

11/30/17

Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Officer for the Public Disclosure Commission

Re: PDC Case Number 27879

Dear Mr. Blackhorn,

I was shocked and dismayed to receive your email dated 11/28/17 about a case filed against me for an alleged violation for misuse of City facilities to create a memo for use in doorbelling in opposition to my opponent, Mr. Marvin Sundstrom. This allegation is totally false. As an elected official, I am sworn to uphold the law. I take that oath very seriously.

I door belled for approximately six weeks from mid-September until the end of October. I went to over 1,000 homes in Buckley reaching personally about 55-60% of our residents. From the very beginning, I decided not to have a negative campaign like what we see so much of today. The brochure I handed out (which I have provided you with an electronic copy) talks only about me and the things that I have been able to accomplish as a Mayor and what I want to see accomplished in the future.

Before I left on my annual trip to Yellowstone the first two weeks in September, I designed my pamphlet and had them printed at the FedEx store in Bonney Lake so they would be ready when I returned home in the middle of September. I also ordered my yard signs from a sign shop in Enumclaw so they would be ready to go when I returned home.

When I door belled I carried only my brochures, a notebook for taking down complaints & questions from citizens, my wallet and cell phone and a jug of water. I also carried voter registration mail in forms until the second week in October and gave them to people that said they were not a registered voter. I never once handed out anything other than my brochure. I told everyone that if they had questions about the brochure and its contents to please contact me because I could back up everything in the brochure with facts and would gladly provide them. Mr. Sundstrom in his complaint said "I have been TOLD that the Mayor was doorbelling with that information in the 10/24 memo prior to it being made available to the public or the City Council at the October 24 council meeting and using the term to totally incorrect." That statement is totally not true. Mr. Sundstrum does not say who gave him this information.

I was unable to attend the Utilities and Transportation committee meeting on 10/17/17. I was attending a Regional Meeting for the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) in Wenatchee as I am the president of AWC and returned late in the afternoon the following day. I did stop by City Hall to check for any phone messages that I may have had and learned about the volatile conversation that took place at the committee meeting on the 17th. I do not remember when I first saw the memo Mr. Sundstrom refers to but it was either Monday the 23rd or Tuesday the 24th. I did not make copies of the memo or distribute the memo in the final few days that I was doorbelling. I finished doorbelling on October 30th.

I have been an elected official for 26 years and have served on many boards and commissions during my tenure as both a Councilmember and Mayor. I have always been conscious of what the laws for open

public meetings are, not using City facilities or equipment for personal use, etc. Whenever I have questions about what to do or what is the law I do the necessary research to make sure that I am not breaking the law. I have called your agency many times to get questions verified as I also have with Municipal Research.

As for the City Administrator's contract extension, this was something that had been sent to committee for review prior to going to the whole council. This has been City policy for as long as I have been serving the City. The contract was due to expire on 12/31/17. Both I and the admin/finance committee had asked him to prepare an extension so there would be continuity in government into 2018 and in case there was a change in leadership. The City Administrator has been a dedicated employee since 2001 and has a lot of "institutional knowledge" that would be lost if he were to leave at the end of the year. He truly cares about the City of Buckley and works many extra hours per week making sure that we are keeping within budget and the City runs smoothly. With a change in leadership, there would not have been ample time to hire and train a new City Administrator.

Please advise me if there is anything else that I need to do to clear up this matter. I am willing to take a polygraph test if you feel it is necessary. I have never before been accused of breaking the law in any matter and find this whole situation very troubling. Thank you very much for your time, help and consideration in this matter.


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Memo

To: Mayor Pat Johnson
Fox Blackhorn, Compliance Coordinator (PDC)

From: City Administrator

Date: December 5, 2017

RE: Response to PDC Complaint #27879 dated 11-21-17

Mayor & Mr. Blackhorn,

This memorandum provides my response to the PDC complaint filed by Marvin Sundstrom, dated November 3, 2017 and updated November 20, 2017.

