible, but I would have serious misgivings. The information seems private. Most of the material relates to my husband's business dealings and he is apprehensive about that information being public. I definitely would not like my home address and information about my children to be available.

Thank you for your time,

Leah Wells

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From: [Eileen Weyrauch](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 11:17:44 AM

Hi Lori -

I do not think I responded to an email about this as this is the first time I remember seeing this information.

However - if the Commission were to choose to release information about my home address or my children - I may have to leave office for the safety of my child. Our community only uses my PO Box on communications, and very few selected individuals have my actual home address. I have an adopted son that would be at risk if his name or home address were publicized. For us it is about his personal safety. I have served my community for 10 years and was just re-elected for another 6. I take great joy in that service - but my son's safety would have to come before that service.

Thanks for sending this email so I could at least let you know how it would impact me personally.

If you need any additional information that would be helpful in explaining this - please contact me and I will happily help however I can.

Thanks so much,
Eileen Weyrauch
Fire Commissioner
Newman Lake Fire & Rescue

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Objection:

DOLLAR VALUES

From: [The England's](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 1:32:02 PM

Lori:

This is the first contact from your office that I have received about this survey. Although I did read about the proposal in the newspaper.

I understand the need for elected officials have their financial information available for inspection if the need arises to investigate a questionable use of public funds. However I find posting the same information in a public bulletin board is offensive and over-reaching. Especially my children's information.

I was raised in a family where who-makes-what is not discussed. You could call it don't ask don't tell. I almost withdrew my status as a candidate for public office when I read about the requirement to reveal my private financial information. If this becomes law I WILL step down from my non-compensated post as a fire commissioner, as soon as a replacement can be located.

I was asked to help run our little fire district by folks who were desperate for someone to fill a position that is time consuming and at best thankless. I just wanted to help out, but the people who are not helping are the ones who say we must "pay the price" for public office.

Chris England

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From: Steven.Fox@faa.gov
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 5:21:50 AM

Lori,

I have three jobs that require some form of disclosure:

1) I work for the United States and fill out a financial disclosure each year that is individually reviewed by our legal department looking for any conflict and resolving it. None of the data is publically available. The dollar amounts are not required since a conflict is a conflict no matter the value. \$1.00 or a \$1,000,000.00 The attorneys see it as the same.

2) Snohomish County Fire District 5, Commissioner Position 1.

3) Sultan School District No. 311, Director Position 3.

(Note: I can only do 1 because 2 and 3 are non-partisan, other wise its a conflict. Each of these were reviewed prior to running.)

I believe that PDC should track every last dollar related to campaign financing and that it should all be publically available and readily available. I fully support your efforts on this issue.

I do not believe that how much money I make at job 1 or the value of my house, etc. should be publically available. There's no value other than voyeurism.

Filing electronically..... it is too difficult. It far easier to do it on paper, so I do.

I can buy a house on line and file by paper without a notarized signature. The website is difficult to navigate unless you already know where to go. That's like a phone book where you can only find numbers if you already know them.

Just some thoughts from somebody with a broad background in disclosure.

Steven Fox, P.E.
Senior Aerospace Engineer
Airframe Branch
Seattle Aircraft Certification Office
Federal Aviation Administration
(425)-917-6425

From: [Randall Gaylord](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:09:42 AM

Lori,

I don't remember completing the survey, but I prefer that F-1s not be on line. F-1s are always available to an opponent and an opponent's committee or any other person. Easy access to the general public is not necessary.

I altered my investments and chose managed accounts instead of self-directed investments because it is easier to report and because it provides additional level of security between the details of my investments and the public. That choice is not free however, and it costs me money.

In my view, investments should only be listed in broad categories and amounts of any single investment should only be disclosed if there is a significant percentage of the company or investment, like ten percent (10%). Why should I have to list investment in 1000 shares of Amazon (even if I'm a city official and Amazon has a plan for a building in my jurisdiction – a small ownership interest would not be affected by the decision).

Also why should I have to individually list each mutual fund of which I am a holder? The investments section should be greatly simplified.

Real property should be limited to real property in the jurisdiction; or real property should be allowed to be aggregated. Report on debt should also be allowed to be aggregated.

I think that that the Commission is looking too narrowly by focusing on existing officials. You should ask *potential* candidates about exposing their finances through an F-1. I have encouraged people to run for office and been told that that they declined because they don't want to expose their family and finances to public scrutiny. I believe the easier the F-1 is available, the fewer people will want to run for office.

If the Commission is interested in changing the policy regarding access, what the Commission should focus on is making it easy to request a hard copy of the F-1 that will be mailed to people. I encourage the Commission to improve an on-line process to request the F-1 and waive any postage. That will make the F-1 very accessible.

Also, is there really a big demand for on line access to the F-1 or is this simply fall in the area of “making everything accessible.”

