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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject: Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' Behavior, Public Disclosure Act (PDA) Violations - RCW 42.17 – and a formal PDA Request to Questions Asked Herein.

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The authority under which I present this document can be found under RCW 42.17 et seq. and RCW 42.30 et seq. The following quotations have been provided to facilitate your understanding of Washington State citizens' rights.

On July 25th 2004 Christine Gregoire stated, and I quote:

"Citizens can control their government only if they can remain informed about the decisions their government officials are taking."

Christine Gregoire goes on to say, and I quote:

*"That important principle underlies Washington's open public records and meeting laws. The laws, which are now more than two decades old, are intended to give us (the People – inserted by author) an informed electorate which can evaluate the performance of our elected officials and provide us with an **honest, competent and responsive** government."* (Emphasis by the Careys)

Continuing to quote Christine Gregoire, who goes on to quote **RCW 42.30 Open Public Meetings Act; RCW 42.30.010 - Legislative declaration:**

Here is how the Legislature stated the purpose of these two laws:

"The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

The basis from which RCW 42.17 (the Public Disclosure Act (PDA) or Washington Freedom of Information Act) was formulated into law, is spelled out in RCW 42.17.251 and follows:

"The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may maintain control over the instruments that they have created. This chapter shall be liberally construed and its exemptions narrowly construed to promote this public policy."

RCW 42.17.320

Prompt responses required.

Please note. The portion of the following quoted law that applies specifically to TFDN8 has been highlighted in blue for the convenience of the reader.

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“Responses to requests for public records shall be made promptly by agencies, the office of the secretary of the senate, and the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives. Within five business days of receiving a public record request, an agency, the office of the secretary of the senate, or the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives must respond by either (1) providing the record; (2) acknowledging that the agency, the office of the secretary of the senate, or the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives has received the request and providing a reasonable estimate of the time the agency, the office of the secretary of the senate, or the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives will require to respond to the request; or (3) denying the public record request. Additional time required to respond to a request may be based upon the need to clarify the intent of the request, to locate and assemble the information requested, to notify third persons or agencies affected by the request, or to determine whether any of the information requested is exempt and that a denial should be made as to all or part of the request. In acknowledging receipt of a public record request that is unclear, an agency, the office of the secretary of the senate, or the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives may ask the requestor to clarify what information the requestor is seeking. If the requestor fails to clarify the request, the agency, the office of the secretary of the senate, or the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives need not respond to it. Denials of requests must be accompanied by a written statement of the specific reasons therefor. Agencies, the office of the secretary of the senate, and the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives shall establish mechanisms for the most prompt possible review of decisions denying inspection, and such review shall be deemed completed at the end of the second business day following the denial of inspection and shall constitute final agency action or final action by the office of the secretary of the senate or the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives for the purposes of judicial review.”

[1995 c 397 § 15; 1992 c 139 § 6; 1975 1st ex.s. c 294 § 18; 1973 c 1 § 32 (Initiative Measure No. 276, approved November 7, 1972).]

BACKGROUND:

This is a multipurpose document.

The first purpose is to have each commissioner privately read this document and only discuss it amongst themselves in public – for the Commissioners, its against the law to do otherwise.

The second purpose is to get the questions answered contained in several e-mails sent by the author of this letter to TFDN8’s Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews; e-mails which she is refusing to even acknowledge receipt of; let alone answer. I can only assume her refusal to acknowledge receipt and to answer my questions is due to instructions she has received from the TFDN8 Commission. Further, her refusal to acknowledge receipt and

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respond is apparently a continuation of Chairman Wampold's publicly stated "Question Policy". The way this "Question Policy" works – Wampold simply (and the rest of the commissioners also) refuses to answer questions from citizens of TFDN8 he does not like.

And who are these citizens?

Chairman Wampold does not like those TFDN8 citizens that ask questions for information that could potentially expose him, the other Commissioners, the supervisory staff, the administrative staff or the volunteer firefighters to criticism and/or potential violations of law, ethics, impartiality or morality. These TFDN8 citizens are easy to identify in that they are not supporters of Steve and Cynthia Olsen.

What is the net effect of the Wampold "Question Policy"?

Chairman Wampold's "Question Policy" results in selectively denying information to certain members of the public while at the same time selectively making available information to certain other members of the public supportive of the Commission's views and conduct. It also denies the public information to which the public is entitled to hear and/or read. Chairman Wampold's "Question Policy", and the actions of the Commission, at best are unethical and at worst, an illegal conspiracy to conceal potential illegal acts or activities, and concurrently, to deny the public its right to know.

I expect the Commission to direct Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews to answer the questions I have asked her in the e-mails I have sent to her.

The third purpose is to formally request the Commission to publicly and respectfully discuss and respectfully answer all the questions asked in this document and do so in the context in which they were asked. These are the types of questions that are currently forbidden in open public meetings due to the Wampold "Question Policy".

The fourth purpose is to create a documented record of the conduct and actions of the Commission and staff of TFDN8, such, that when coupled with previous and future documented conduct and actions, demonstrates the multiple violations of multiple laws were not fortuitous events; i.e. were not accidental. The resulting documented pattern of conduct and actions in turn potentially leading to, and/or proving, the revelation of one or more illegal conspiracies.