#1 Response to Use of Public Facilities for Campaign Purposes:

Summary Response

The October 24, 2017 memo that is the subject of this complaint was not intended and didn't have the objective of influencing the Buckley Mayor's race or any other political activity. It was provided to Mr. Sundstrom's opponent, Mayor Pat Johnson, at the same time and in the same manner of distribution as all other City Council members. I wrote that memo for the sole purpose of ensuring that the City Council had accurate information for its decision on an upcoming yearly budget ordinance. The budget ordinance was scheduled for public hearing on November 14, 2017 and adoption on November 28, 2017, 4 weeks after I wrote the memo. The reason I determined the memo was necessary was because on October 17, 2017 the complainant made statements about City finances at a City Council subcommittee that were grossly inaccurate for the reasons detailed further in this response. I had learned that the complainant was also spreading this disinformation throughout the community, making me very concerned that Council members who had not attended the subcommittee meeting would also receive this inaccurate information. Consequently, I wrote the October 24, 2017 memo and distributed it to all City Council members so they could make an accurate and informed decision on the proposed budget ordinance.

I distributed the memo by including it in the agenda packet for a City Council meeting, the same method of distribution I use for most documents I distribute to the City Council. I did not distribute the memorandum to anyone else as my only concern was that the Council have the information it needed to adopt the budget. I would have written the same memo and distributed it in the same manner if there wasn't a mayor's race if the complainant had made his inaccurate statements at another time. Mayor Johnson did not request or suggest that I write the memo and was not aware that I had decided to write the memo until it had been distributed.

Detailed Response

Mr. Sundstrom's issues with the City go beyond my tenure with the City, but I have dealt with him over many different issues/areas in the 16 years since I've been the City Administrator here at Buckley. Prior to being elected to the City Council in 2014, Mr. Sundstrom was a frequent visitor to the City Council meetings, as well as various Council subcommittee meetings which are also open to the public. In addition he was well versed on the Public Records Act and used it far more than any other citizen in the community. Based on this history I have personal knowledge of his allegations concerning the administrations mismanagement of City finances and overall operations. I have had to provide responses to the State Auditor on more than one occasion over unfounded complaints that in the end proved to have no validity.

On the evening of October 17, 2017 at a Council subcommittee meeting, Mr. Sundstrom shared some rather astonishing numbers to the committee and the citizen attending that took me by surprise. He particularly focused on Utility transfers to the General Fund. As he stated in his complaint he indicated that *"Public Works 2017 had Administrative fees included without which the amount would be \$1,170,706 & % increase would be 193%"*. I knew for a fact that this was incorrect and challenged him during the meeting. I indicated that the City recently went through a detailed exercise to develop and draft a Cost Allocation Financial Policy based on templates provided to the Administration from the State Auditor after Mr. Sundstrom filed a complaint over these transfers. I indicated that the draft Policy was currently in committee and would be forthcoming to the Council for adoption at the October 24, 2017 meeting. I also indicated that we had went through the Policy and calculated transfers for 2017 based on the methodology in the draft and concluded that transfers would actually increase and that the City had been undercharging for administrative support as the Auditor indicated may be the case. Mr. Sundstrom became visibly upset and shouted that *"the State Auditor was a pussy"*. However, this doesn't seem to show up in his thorough notes that he references in his complaint.

I personally believe that members of the committee and staff in attendance were so shocked by his outburst that nothing was said. I did speak to the City Utility Superintendent after the meeting who indicated that he was totally shocked by his behavior.

The following morning October 18, 2017 I arrived at my office and found what I describe as Mailer #1 (enclosed) laying on my desk with a note from a PW employee that said that he had received this in the mail and wanted me to see it. I read through the flyer and was once again shocked by the numbers that were quoted as fact by Mr. Sundstrom that were being distributed to the entire community. However, before overreacting I wanted to ensure that my initial observation was correct so I briefly reviewed some of the budget numbers that he referenced and concluded that they were not correct. That same day staff informed me that Mr. Sandstorm was distributing his campaign flyer at the City's Senior Center which located in the same building as the Municipal Court and Building & Planning Departments. I knew the use of public facilities for the distribution of campaign materials was illegal so instructed staff to throw those flyers away.

On Friday October 19, 2017 I stopped into my office to work for a short period, which I frequently do as my time sheets will confirm, to check emails and forward copies of the Local #286 Union Contract to my home where I intended to plan and draft a proposal for upcoming Union negotiations. I frequently work on Friday's when City hall is closed because it's free from distractions. While in the office I did begin to review budget numbers and documents during the period that Mr. Sundstrom was referencing.