I have never had anyone tell me that they were disappointed that that they could not see more of a candidate’s finances.

Regards,

Randy Gaylord
Prosecuting Attorney
San Juan County, Washington
Elected in 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010
Candidate for 2014

From: Lori Anderson [<mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>]

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From: [Bill Ward](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:01:21 AM

A VERY BADLY THOUGHT OUT IDEA!

I never saw your "survey". Who was it sent to?

Online access to information about my investments or children/ grandchildren would be cause for me to leave office. This is an open invitation to identity theft and targeted scams.

I have entrusted this information to the PDC to be used for legitimate purposes. You do not have permission to post this information online. It is enough that I contribute my time to public service. I surely do not need to make my personal life accessible to any flake having online access.

Please advise: What is the current protocol for gaining access to this information?

Thank you,

Bill Ward
Commissioner, Port of Camas-Washougal

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Objection:

PROTECTING BUSINESS CLIENTS

From: [David Futcher](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 9:25:06 AM

One particularly sensitive part for me is the disclosure of clients who pay our firm more than \$10,000 for services in a year. I own half of a CPA firm, and feel like the disclosure could possibly be considered a breach of confidentiality by some clients. I've continued to report in accordance with the rules, but really wouldn't want that list to be part of an electronically-available piece.

I urge you to revisit the thought behind the foundation of the F-1 requirements, and whether all of the current disclosures are required to meet those goals. Also, it seems like the information that may be relevant to individuals making decisions on a broad span of issues, such as our state legislators, may not be relevant for a city council member or school board member in a smaller jurisdiction. Rules should be different in those situations.

Thanks,

David Futcher

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and
OTHER COMMENTS**

From: [Gary Almy](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, May 05, 2014 8:02:52 AM

I believe the public should have access to this info but I also believe that they should be required to leave give some info back as to who and why the info is needed.

I probably would not resign if this program is instituted but will not run again.
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From: [JAMES BARNFATHER](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 7:53:40 PM

Lori,

Thank you for your work on this. It reflects a lot of time and effort in pursuit of your professional excellence.

I would like to add my comment to this survey. I have always believed that being a servant of the public should not require one to give up the privacy rights that all others enjoy. Even convicted felons have more rights, which make it illegal to post their addresses, bank accounts, phone numbers, next of kin, etc. To make available a candidate's personal and financial business is a breach of privacy rights, no matter if you serve the citizens or are supported by them.

James Barnfather

From: lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov
Subject: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2014 03:24:21 +0000

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From: [ginny](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: [Junk released by User action] RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Monday, May 05, 2014 4:47:12 PM

I did not fill out a survey, but would like to put in my 2 cents. Personally I do not have a problem with my info being on the website, however, I feel it is not fair to make volunteers who have been lucky enough to be able to help our county in a low level locally elected office feel they are under scrutiny and unappreciated. This would do that as well make volunteers not want to step up as readily. I guess that what I am saying is. What is the problem that will be solved by publishing the F1 information for these local officials? If the problem is great, then yes. If the problem is minor, then no.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:36 PM
Subject: PDC F-1 Survey

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From: patbraman@comcast.net
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:14:14 AM

Hi, Lori,

I did not respond to the initial survey but have some thoughts for you. Know a member of MI Board did not run for reelection a few years back because the spouse was a financial planner/analyst and felt that the information requested was too invasive and gave an advantage to competitors about the way their own money was invested.

Know also that I would not want my kids listed if they were still young and dependent upon us. Given horror stories about on-line and other connection to kids today, I simply would not want to risk it for my loved ones. Add the addresses to this as well, and it is unsettling for certain. Realize that addresses are in phone book or on-line as well, but would not want to make any of this too easy for people.

Want to say that I am glad you and the commission are looking at revisions to the form. Anything that will simplify the reporting will be helpful. Also, you may want to consider a more in-depth and detailed form for those with more fiscal responsibility. Our school district budget is only \$43M--small compared to state, country, and many city budgets--and there are 5 of us who oversee it as required by law. We have a strong conflict of interest policy and adhere to it. Am not certain that the detail needed for the big guys should apply to little guys--especially when we are not compensated for our work but serve as volunteers.

Thanks. Pat :)

From: "Lori Anderson" <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:35:13 PM
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From: [Mark O. Brown](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 7:01:54 AM

Lori this isn't the feedback you requested but I thought the on-line F-1 filing process was easy to understand and navigate and well done. I can't imagine why anyone would object to F-1 data being available on-line. That's the price of transparency in government.

Keep up the good work and thanks.

