

[Hugogarcia30](#) replied

Thu, 27 Feb 2025 at 7:35 PM

To:"PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

External Email

Dear Jennifer Hansen,

I have received the information regarding the complaint, and I would like to clarify a few details. I do manage two Facebook accounts, and I want to confirm the distinction between them:

1. **Personal Facebook Account: - HUGO GARCIA** This account is used exclusively for sharing personal life updates with my friends and family, and it is not a public account. The cover photo is a soccer image, and my profile picture features me with my puppy, Maya. The "Vote Yes" post was made on February 4th on this private personal account, when I added the "vote" sticker to share information about voting with my friends and family members. Please note, this is not a public account. (PHOTO SCREENSHOTS PROVIDED BELOW)
2. **Public Facebook Account - COUNCILMEMBER HUGO GARCIA:** This account is used for updating my Burien constituents about my role as their elected councilmember. It was set up during my campaign and following my election in 2022. I intentionally refrained from posting anything related to the ballot initiative on minimum wage on this account until after the election concluded on February 11th at 8:00 p.m., when no more votes were accepted. I updated my cover photo on the COUNCILMEMBER HUGO GARCIA account on February 14th, three days after the election for the minimum wage initiative ended. Additionally, I shared an opinion editorial letter regarding the outcome of the initiative vote on February 13th, two days after the election ended. (PHOTO SCREENSHOTS With clear dates of posts submitted in the complaint are share below)

I would like to emphasize that there were no "Vote Yes" posts made on my COUNCILMEMBER HUGO GARCIA account at any point.

I hope this clarifies that NO PUBLIC FACILITIES or resources were used for the purpose of supporting or opposing a ballot measure.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your public service making sure there is clarity and accountability in our local government,

warm regards,

Hugo Garcia

Councilmember, Burien

PERSONAL FACEBOOK ACCOUNT used for my own private purposes to share personal life updated to friend and family and is NOT A PUBLIC account. (the cover photo is a soccer photo and my profile photo is me and my little puppy Maya)

THE VOTE YES post was made on my personal account on feb 4th when I added the "vote" sticker and explained to my personal friends and family members about voting (not a public account)



Hugo Garcia

1.3K friends



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Intro

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PERSONAL FB



Hugo Garcia updated his profile picture.

February 4 at 12:31 PM · 🌐

Now more than ever immigrant support is vital!!
This Burien Special Election gives all my Burien Neighbors the chance to support immigrants
VOTE YES! VOTE YES!! VOTE YES!!
INITIATIVE 1
VOTE YES! VOTE YES! VOTE YES!!
I didn't forget were I came from and majority of immigrants like my dad and I worked minimum wage jobs
This initiative will not penalize workers who earn tips and will not exempt franchises like McDonald's, Wendy's Taco Bell workers from getting a higher wage to enrich the franchise owners and corporations instead of Burien Youth



ACCOUNT

PERSONAL FACEBOOK ACCOUNT



Hugo Garcia

January 25 · 🧑



WHY DID I DO THAT!!!??

As the ONLY immigrant on the Burien Council I abstained from voting for the poor minimum wage policy the council passed last year.

BECAUSE: the policy made exemptions that would not increase wages for immigrants or local Burien youth working at restaurants... [See more](#)



Unfortunately, while the Burien City Council passed a law that claims to raise the minimum wage, it contains so many loopholes and carveouts that we believe almost no real-life workers will get a raise. [Check our FAQ page for more information.](#)

City	Min. Wage in 2025*
Burien	\$16.66

BELOW is a Public Facebook Account Titled: COUNCILMEMBER HUGO GARCIA

Which I use to share information specific to my role as Burien Councilmember and was set up during my campaign and subsequent election as burien councilmember in 2022.

I was intentional in NOT posting anything related to Ballot initiative on minimum wage on my Councilmember account until AFTER the election was over on February 11 at 8pm and no more votes were accepted.



I did update my cover photo on my COUNCILMEMBER HUGO GARCIA account on February 14th three days AFTER the election for Initiative on minimum wage had ended (2/11 @ 8PM)



Councilmember Hugo Garcia updated his cover photo.

February 14 at 12:55 AM · 🌐



No insights to show ⓘ

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👍 Like

💬 Comment

📧 Send

➦ Share

I also shared an Opinion Editorial Letter regarding the outcome of the initiative vote 2 days AFTER the election had ended on 2/13



Councilmember Hugo Garcia

February 13 at 5:42 PM · 🌐



Council Member Garcia Champions a Fair Minimum Wage for Burien's Working Families

Today, Burien is on the verge of a historic shift towards economic justice as preliminary results suggest a victory for the working-class minimum wage initiative. This is a win for every hardworking Burien family and a step away from the turbulence we see at the federal level, where chaos, tariffs and corporate interests undermine the stability of working families.

Growing up in a restaurant w... [See more](#)