Since my position requires me to be available 24-7 and I have multiple job responsibilities, I frequently work from home as well. I have external hard drives that I can carry from my office to my home computer that has 20 years' worth of records and data on it, to include my 5 years as Administrator for Gold Bar. On Sunday October 22, 2017, after working on a Union proposal, I decided that because of the large difference between the facts and the information that Mr. Sundstrom was stating in open meetings and distributing to the community, I should draft a memorandum to give to the City Council to clarify the factual numbers. I completed this initial draft at home on my personal computer in the evening of October 22, 2017.

On Monday morning October, 23 2017 I arrived at work and discovered that Mailer #2 had been left on my desk just as Mailer #1 had. Mailer #2 went beyond the initial flyer with information twisted even further. After having read the information in the new flyer I went back through budget spreadsheets and adopted budget documents to pull the real factual numbers out to incorporate into the memo. I consulted with the City Attorney to ensure that my memorandum was consistent with state law and then distributed it to the City Council. I distributed the memorandum to the Mayor and City Council during staff reports at the regular Council meeting on October 24, 2017. The approved City Council minutes of October 24, 2017 reflect that I stated *"for the record City Administrator Schmidt distributed a memo concerning inaccurate information that has been given to the community and wanted to make sure the correct information is out to you."*

In concluding that my memo was consistent with RCW 42.17A.555, I relied heavily upon information posted by the PDC at its website. Since there was little information concerning the use of public resources for candidates as opposed to ballot measures, I relied heavily upon the PDC position regarding use of public facilities for ballot measures. Specifically, I relied upon the following statements:

2. The Public Disclosure Commission holds that it is not only the right, but the responsibility of local government to inform the general public of the operational and maintenance issues facing local agencies. This includes informing the community of the needs of the agency that the community may not realize exist. Local governments may expend funds for this purpose provided that the preparation and distribution of information is not for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election.

6. The PDC is charged with enforcing RCW 42.17A.555. This requires consideration and analysis of activities, which may or may not be determined to be in violation of the statute. The PDC has, over the years, developed methods of considering and analyzing activities engaged in by public offices. Among the factors considered are the normal and regular conduct and the timing, tone, and tenor of activities in relation to ballot measure elections. As in any matter where intent is to be considered, hard and fast rules, which will be applicable to all situations, are difficult to establish.

7. Historically, the PDC has routinely advised and held that with respect to election related publications, one jurisdiction-wide objective and fair presentation of the facts per ballot measure is appropriate. In addition, if an agency* has also customarily distributed this information through means other than a jurisdiction-wide mailing (e.g. regularly scheduled newsletter, website, bilingual documents, or other format), that conduct has also been permitted under RCW 42.17A.555 so long as the activity has been normal and regular for the government agency.

The information provided in my memo was solely to correct the record. I strongly believed that I had a duty to correct the record especially given the fact that the information was so skewed. The memo was "only" given to City Council and not distributed to the public or used to influence the campaign in any way. Since the information was presented to Council members at a public Committee meeting I believed that the City Council should have the accurate information. If it was the intent of either the Mayor or myself to influence the campaign in anyway then it would have made much more sense to post the memorandum on the City's website or Facebook page where we have over 1,000 followers.

#2 Response to Contract Extension as "Financial Reward":

At page 2 of his complaint, Mr. Sundstrom asserts that I wrote my memo in exchange for the "financial reward" of having my contract extended. My employment contract extension had been discussed since July, 2017 prior to any campaign concerns and/or issues. In June, 2017 I agreed to submit a 2 year extension after both the Mayor and Admin/Finance Committee asked me to stay for additional time for continuity of operations. We have a number of long tenured department heads retiring in the next couple of years as well as new replacements being hired needing mentoring. I told both the Committee and Mayor that I would present the extension during budget preparation.

The extension of my employment contract had absolutely nothing to do with the election. I can assure you that had Mr. Sundstrom won the election I fully intended to submit my resignation on December 15 or January 1 and had plans to do so.

#3 Response to Requests for Information:

At page 1 and 2 of his complaint, Mr. Sundstrom alleges that the City did not provide required disclosure to his public record requests. As I indicated in #1 above the City is well versed in Mr. Sundstrom's use of the Public Records Act. Many times he comes in with broad requests covering a variety of issues that the City Clerk has to go back to him multiple times to clarify. In this case Mr. Sundstrom was looking a document that showed where my calculations were derived from in 2006. The City Clerk gave him a copy of the adopted budget spreadsheets for both revenue and expenditures for that year. However, he also wanted City staff to go through the document and highlight all of the areas that were used in developing these calculations. This would have required either me or another staff person to create a document that didn't exist and he was informed of that.