Mark O. Brown
Connections Public Affairs
Brown Family Trust
Member, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
360 790 4427

From: "Lori Anderson" <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:40:40 PM
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From: [Stephen Buxbaum](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Thursday, May 01, 2014 5:57:18 PM

Hi Lori:

I appreciate your thoughtful engagement regarding the issue of electronic access to F-1 information. Overall, I appreciate open public access to information about elected officials – and would like to encourage looking at ways to keep information about potential conflicts apparent and available to citizens. With that said, I also think it is important to acknowledge that the PDC has not been able to prevent abuse of the information that is available. For example, all of the addresses of my donors was down-loaded from the PDC web site and then used for two fraudulent mailings that contained inflammatory and misleading information about me. The envelopes used in the mailing also posted my home address on them – so they had the appearance of being from me.

I think these incidents are germane to the current issue of F-1 information being posted because they illustrate that when information is available on-line it can be accessed anonymously and then put to use in mischievous, even hostile, ways. I believe in public disclosure being a two-way street. If we are to preserve the credibility of our public elected offices we need to ensure that local electeds are reasonably protected from harassment and unfair treatment, otherwise, no one is going to want to run for local offices... I don't think it is reasonable to look at every transaction on line as a simple matter of efficiency and client service. I think people engaging in this process need to do so as citizens – not completely anonymously. Having my home address easily accessible – especially following the incident which occurred in my neighborhood where a local judge opened the door to have an assailant throw an astringent liquid in his face – gives me some angst for my family's safety. I am aware that I will continue to be subjected to anonymous harassment and anything that is put on-line will potentially be used for this purpose.

Personally, I wish the PDC was better funded and supported. I think we get a huge benefit from what staff have been able to provide the public in terms of information – and basic support to office holders and seekers during the elections process. With this said, I am distressed that we can't do more to protect the integrity of our process from abuse.

Whether or not F-1 information is made available entirely on-line or not is not likely to be the final determinant for my continuing to seek public office. I hope

that the PDC and Sunshine advocates will not ignore that purely looking at this issue from the principle of efficiency will continue to create some unintended consequences. You are welcome to the facts and information about my finances, employment, expenses, gifts... Please give consideration to keeping the process fair and balanced as much as possible so that it is truly a public engagement process, not a process where anonymous individuals are free to throw things from the dark without any consequence.

Thanks for your service.

Sincerely,

Stephen

Stephen H. Buxbaum

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]

Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:19 PM

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From: [Norma Walker](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: FW: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, May 05, 2014 4:01:13 PM

Lori,
Alice Cabe, one of our Board Members asked me to forward you her input, right below this message.

Norma Walker
Executive Assistant and
Public Records Officer
(360)794-1489

From: Cabe, Alice <Alice.Cabe@overlakehospital.org>
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 2:53 PM
To: Norma Walker
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey

Norma,
Please respond to the initial email. I really think that having individuals request documents from PDCA is appropriate. We should also be notified when someone has asked for our particular information as there is so much online theft these days. I do think that the information should be available to those who request it by petition.
Alice

From: Norma Walker [mailto:nwalker@valleygeneral.org]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 2:30 PM
To: smat4@comcast.net; Tony Balk (anthonywbalk@gmail.com); charles strub; Cabe, Alice
Subject: FW: PDC F-1 survey

Norma Walker
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From: [Susan Chapin](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:53:55 PM

The F1 contains confidential information that has nothing to do with my ability to perform the duties of the job that I was elected to fill. It is simply not necessary to put that information on line.
Susan Chapin

Sent from my iPad

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Thank you,

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Lori Anderson

From: [Linda Cowan](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:49:30 PM

Good evening Ms. Anderson

Thank you for seeking input. I am unsure as to whether I would leave office; however, I would not be comfortable with the public having easy on-line access to my financial information. Thank you for compiling and sharing this data.

Regards,
Linda Cowan

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2014, at 8:39 PM, Lori Anderson <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

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From: [Skip DAVIS](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:20:49 AM

Lori, I must admit that I chose to leave the Life Science Discovery Board in part because of the personal exposure in the F1 information. While I do not mind reporting to the commission, in this era of privacy invasion, I am concerned for my family. I would appreciate not being included on the web site since I will no longer be serving in a public role.

I appreciated the alpha format for grading the investments. The electronic entry could be simplified by permitting more than one entry at a time for stock, etc. Would it be possible to scan an attachment in to the electronic doc.?

I appreciate the work you do and found the staff helpful and supportive.

Thanks,
Skip Davis

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 25, 2014, at 8:43 PM, "Lori Anderson" <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

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From: [Bob & Dianne Douthitt](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
cc: [r.douthitt@comcast.net;](mailto:r.douthitt@comcast.net)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 11:33:39 AM

Lori,

From the point of view of a school board member, I look at it this way:

It is a big enough hassle to run for the office, which essentially pays nothing, and try to understand and comply with all the rules that apply to an election campaign. I'm an attorney (retired), so I should understand all the rules better than most, but it is still new territory, confusing, you have to learn ORCA, different issues pop up unexpectedly, and that is all just in the realm of rule compliance, to say nothing of the nuts and bolts of actually conducting an effective campaign.

