Tcrowson69 replied (Tue, 27 Sep 2022 at 12:24 PM)

To: "PDC Support" pdc@pdc.wa.gov

External Email

I understand the accusation came from Jonathan Meyer, (or his office). My request was who reported my supposed violation to his office.

Specifically, was it my opponent in the upcoming Assessor's race, or the current Assessor?

My response to the two accusations are as follows:

- 1. The request for an endorsement for my campaign, was asked for in Chehalis Bethel Church, not in the County administration building. I was never made aware of any impropriety at the time.
- 2. After a Board of Equalization hearing, I made an appellant aware of I-509 when she was worried about her property tax, and how the Board would decide on her case.

I did not ask her, or tell her to sign the initiative, I did not get out a copy of it for her to sign, I merely made her aware of it.

I am well aware of RCW42.17A.555, I was not campaigning for the Initiative.

My opponent was still in the room, I contend that this was reported as a violation, in order to damage my canadacy for Lewis County Assessor.

Please advise me if you would like to meet or interview me regarding this issue.

I have tried to be completely open and transparent in this race, and will continue to do so.

Please respond to this email and let me know if you need anything further from me.

Respectfully,

Thomas Crowson

<u>Tcrowson69</u> replied (Tue, 27 Sep 2022 at 12:57 PM)

To: "PDC Support" pdc@pdc.wa.gov

External Email

Ms. Blacksmith,

My previous email did not include the PDC case # 112611.

Please do not use the email address,

crowsonforassessor@gmail.com

as I am unable to access, send or receive messages on it.

Mr. Meyer stated I had been admonished for, (the ask for an endorsement from Commissioner Swope), by email to the aforementioned email address, I am still unable to access it.

In any case, I do remember asking the Commissioner for an endorsement in church, where he responded that Lewis County Assessor Dianne Dorey had been good to him, so he did not know...

I also see that, Lewis County Assessor Dianne Dorey is a potential witness in this matter. She is actively endorsing/campaigning for my opponent in this race, so hurting my campaign and helping my opponent, could be something she would appreciate...

Once again, please respond to receipt of this email. Let me know if you would like anything else, or if you would like to speak to me.

I await your reply,

Thomas Crowson

Tabatha Blacksmith replied (*Tue*, 27 Sep 2022 at 4:08 PM)

To: tcrowson69@gmail.com

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your speedy response and the heads up regarding your email address. The complaint filed with the PDC does not state whether another person reported the alleged violation to Jonathan Meyer. As a result, I am unable to answer your question at this time.

At this point in the process, we are simply gathering information and wanted to hear your side of the allegations. We do have two preliminary questions regarding your response:

You indicated that you are unable to access or use your crowsonforassessor@gmail.com email account and did not receive the 8/19/22 email from Amber Smith with the Lewis Co. Prosecutor's Office.

- 1. How long have you been unable to access or use the aforementioned email address?
- 2. Did you receive the email, dated 9/19/22, from Jonathan Meyer with the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office regarding alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.555?

Please provide the above information at your earliest convenience but no later than <u>October 4, 2022</u>. Kindly <u>reply directly to this email</u> so your response is routed to me in our system.

Sincerely,

Tabatha Blacksmith Compliance Coordinator 2 360.753.1111



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

To respond, please reply to this email.

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1.360.753.1111

Tcrowson69 replied (*Tue*, 27 Sep 2022 at 5:47 PM)

To: "PDC Support" pdc@pdc.wa.gov

External Email

Dear Ms. Blacksmith,

In response to your questions...

1. I have never been able to send or receive messages on

Crowsonforassessor@gmail.com

It was misprinted on the voters guide. I have tried to correct the problem through Google/Gmail, but have never been able to access it.

2. In regards to your second question, I heard nothing from Amber Smith until she called me on my cell phone at 11:41 AM 9/21/22. The caller ID said, RESTRICTED.

I spoke briefly to Ms. Smith and gave her my personal email. She then messaged me with the allegations, which I responded to right away. (I believe you have a copy of the email string between us, if not, please let me know.)

In that message, she told me of the allegations, and wondered why I never responded to her email. I informed her, crowsonforassessor@gmail.com was not accessible by me.

So in regards to question 2, I did not receive any email from Mr. Meyer's office, or from Ms. Smith until 9/21/2022.

I'm willing to speak, or meet with you, if you have any questions. Since there are only 42 days left 'til November 8th, you might understand why someone might want to sabotage my campaign with a false allegation.

Sincerely,

Thomas Crowson