I have been a City Administrator for over 20 years and have an intimate knowledge of finances and the development of budgets. I have personally crafted every budget that the City Council has approved since I was appointed in 2001. Because of this familiarity I have copies of each of the approved budgets for this entire period in excel spreadsheets. It is easy for me to quickly go through a budget document using one cell where I total all the pertinent budget categories that I'm trying to isolate. I can then re-total numbers in a second cell to check my work. As a 3rd layer of verification I can refer back to approved Budget document to verify the information. In the end there are no highlights, worksheets or notes. So the information that Mr. Sundstrom wanted did not exist. At no time did the Mayor or the City Council request that either I or some other staff member go through all the documents and identify the source of the information.

Mr. Sundstrom submitted a subsequent request in an effort to obtain documents that did not exist. Each time the City Clerk and I would discuss the request and whether or not there were pertinent documents that were responsive to his request. Upon the final request I

made a copy of the table that Mr. Sundstrom included in his complaint and provided it to him. This was the table which I originally put together on October 22, 2017 for the initial draft memo from which information was derived for the final draft distributed. It was simply provided to him for his information and in our opinion did not fit what he had requested in the RFI.

#4 Conclusion:

By his own admission Mr. Sundstrom stated in his complaint that he excluded certain costs, funds and operations from his information and yet he identifies that he used the costs for "All" employees and benefits to arrive at his comparative analysis. This is repeated in his analysis for public works which once again states "All" and yet he now states in his complaint that he chose to not include the natural gas system. This mischaracterization results in an inaccurate reflection of the true cost of operations.

The jail and dispatch center were closed in 2013 after the City Council made the decision that the loss from maintaining operations no longer made sense. The natural gas system was sold to PSE in 2014 after the City Council and a majority of the citizens of the community believed that it made more fiscal sense to transfer the system to an agency that specializes in this type of operation. All three of these departments/sections were in place for 8-9 years of the period that Mr. Sundstrom used in his analysis. The full cost of operations of these various departments/sections has a huge overall impact on the accuracy of the analysis of the period, which he chose to ignore.

Instead in his analysis Mr. Sundstrom chose to cherry pick information that arbitrarily inflated numbers to justify his own narrative and misrepresented the actual facts about the financial history of the City to mislead the City Council and community with this information.

The October 17 subcommittee meeting was the committee's final meeting on the 2018 budget, which was the committee and staff's last chance to review budget projections for transportation and utilities prior to going to public hearing on November 14, 2017. In addition two other Council subcommittees were meeting on the 2018 budget. Other budgetary concerns were the Administration was scheduled for Union negotiations with the Local #286 Bargaining Unit covering Public Works and Clerical employees on October 23 and 24, 2017 and the City was preparing to refinance the \$5 million bonds for construction of the new Fire Station and were preparing for a Standard & Poor's bond rating update. All of these financial issues necessitated the City Council to be fully informed about the financial stability of the City in order to make sound budgetary decisions. Having misinformation being spread liberally around the community at such a time especially from another elected official was confusing and unproductive. As such I felt that it was my duty and responsibility to

December 5, 2017

provide the City Council with accurate historical information that included the full scope of City operations and not parts and pieces.

I've served as City Administrator/Public Director for 21+ years for two different Washington communities and for my entire career I've built a solid reputation based on honesty, integrity, dedication and transparency. I can assure you I would not be jeopardizing this reputation that I've worked so hard to earn just 2 years away from retirement to simply manipulate voters in a way to prevent another candidate from being elected.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.



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City Administrator

City of Buckley

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Memo

To: Mayor & City Council

From: City Administrator

Date: October 24, 2017

RE: Clarification of Information

On Tuesday night October 17, 2017, during a City Transportation/Utilities budget meeting Councilmember Sundstrom made public statements about utility expenditures that were totally incorrect. It is my understanding that he is now communicating similar statements to the community at large so I wanted to take this opportunity to state the facts for the record.

Mr. Sundstrom recently sent a flyer out the community with the following table:

	2006*	2017*	% Increase
All Employees Salaries & Benefits	\$2,037,738	\$4,500,025	122
Public Works (included in All Employees)	\$395,366	\$1,358,792	244
Your Utility Bill Stormwater, Potable Water & Sewer	\$1,494,409	\$3,262,570	118
Utility Taxes Stormwater, Potable Water & Sewer	\$81,000	\$326,357	303
All Other Taxes Limited by Law	\$1,545,427	\$2,172,233	41

The mailing to the public specifically states that "All figures from city budget documents."