Those campaigns can take a lot of work and are a huge detriment to even wanting to serve in the first place. I raised around \$19,000 last time because I was running against someone who had raised \$15,000 in the 2011 election with about \$7,500 of it coming – directly or indirectly --from one of the state's major anti-school bond/levy financiers, Duane Alton and Citizens for Responsible Taxation. In fact, her campaign was the reason the law got changed to make the \$900 limit apply to school boards too. But with all their family members and relatives in Alton's family, I felt my opponent could easily amass a similar amount from the same basic group regardless of the new limit, and that I had to go all out. But it was an enormous amount of work for an office like this.. Not many people are willing to do it, and I probably would not have been willing or even understood how to do it had I not been an incumbent with some experience.

If on top of that you throw in the extra benefit of having a portrait of your finances be posted for the world to see, I think you will just reduce the pool of potential office holders even more. I am retired, so I don't care so much now. But when I was working and hustling for clients and so forth, I definitely would not have wanted clients, potential clients, competitors, or anyone else in the community to have an idea of how much I was making or had saved, owned, or owed, or anything else along those lines.

The only person with whom I have discussed the issue (and it wasn't in the context of making the info public, but just in the context of completing the forms) was a former board member who was from a family that owned a car dealership. They made a lot of money and had complicated finances. She told me one time how much time they spent just trying to fill the thing out correctly and what kind of strife it caused. I have to think that if it had been public information, she never would have served, even though she was a great board member for 2 terms.

Let me know if anyone wants to discuss.
Bob Douthitt/Spokane

From: [Dan and Ann Fagerlie](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: [Junk released by User action] Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, May 05, 2014 4:47:11 PM

It is hard in a small town, especially in a very low income rural area, where people do not wear their wealth level on their "sleeves" or even discuss their possessions (in order to all feel as a close community), to find a reason that easy public access is necessary to assure officials are not taking illicit funds. The law I understand is needed for PDC to have the information of investments, banking, etc, to oversee and enforce proper behavior by public officials. But to put it all on the internet is a gross erosion of privacy, when privacy is a concept that seems to be disappearing completely in our society. It definitely could detour some good potential officials from running.

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Dan and Ann Fagerlie
509 775 3087

From: [Mike Fredrickson](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: [Junk released by User action] RE: PDC F-1 survey
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Lori –

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you again why I'm so against the F-1 being available online.

The main reason is that even though we have decided to ask the voters of this county to elect us for a position does not mean that we give all rights to some level of privacy. I think it is fundamentally wrong that anybody for any reason can look up what my properties are and how I paid for them (and all assets for that matter). I understand that reason for the state to know it so that there is no fraud, but not for the general public.

I also think that we should be notified when a request comes in for the F-1, because of the very nature of the disclosure, being very personal and that it is only used for personal attacks against the elected. I feel that we should be able to prepare for the potential attacks, again we should have the same rights as the people requesting the information. This is very personal to me because how my opponent (same individual) in my two races launches personal attacks.

I have talked to many qualified people that do not want this information out in the public domain and say that is the main reason they don't run for public office. The entrepreneurs are who we need to run for office, but a lot of us have many sources of income because of families and owning several LLC's. This is a strong asset to the organizations that we serve, but the typical 9-5'er may not understand all of it. So I just think that it should be at a minimum kept the same and if any change is made it is letting the elected know when it has been requested.

Mike

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From: ccvh@localaccess.com
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
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Leaving office because of elected officials F-1's are online is to simple of a response. It would be more appropriate that anyone wanting to see any version of my F-1 needs to fully disclose their identity and have it recorded at the PDC. Their right to know about my personal finances should balance with my right to know who is looking.

Thank you Mark Giffey

From: [Lori Anderson](#)
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To: undisclosed-recipients:
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From: [Don Grafstrom](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:00:06 AM

It honestly was something I seriously considered when deciding to run for office. I chose to make the sacrifice(which I view disclosing my private information to the public is) for the better good of the community, however I personally know many qualified candidates for office that have decided to not run based largely on the fact that they would have to disclose things about their personal lives that they do not feel has a bearing on their ability to perform the job. I understand why this is a requirement, but I don't agree with it. It certainly should not be put on line to make it easier for nosy people to snoop into my personal life.

[Donald N. Grafstrom](#)

Commissioner for the Quiullayute Valley Parks and Recreation District
Forks, WA 98331
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From: [Blake Griffith](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014 6:03:08 PM

Hi Lori,

I really don't have anything to hide but I am very much against having this information on line. I feel that there is way to much access to my personal information now and since my office is not a paid position this would be reason enough for me to resign as chairman of the White Pass School Board.