Now on to the most recent incident(s).

On September 7th 2005 I sent a letter dated September 6th 2005 to the Tahuya Fire District Number 8 (TFDN8). I sent this letter via US Mail and via e-mail to TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews. The letter was a Public Disclosure Act request requesting an on site inspection of TFDN8's records. Please see attached copy of the e-mail.

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As of September 30th 2005 I have received no response from TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews of any type whatsoever.

On the morning of September 8th 2005 I sent an e-mail to TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews. This e-mail requested that my requested inspection of the records be delayed until September 9th 2005 or if not on the 9th, a date to be suggested by TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews. Please see attached copy of the e-mail.

As of September 30th 2005 I have received no response from TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews of any type whatsoever.

During the evening of September 8th 2005, after the TFDN8's regularly scheduled September meeting, I sent an e-mail to TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews (11:53 PM). This e-mail requested information regarding a motion approved by the commission earlier that evening. The motion dealt with a new Public Disclosure Act fee structure TFDN8 would begin charging the public immediately regarding the public's request for copies of records. Please see attached copy of the e-mail.

Please note. After the meeting, Brad Carey and I felt in our "gut" that the Commission had concocted an illegal fee structure for TFDN8, did so in secret and approved it in public. To this day Brad Carey and I still believe the Commission concocted an illegal fee structure for TFDN8, did it in secret, and approved it in public. We believe, in time, our Commissioners will "discover" they concocted an illegal fee structure. We believe they will then try and say it was an unintentional mistake and/or blame someone else. However, regardless of what they do, it is important to remember, it was Chairman Wampold who made the motion that spelled out in detail the fee structure and identified the specific *law* giving the TFDN8 Commission the authority to charge these rates. It is even more important to remember that Chairman Wampold, WSBA Bar # 3287, an attorney in good standing, **a member of the Washington State Bar for more than 40 years**, and a judge pro tem for many years, made the motion, presented within his motion the fee structure and the specific *law* to back it up. The entire process, from start to finish, incredibly, only took 45 seconds! Neither Commissioner Dodd nor Commissioner Gall uttered a single word during those 45 seconds other than those related to the procedural mechanics of approving Chairman Wampold's motion.

Does that kind of "efficiency" from our Commission indicate they might have known the content and substance of the motion before it was ever made?

Why would Brad Carey and I suggest something like that?

Prior to Chairman Wampold's motion, since Brad Carey and I began attending TFDN8 meetings in August of 2004, neither the subject of these draconian Public Disclosure Act fees nor the alleged laws justifying their magnitude has ever come

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up in an open public meeting. This either means that an agreement to approve these fees was somehow achieved outside of a public meeting by the Commissioners, or Commissioners Dodd and Gall are just two “robots” that are programmed to approve Chairman Wampold’s motions upon command.

The net effect of approving this motion was to make it prohibitively expensive for the average citizen to make records requests under the Washington Freedom of Information Act – specifically RCW 42.17. Brad Carey and I believe the Commission’s fee structure is illegal under RCW 42.17. For example, on or about May 12th 2005 I made a records request. TFDN8 produced 925 pages of documents. This cost me \$138.75. Under Chairman Wampold’s approved motion, the same records request would cost me \$647.95. **This is an increase of 467%!** I can assure you that under no circumstances would I have made my records request had it cost me \$647.95. Therefore, I would have never been able to make the discoveries I have made showing everything from mismanagement to various violations of law. The Commission’s new Public Disclosure Act fee structure **stifles** the public’s ability to “...remain informed so that they (the People) may retain control over the instruments they have created”.

Based on Chairman Wampold’s “Question Policy” it was impossible for Brad Carey or me to ask him, or the rest of the Commission, any questions regarding their newly approved PDA fee structure. Brad Carey and I are two citizens he does not like – We are not Olsen supporters. And to raise any question dealing with law, by a non-attorney, would have been tantamount to original sin in the eyes of Chairman and Attorney Wampold. Subsequently, my e-mail to Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews was an attempt to get clarification on what neither Brad Carey nor I were unable to take complete notes on. As mentioned in the e-mail of the evening of September 8th 2005 referred to previously, when it came to the specific law Chairman Wampold referenced to justify the new fee structure, the referenced law was spoken so quickly, and in such a confusing manner, that it was impossible to write it down. In fact, a review of the videotape of that section the September 8th 2005 meeting, more than a dozen times, still left me confused.

If TFDN8 was going to charge the public more than 15 cents per page, the law requires TFDN8 to justify the per page charge. But even more important, the average person would think that if the TFDN8 Commission were forced to raise its PDA fees by 400% to more than 500%, on average, the Commission would be apologetic to the public. The Commission would say it was sorry it had to raise prices to this level. The Commission would explain why. The Commission would justify the increase. The Commission would open the books so to speak. The Commission would bend over backwards to get the public to understand that the Commission was not “ripping” them off. None of this happened.

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Why?

Why this total lack of empathy?

The Commission spent a total of 45 seconds to implement this policy.

Why so little time?