Attached is a detailed table illustrating all of the costs from City operations from the period of 2006-2017 taken directly from the approved/adopted budget documents.

	2006*	2017*	% Increase
All Employees Salaries & Benefits	\$2,837,993	\$4,398,391	55%
Public Works (included in All Employees)	\$628,357	\$1,196,717	90.5%

Your Utility Bill Stormwater, Potable Water & Sewer	\$1,820,104	\$4,075,615	123.9%
Utility Taxes Stormwater, Potable Water & Sewer	\$81,000	\$326,357	302.9%
All Other Taxes Limited by Law	\$1,628,427	\$2,224,057	36.6%

Budget documents during this period provide thorough explanations for the organizational structure of the department and discuss the changes that were proposed for the budget year under consideration. As the table illustrates Public Works is operating with the same number of FTE's in 2017 as they had in 2007, with the exception of part-time seasonal employees that are used for summer maintenance. The increase in 2007 was the result of a collaborative decision on the part of the City to increase staffing levels due to significant regulatory and infrastructure changes. These were primarily related to WUTC inspections of the gas system and compliance with Federal Pipeline Safety requirements, and increased regulatory requirements under the new Phase II Stormwater NPDES Permit based on compliance with the Clean Water Act.

Many variables contribute to year over year changes in salaries & benefits other than the reduction or addition of employees such as apprentice positions completing training and being promoted to journey level status that come with a higher wage; union contract negotiations that provide for cost of living increases; graduated step increases for less senior employees; any restructuring of positions like the creation or elimination of leads and/or supervisors; increase in State LEOFF or PERS retirement contribution levels; changes in FICA, L&I or Employment Security payments to Federal or State government; and increase to healthcare premiums which have experienced double digit annual increases over the period.

City Councils of the past and present have consistently communicated their commitment to paying a fair and equitable wage comparative with other public agencies for the position and duties assigned, and to reflect increases in cost of living. As the table illustrates the cumulative CPI has increased by 28.0% during this period, and review of all labor contracts for PW employee's shows that they have received increases of 32.75% during the same period. The largest percentage gains for the bargaining unit were in 2009-2010 when inflation was below 1%. This is not abnormal and clearly shows that the City has maintained their commitment but nothing more.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

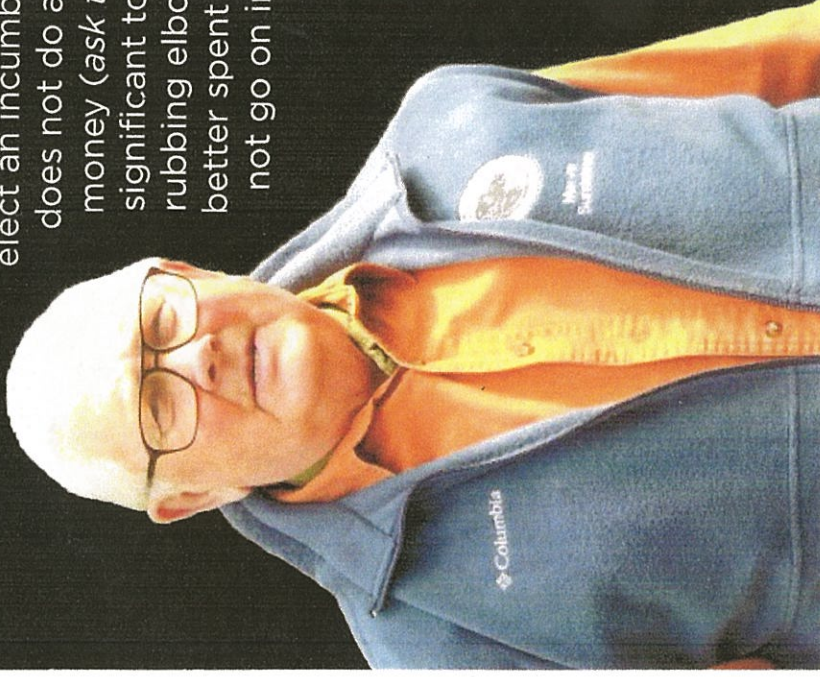
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YOU HAVE A SERIOUS CHOICE TO MAKE,

elect an incumbent who practices favoritism,
does not do a good job of taking care of our
money (*ask the state auditor*) and has nothing
significant to show for the time she spends
rubbing elbows in Olympia. Time that could be
better spent attending to what does and does
not go on in Buckley.