Thank You
Blake Griffith

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State of
Washington
House of
Representatives



May 13, 2014

Washington Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way #206
Olympia, WA 98504 - 0908

Commissioners:

We understand that the Commission is developing Washington Administrative Code amendments and internal process improvements to the financial affairs disclosure provisions under your jurisdiction. As you know RCW 42.17A.700 specifies that after January 1st and before April 15th of each year, every elected official and every executive state officer shall file with the commission a statement of financial affairs for the preceding calendar year. For the purposes of this law, the term "executive state officer" includes those listed in RCW 42.17A.705 which calls for reports from each "professional staff member" of the legislature.

The phrase "professional staff member" however is not defined in statute and only generally described in administrative rule. In practice, the House has provided annually to the PDC a list of our employees who we consider in some broad sense to be our professional staff. The functional concept of professional staff used by us does not necessarily align with staff persons who are subject to influence from lobbyists or others. Nevertheless, only staffers we designate are required to report their financial affairs to the PDC on the F-1 Form. This information has been collected by the PDC and is available for public inspection, but is not published on the agency's website. Now that the PDC is considering changing its procedures to publish these disclosure forms, we believe some consideration needs to be given to the purpose and effect of such a decision and whether the information is being collected from the appropriate people in the first place.

The House as an institution believes the public interest is best served when resources are expended in alignment with public expectations. We have learned over the two decades that these records have been collected that there are very few requests made to review the financial disclosures of House professional staff members. This is dramatically out of alignment with the effort and resources required to collect and process the information as compared with requests for information regarding elected and higher level agency officials. Furthermore, the decision to publish this information on the PDC's website will create a tremendous amount of anxiety with legislative staff persons who are not public officials and seek no personal publicity. Many of our staff feel very strongly that they

would rather not work for us if their private financial affairs, clear of any financial relationships with lobbyists, are nevertheless to be published by you. We believe you will see that sentiment clearly expressed in responses to your own recent survey. Additionally, in an era of identity theft and cyber-crimes, publishing this type of information on the internet seems to be inviting trouble into the lives of legislative staff persons.

At this time the House asks that you not publish the financial affairs disclosure forms of professional staff members. The House believes the definition of professional staff member needs to be reexamined and realigned with the purpose and intent behind the disclosure laws and that only after that has been done can the publishing of that information be considered part of the fulfillment of the intent of the statutory scheme. We are ready to work cooperatively with you in this endeavor as we agree that transparency in government, when balanced with the reasonable expectation of personal privacy and safety, is an important public policy for the people of Washington.

Sincerely,



Timothy Sekerak
House Counsel

cc: Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House
Bernard Dean, Deputy Chief Clerk of the House

From: [Steve Houston](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 2:34:34 PM

Lori,

As a minor elected public official, I would consider leaving office if the F-1 form was easily and anonymously available. I've assumed the PDC was created to shed light on conflicts of interest by elected officials. Today on my local news, it was reported that the issue was transparency. Under the guise of transparency, I cannot think of any reason to withhold anything from anybody, and I wonder who will be the arbitrator of what is necessary. As it is, minor public officials already labor under extensive rules governing all aspects of their responsibilities. At some point you will discourage good people from running for office.

I would be more inclined to review the history of public disclosure prior to establishment of the PDC and determine if we have solved the problems which led to the creation of the PDC. Furthermore, we could look for problems which the system of public disclosure has failed to address or new problems which it has created. I fail to see how allowing instant and anonymous access to F-1 reports does any of these things.

Sincerely,
Steve Houston
Sent from my iPad

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From: [Iniguez, Uriel \(CHA\)](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:06:47 PM

The only information that should be available is the business affiliation and compensation. Any mother information is too intrusive.

Sent from my iPad

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From: [Mike And Kelly Keogh](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 6:46:03 AM

Lori,

I responded that I would consider resigning if F-1 Reports are made available to the public.

I am a volunteer School Board member. In fact, like a couple of my peers, I was appointed and not elected do to the lack of interest in participating in an election for this level of office. Other rural school districts may have the same issue. Bottom line, I receive absolutely no financial resourcing from the State and perform an important function that many others are unwilling to do.

As a volunteer, I see no reason for the public to have access to my personal information. I am just an ordinary citizen trying to do the right thing in support of our community's children... on my own time. I consider publication of this information as an unwarranted invasion of my privacy. No one has the right to free access to this information.

Sincerely,

Michael Keogh

-----Original Message-----

From: Lori Anderson <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>
Sent: Fri, Apr 25, 2014 8:33 pm
Subject: PDC F-1 survey

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From: [D McCaslin](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sunday, May 04, 2014 10:22:35 AM

I am greatly disturbed that so much information is available about our persons. I do not have children but in now way would want their personal information available to others. Why is a name and age necessary instead of just a statement of existence?

Why do we have to give out our addresses at all? why not just a city or zip?

We have to give some flexibility of the privacy to those that choose to serve in public because without those persons, how well would our democracy work ?

I was amazed at how much information we must provide to serve in public dedication. I still am and I am a bit disgusted because this information can be used to invade our lives and cause detriment in so many ways.

We have to face the facts, public disclosure is necessary to maintain an honest pool of public servants. But we must also give concern to the individual person that pays the price when others do wrong.

Please give consideration for the individual person and their personal information and the ease of the access to the information in the F-1.

From: lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov
Subject: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2014 03:37:40 +0000

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From: [Donna Michelson](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: Automatic reply: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 1:03:31 PM

Hi Lori,

I see you are out of the office until May 5 so I thought I would amend my comments I previously sent you about the F-1's being on line. I sent my comments earlier today.

I mentioned that I would consider not running for office IF the F-1's were on line. I am not sure that I would NOT run for office but I would definitely give it some thought. I do remember years ago when I ran for office in 1999 and that was definitely a concern. My husband and I discussed it and had some thoughts about it. I knew then that the reports were relatively private. Now, things have changed in the internet and there seems to be so many other things happening in this world, I would really have to think hard and long before filing for public office. So, I can't say I wouldn't, just that I would have to give it a lot more thought if F-1's were on line for all to see.

Remember the issue with the police department in Kirkland? A disgruntled citizen who apparently had an ax to grind with one of the officers decided to find and publish all police officers names, addresses, etc. What was the end game there? Just a lot of worry for the officer and his family. There are people out there that just like to get information and make noise and/or trouble.

Thank you again for adding this to my previous e-mail comments.

Donna Michelson
Councilmember
City of Mill Creek

From: lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov
To: donna223@hotmail.com
Subject: Automatic reply: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2014 15:24:12 +0000

From: [Donna Michelson](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 8:24:13 AM

Hi Lori,

I didn't fill out the online form but do wish to make a comment regarding this topic.

I am not in favor of changing anything as to the access of the F-1 online. I believe it is already available by request and I really do not feel it should be made "easier" for someone, sitting at home, maybe a little bored, can just start scanning all of the information about public officials. There are a lot of "nosey" folks out there and some, even one, could be up to no good. Why should I expose myself to these type of people?

If they want to take the time and trouble to request a F-1 on me, go ahead, but don't make it easy to just to sit at a computer and "troll" for information.

With all of the information online being compromised CONSTANTLY, why do you want the PDC to be subject to something like that happening? I would really dread the news that all of the F-1's online at PDC have been hacked into and we should all be put on notice to watch out. No thank you! With all of the wireless hubs at every restaurant, shopping mall parking lot, coffee shops, it is so easy to hack into a computer, not to mention folks using wireless at home.

So, as you ponder this item, ask yourself, is the system broken? If not, why change it?

Would it change my mind about running for office if everything was on line for everyone to look at anytime? Yes.

Thank you for considering my comments as you deliberate.

Donna Michelson
Councilmember

City of Mill Creek

From: lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov

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From: [Rick & Sandy Moore](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Monday, May 05, 2014 4:47:12 PM

Hi Lori,

Thanks for your email and the link to the survey results. I just want to say that I don't believe I ever received a request to take the original survey. It could have been my oversight (like everyone else, I'm inundated with emails!) but I don't recall seeing an email about it, and I really do try to pay attention to things that come in from the PDC...

In any case, I just want to weigh in and say that I think it is critically important for the public to have access to candidate/elected official financial information. Sure, none of us likes to provide it, but money definitely has influence and the public has a right to know where elected officials get their money. Some tweaks to make the process less onerous, such as a higher threshold for reporting stock ownership for example, would be fine but the financial information should be available to the public.

Thanks!

Sandy Moore
Colville School Director
Colville, WA

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From: nicandri@comcast.net
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014 12:58:12 PM

Well, since you asked, I'll be candid. Certain interest groups, nominally identified as liberal or progressive, have established the very troubling pattern of using public disclosure documentation to harrass individuals by hounding them out of public office, or even private sector positions. That's usually associated with political contributions, but this slope is slippery and can easily extend to other arenas. This is all the more troubling to me because I'm a lifelong liberal.

From: "Lori Anderson" <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:39:32 PM
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From: [Bill Pelozo](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
cc: [Bill Pelozo;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 11:01:35 AM

I read through the survey results quickly and I go along with the majority survey results.

Confidentiality is important to me as a citizen and elected.

Thanks.

Bill Pelozo
Councilmember
City of Auburn
253-261-3235

From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 3:36 PM
To: Bill Pelozo
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey

The invitation to participate was included in Chip Beatty's 3/24/14 email reminder regarding the annual April 15 filing deadline. The survey is done, but the Commission is still digesting the feedback. As you saw in my 4/25 email, they want to hear more from the people who responded that online access to F1s would or may be a reason for F1 filers to leave office. I am just compiling those responses now in preparation of next week's PDC meeting. If you want to add something, please send me comments by tomorrow at noon – Wednesday, May 14.