OR...

Elect ✓ **MARVIN**
SUNDSTROM
CITY OF BUCKLEY MAYOR



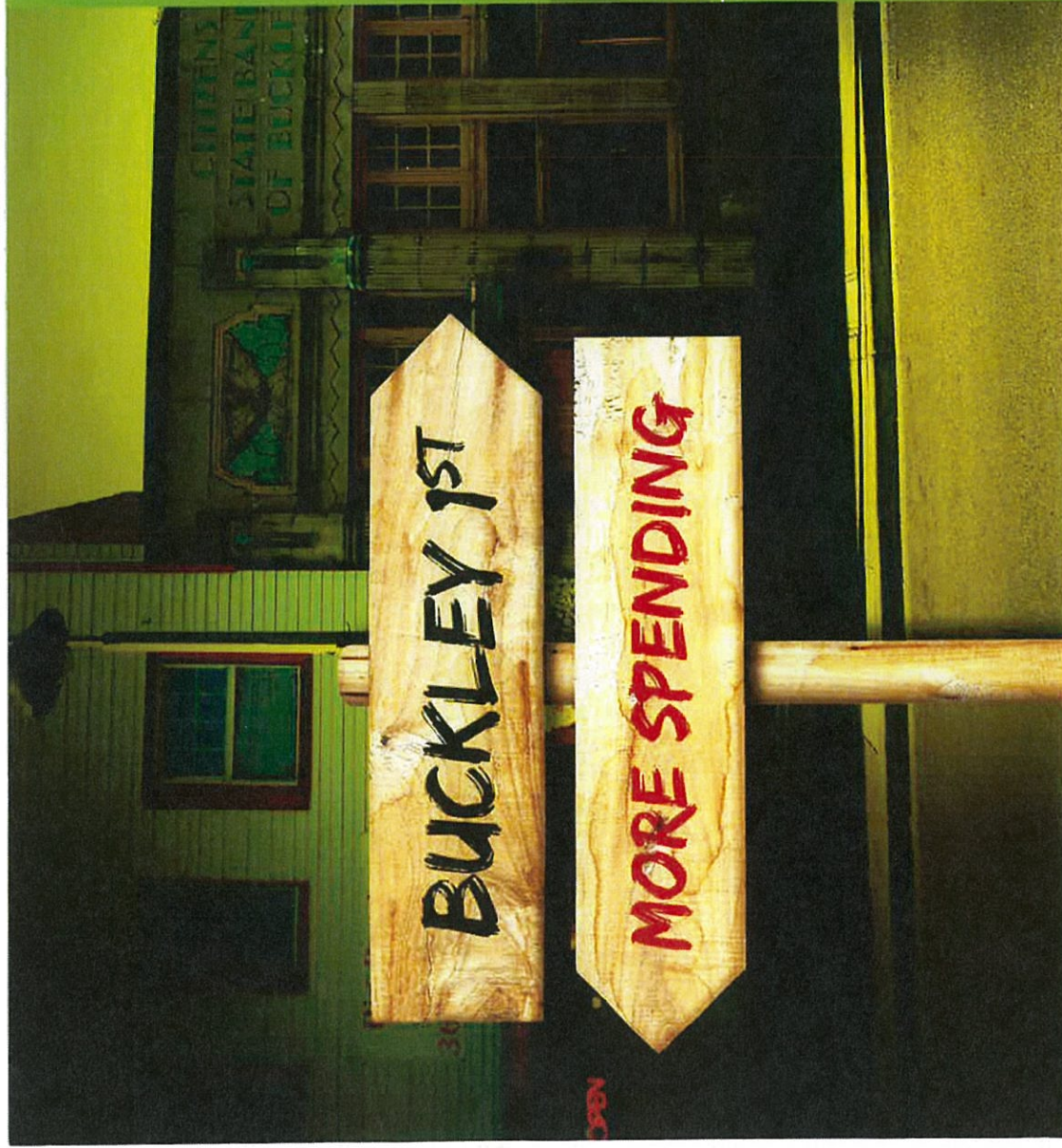
...THROW OUT THE INCUMBENT AND HER LAP DOG CITY COUNCIL MAJORITY. During the incumbents time in office, utility charges have gone from \$1,495,409 in 2006 to \$3,262,769 in 2017 (an increase of 118.2%). While taxes limited by statute have only increased 41% & CoL increases for Social Security were 43%, they are still more than 3% per year. The 12 year incumbent's big spending is sucking over a million extra dollars a year after taxes from Buckley residents, while little is being done for those residents. This goes to support, in some departments, an unnecessary and unmotivated number of employees. Numbers tell the truth without the rhetoric.