If you have had a chance to look through the survey results and have ideas/recommendations about the other subjects, feel free to share them with me. I expect that most of the June 26 PDC meeting will be spent discussing the recommendations received thus far and deciding which ones the Commission wants to pursue.

From: Bill Pelozo [<mailto:bpeloz@auburnwa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 3:06 PM

To: Lori Anderson
Cc: Bill Pelozza
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey

Hi Lori, just curious, I don't recall being asked to participate in this survey?

Did I miss something?

Thanks.

Bill Pelozza
Councilmember
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From: [Pickett, Erica](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014 9:39:07 AM

Thank you so much for all the good work done by the PDC. While I have no objection to all the information being online, I can understand why others might. I have been involved in city decision making for the past 28 years, first as a planning commissioner and then as a council member for the past eight years. We have had a handful of cases in that time where I might have felt queasy about having my home address listed. Still, I think it is really important for people to know where I live. Perhaps the best insurance for all of us, elected and unelected alike, is to spend a little more on mental health treatment for those who need it.

Best,
Erica Pickett
Councilmember at Large, Position 7
293-6264

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From: [Ned Piper](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:29:14 AM

Hi Lori,

I am a strong believer in transparency and open access to all information, not only for public officials, but also for the public entities we serve. I am, as a matter of fact, in a struggle with the management at Cowlitz PUD, where I serve as an elected Commissioner, over a request to receive all of the invoices from all of the law firms that have done business with Cowlitz PUD over the past year and four months. I am being told to go fly a kite, even though all of these invoices were approved in open meetings. My name and number appear in the local phone book. I have told the employees in our service department that they are encouraged to give out my home and cell phone numbers and my e-address to any customer who wishes to contact a commissioner. I am frankly pleased that the PDC is considering putting this personal information online. I doubt that everyone agrees with me on this. I suspect that my wife, for example, could be uncomfortable with this.

Thank you.

Edward M. "Ned" Piper
Commissioner, Cowlitz County PUD
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From: [Don Powell](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
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Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 9:01:39 AM

I did not respond to the survey but would like to respond to this question. I believe in the public's right to know our general financial status, but am against everyone worldwide to be able to look at my information. At least by having to request the information we have a record of who is looking.

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From: [Bill Provost](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 8:26:37 AM

Thank you for the opportunity to voice an opinion about public "exposure" of personnel information. We are already exposed to divulging more personnel information than a non-public official! Does this really do what the commission thinks it does? Being in a smaller jurisdiction we are subjected to more harassment than an official in a larger one! Why because I want to service the public do I have to open my private life to the press and the opinions of some that have a grudge against government? I have been in public office for more than 25 years. I pride myself of high moral integrity and honesty. I don't mind answering question that would expose manipulation of government funds etc. Although through my many years of public service I have seen many instances of misappropriation of funds by both elected and non-elected public officials. I have also known of good officials that have just said "no" to holding office only to be put under the magnifying glass for doing a "public service".

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From: [Richardson, Jim](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:27:53 AM

Dear Commissioners:

I may not leave office, but several of my trustees may leave. Why should my wife's employment status and personal information, and our investments and debts be available to the public? None of that information has anything to do with my position and how I carry out the duties of that position.

I am hired by a local, governor-appointed board of trustees. None of us are elected. With public disclosure of finalists for president positions, it is already difficult to get well-qualified candidates to apply for many of these positions. It can also be difficult to get good, strong candidates for local trustee positions. The disclosure of irrelevant personal information will only make it more difficult to get well-qualified candidates for all of these positions.

Putting this information online for anyone to view would be an intrusion into my, my wife's, and my trustees' private lives and personal information. What would be the purpose? Why would you see this as an important issue? What benefit would it bring to the public to know personal information of this nature about NON-ELECTED officials?

Thank you for listening.

Jim Richardson, Ph.D.
President
Wenatchee Valley College

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From: [Vince Santiago](#)
To: [Lori Anderson](#);
cc: [Wedfa](#);
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 8:15:09 AM

Lori,

I did not volunteer to have my personal information posted on the internet. Perhaps I am naive, but I always assumed that the information I provided was confidential.

I understand that there are guidelines for elected and/or paid officials that are set forth by federal, state, and local laws. Adherence to the laws should always be of paramount importance. Why the State government would take an activist position and create reporting that is not required is beyond my comprehension. Aren't we trying to reduce the cost of government in our state?

Perhaps my comments are off-base. If they are, please forgive me. However, if I am correcting in concluding that my information would be made public, I would resign from WEDFA immediately.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback.

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From: Lori Anderson [mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 8:41 PM
Subject: PDC F-1 Survey

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From: [chad searls](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 9:31:17 PM

There is a legal way for people to get this information and that has not changed. To give people extra access would be wrong!!!!

Chad E. Searls

On Apr 25, 2014, at 8:29 PM, "Lori Anderson" <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

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Thank you,

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Lori Anderson
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1-877-601-2828 toll free in WA State

From: usk.wetend@resolutefp.com
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: F-1 Reports
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 10:55:50 PM

Lori,

I too would consider resigning if F-1 Reports are made available to the public.

I am a volunteer School Board member. In fact, like a couple of my peers, I was appointed and not elected do to the lack of interest in participating in an election for this level of office. Other rural school districts may have the same issue. Bottom line, I receive absolutely no financial resourcing from the State and perform an important function that many others are unwilling to do.

As a volunteer, I see no reason for the public to have access to my personal information. I am just an ordinary citizen trying to do the right thing in support of our community's children... on my own time. I consider publication of this information as an unwarranted invasion of my privacy. No one has the right to free access to this information.

Sincerely,

Tye Shanholtzer

From: steve@stevevermillion.com
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: RE: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 4:09:15 PM

Ms Anderson: I would suspect that if you already release every detail of the F1 report in response to a Public Records Request, then it probably doesn't matter if they are electronic and available to every idiot who wants to snoop into my personal life and then in turn make trouble where trouble never existed.

I have been on city council for over two years and am a member of the Pierce Transit Board, Pierce County Regional Council, Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Board (alternate) and their Growth Management Board (alternate) as well as Zoo Trek and numerous other committees for little compensation. I didn't sign up for the harassment though, indirectly through one of your board members, Kathy Turner, and puppet friends who come to every council meeting and speak negatively about council members they do not like in an effort to drive us out of politics. My current cyberstalker is Dave Churchman, who I suspect has requested my F1 report already. Why would I know that: see the clip from the letter he sent me which is indicative of the postings which I have on file that he has made over the last two years in the News Tribune.

"Real men fly jets, errand boys fly aerial lawn mowers, and that was 50 years ago. According to NWH you weren't much of a pilot and your last employer says you weren't much of an errand boy or janitor either.

The public are sick of your 50 year old fantasy war story. **If you were so brave, how come you are a classified nutter ? Vietnam, anyone would think you won it, all by yourself too.**

The public are looking forward to you running for re-election as it will be great fun to expose your lies, deceit and the fact you really belong in western state hospital.

Military hero, what a fucking joke that is. You would shit your pants in real combat. Some of us who have been in real combat just don't brag or even talk about it. But its so long ago, your mind conjures up greater heroics with every passing decade, you fucked up freak.

Regards
Dave

For background, I flew 1400 + combat missions in Vietnam as an aircraft commander of an unarmed medical evacuation helicopter and was awarded the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, and thirty awards of the air medal and one for valor. If he has received my F1 report, he knows I draw a VA disability so he conjures up that I should be in the Western State Hospital because I am a so called "nutter".

With Kathy Turner, Dave Churchman provided her with a clip of my resume when I was the Director of Operations for a defense contractor. He provided that to Kathy Turner who in

turn approached my former employer at a local coffee company where I worked part time to help them out through the recession and Turner clearly made it known that she was now a PDC commissioner and asked if she knew what I used for my job title with their company-- and if they had concerns she could take care of it. Contact Debbie Bennett at Martin Henry Coffee if you doubt my statement.

It is very difficult for a public official to do business when I have to constantly look over my shoulder wondering what PDC commissioners are doing under the radar and the allies they keep in order to control politics here in "Meekerville".

Cordially,

Steve Vermillion
LTC(R) US Army Aviation
Puyallup Wa

----- Original Message -----

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From: Lori Anderson <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov>

Date: Fri, April 25, 2014 8:23 pm

To:

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From: [Dave Wyman](#)
To: [Lori Anderson;](#)
Subject: Re: PDC F-1 Survey
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:47:52 AM

Lori,

If I understand correctly, the F1 information would be accessible to anyone online. I understand that a person can make a public records request anyway and get the information, but that usually is for a reason and takes a little effort. I am not really supportive of a system that allows a more casual way of accessing my personal information. I believe that people should have access to public officials information only to detect conflicts of interest. If our information is published online, it becomes more like surfing tv channels or the internet, which, to me, allows anyone access to my personal information without cause.

I am not supportive of the idea and would consider resigning my position as a result.

Thank you for including us in the decision making process. Please feel free to contact me if you need further clarification of my position or if I am in error about the process.

David Wyman
Commissioner
Cowlitz County Fire District 5
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On Fri, Apr 25, 2014 at 8:25 PM, Lori Anderson <lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

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