WITHOUT A CHANGE, THE FUTURE WILL HOLD MORE OF THE SAME.

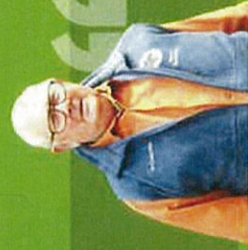
Elect people who will serve your interests first and foremost. **Elect Marvin Sundstrom for Mayor** and Ron Smith, Connie Bender and Chuck Helmer to City Council.

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Elect ✓ **MARVIN**
SUNDSTROM
CITY OF BUCKLEY MAYOR



WHICH DIRECTION
WILL YOU CHOOSE?



Do you want Buckley's historic
downtown to continue to resemble
a bankrupt strip mall?



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CITY OF BUCKLEY MAYOR

MORE SPENDING?

At the beginning of budget year 2006 (the incumbents 1st year in office) \$904,555 was carried over. Quickly that was spent and until the gas company sale, balancing budgets became an exercise in deceit. The State Auditor in their 2017 performance audit stated that Buckley has financial management issues. One of the many city hall cover ups you won't read about in the newspapers.

The incumbent has been feeding the public the "Poor Mouth" line during her terms in the Mayor's office. As you can see, the table below says otherwise as your assets became the target. \$1,500,000 from the Gas Utility sale was diverted to non utility uses before \$5,000,000 went into reserve.

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DO YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN CONTINUE TO AFFORD THIS EVER RISING LEVEL OF UNNECESSARY SPENDING?

CHOOSE BUCKLEY 1ST

People want local businesses where they can shop, mingle and socialize with their neighbors. It can be done with a focused honest effort. There are statutes in place to address the issue, but when the incumbent's priorities became personal, it received token attention.

The Buckley Fire Department operates with a "NO EXCUSE, NO FAVORITISM, RESPONSIVE" attitude. Buckley needs more of that attitude! Buckley's previous Mayor accomplished more & Buckley was in better shape using less of your paycheck than this Mayor. The incumbent does not have the tools or desire to accomplish anything benefiting you. You can change that by electing Marvin Sundstrom as Mayor, with Ron Smith, Connie Bender and Chuck Helmer to the Buckley City Council. It's your "Fork in the Road" toward addressing present and long term Buckley issues.

Elect ✓ MARVIN SUNDSTROM
CITY OF BUCKLEY MAYOR

Paid for by Marvin Sundstrom
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360-829-5249

During my tenure as Mayor we have worked together to achieve the following for the City of Buckley:

- Clean Audits, Fiscal Responsibility
- Standard & Poor's Bond Rating raised from A+ to AA-, affirming stable outlook
- Hwy 410 & SR165 Realignment Project
- City Wide Conversion to LED Street Lighting-totally grant funded
- Removed BtO Tax to help Businesses
- Secured Bond Funding to Build New Fire Station
- Additional Police Officers added
- 14.5 million in Sewer Plant Upgrades, lowest sewer rates in area
- Helped Secure Low Income Senior Housing
- Built Youth Center & Developed Activity Programs
- Buckley Summer Concert Series
- Ryan Rd & Main St Improvements
- North Parking Lot Upgrade
- Water Rights Secured for next 50 years
- Purchase of Land from PSE for preservation of natural areas & future park along the White River
- Lowest Sales Tax in Eastern Pierce County at 7.9%
- Lobbied Legislature to consolidate sewer facilities with Rainier School, gaining 4.2 million appropriation
- Successfully achieved 16 million in grant & appropriation funding



Mayor Johnson meeting with Governor Jay Inslee & other city leaders

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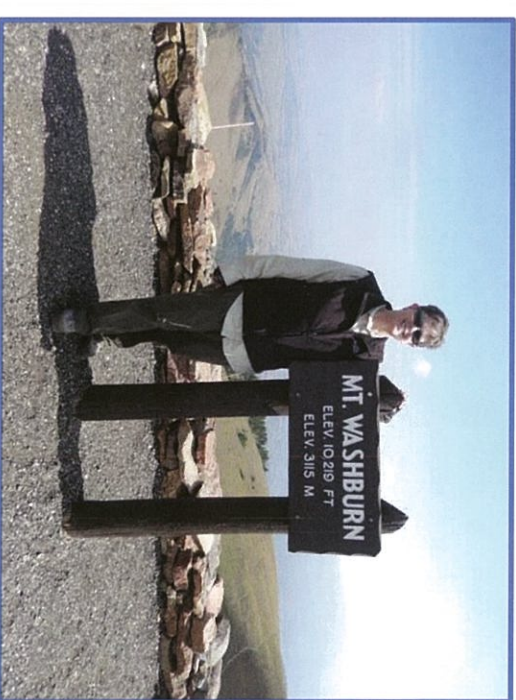
NOVEMBER 7TH



Mayor Johnson meeting with Congressman Dave Reichert

RE-ELECT

PAT JOHNSON
MAYOR



Pat Johnson at Summit of Mt. Washburn in Yellowstone National Park - August 10, 2017

"Pat has served our City in the best of ways. She has supported our youth & seniors not just in words, but by actions. She has always kept the City informed about legislative actions & speaks up for our City's interest in Olympia. She has supported the Museum & community events. She is well informed & works well with all emergencies. I support her for Mayor"

- Martha Olsen, former Council Member & Mayor

Questions? Please Contact:

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A MESSAGE FROM PAT



Having the opportunity to serve as your Mayor has been an honor. When I started this journey, the City had minimal cash reserves and a sewer plant that was under State order to upgrade & improve. It took 3 years to design, secure funding and build the new plant. I lobbied in Olympia to have Rainier School connect to our new plant and received \$4.2 million to pay for the connection and become a city customer. We have the capacity in this new sewer plant to serve future growth.

There will always be parks to build, improvements to buildings and fire trucks to purchase. We must plan for and set aside money in each budget in order to not burden a future Mayor and Council with large unfunded debt. Our S & P Bond rating has improved from A+ to AA-. This improvement in bond rating is because of sound fiscal policies, large capital reserves and good audit reports.

Being Mayor requires stamina and determination and representing our interests beyond the city limits. That includes in front of the County, in Olympia and even in Washington, D.C. I will pledge to you to be that voice and make sure that Buckley's voice will be heard. Thank you for making me your choice to continue to move our City forward.

WORKING HARD FOR YOU

Through my position as Mayor, I travel more than 2000 miles per year to act as your representative on a number of regional committees, boards, & groups, including:

- Association of Washington Cities (AWC) President
- AWC Small Cities Advisory Board
- AWC Education Committee
- Pierce County Regional Council
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept. Board of Directors
- Pierce County Cities and Towns Association
- Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition Board of Directors
- White River Families First Coalition
- White River Senior Housing Board of Directors
- Buckley Chamber of Commerce

ABOUT PAT

Pat Johnson has been serving as Mayor since 2006, prior to that she served as a City Councilmember. She comes from a local pioneer family with deep roots on the Plateau. She's married to her high school sweetheart Kirk Johnson, the mother of two adult children, and grandmother to Wyatt. Since retirement she has been able to dedicate more time to the Buckley community, serving as its Mayor and chief cheer leader.

MY PRIORITIES

- Fiscal Responsibility & Balanced Budget
- Continue to Aggressively seek Grant funding for all projects
- Economic Development to provide a stronger tax base
- River Avenue Streetscape Construction (majority grant funded)
- Implement River Ave. Sub Area Plan, encouraging public/private partnership development around Hwy 410 & River Avenue
- Walkable Community to promote good health, with connecting trails, sidewalks, and developments
- Master Parks Plan implementation of city owned property into parks and natural areas along the White River & Miller Property off Ryan Road, & the City Ag lands around Rainier School
- Planning for a larger & much needed Senior Center to expand on priority services for our seniors
- Saving for future remodel of Multi-Purpose Center into a larger more efficient City Hall

ON NOVEMBER 7TH, RE-ELECT PAT JOHNSON FOR MAYOR