I suggest it goes to motive of the Commission of TFDN8. I believe Chairman Wampold found a section of law that had nothing to do with the Public Disclosure Act as it relates to TFDN8. This section of law had very high copy charges for record requests for medical records from medical providers. Chairman Wampold, Commissioner Dodd and Commissioner Gall saw the opportunity to “stick” it to those of us that are trying to obtain records to expose improprieties and/or illegalities going on in TFDN8. The TFDN8 Commission knew that these inflated charges would virtually eliminate anyone making any records requests from the non Olsen supporters group. Denied the records, the potential for exposing the ongoing corruption within TFDN8 would be greatly reduced.

For the current Commission, and for the Olsen supporters, these obscene PDA fees would not be a problem. The Commission does not pay for its copies of records. The Olsen supporters are interested in protecting the Olsens and the last thing they would want to do is produce copies of records that would implicate the Olsens. Whatever other copies of records they need are most likely being provide surreptitiously.

In my judgment, that is why, at least in part, there was no empathetic reaction out of the Commission. And that is why there was no objection to the new PDA fee structure from the Olsen supporters.

As of September 30th 2005 I have received no response from TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews of any type whatsoever.

The failure to respond to this e-mail has had consequences. Some of these consequences will be identified and discussed later in this document, or in a future document.

During the afternoon of September 9th 2005, I sent an e-mail to TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews. This e-mail requested the name of a financial survey form that TFDN8 had decided it would fill out for the State Auditor. *(I wanted to know the name of this document so I could ask for it by name when I physically inspected TFDN8 records on site).* Additionally, I requested the name of the person within TFDN8 who would be filling out said financial survey. Neither piece of information being requested was discussed by the Commission during the TFDN8 meeting. Please see attached e-mail.

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This same e-mail also requested TFDN8's fax number, TFDN8's official phone number and TFDN8's official office phone number - if it was different than its official phone number. Please see attached copy of the e-mail.

As of September 30th 2005 I have received no response from TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews of any type whatsoever.

The same e-mail also requested the e-mail addresses for each of the TFDN8's Commissioners plus, when one could typically expect the unapproved copies of any given fire department public meeting minutes to be available to the public. Please see attached copy of the e-mail.

As of September 30th 2005 I have received no response from TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews of any type whatsoever.

During the evening of September 13th 2005, I sent an e-mail to TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews. This e-mail informed Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews that I had not received any responses to the e-mails listed above. This included, of course, my PDA request which was attached to the September 8th 2005 e-mail sent that (September 8th) morning. Please see attached copy of the e-mail.

As of September 30th 2005 I have received no response from TFDN8's Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews of any type whatsoever.

On September 16th 2005, I received a letter from TFDN8's attorney. I was informed that my PDA request of September 6th 2005 was "overbroad" based on the attorney's interpretation of my request and case law as established in 2002/2003 by the Washington State Supreme Court in the case of Hangartner v. City of Seattle by a 5 to 4 opinion. Therefore, my request to Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews to inspect the TFDN8's records was denied.

It may be of interest that TFDN8's paper files are said to be in 4 or 5 four-drawer file cabinets located in TFDN8's headquarters office - a room ~7 feet by ~12 feet or ~84 square feet. So my request was not nearly as "overbroad" as in the case of Hangartner v. City of Seattle.

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During the evening of September 20th 2005, I attended a Port of Tahuya meeting in Belfair. I noticed that Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews was present, was seated a couple of rows behind me and on the other side of the room. I turned around on several occasions trying to make eye contact and get her attention. Secretary/Treasurer - Betty

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Matthews never would make eye contact although you could tell by her body language and facial expressions that she knew I was trying to get her attention. We did not communicate with each other that evening.

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At approximately 4:53 PM September 21st 2005 I called Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews at her home telephone number. This was the first time I had called her since on or just before July 18th 2005. Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews answered the phone and said "Hello". Instantly, by the sound of her voice I could tell I was on a "squawk box". I said "Hello, Betty". There was a long period of silence. I then said "Hello Betty? – are you there?" thinking the phone line may have gone dead. All of a sudden a male voice, without identifying himself, came on the line and asked me who I was. I said I was "Harold Carey". I indicated I would like to speak with Betty Matthews.

This male voice told me that Betty Matthews did not want to speak with me. Further, I was not to call this number again. I was informed this phone number was a private residence phone number. I indicated, to the male voice, that I had sent Betty Matthews some requests for information by e-mail regarding matters related to TFDN8 and needed some responses. The male voice instructed me that I was no longer to send Betty Matthews any e-mails as the e-mail address was also a private and personal e-mail address. The male voice went on to instruct me that if I had anything to send to TFDN8, it was to be sent to TFDN8's mailing address - including what I had already sent to her by e-mail. I remained calm, pleasant and non argumentative, and at the appropriate moment formally terminated a conversation that was going nowhere.

Subsequently, within approximately 30 minutes I covered with Brad Carey what I had encountered. Brad was concerned that Betty Matthews might be in some type of trouble such a domestic abuse or domestic violence situation as her conduct, as described by me to Brad, was completely out of character. Brad said he was going to call Betty, which he did. It is my understanding that he ran into the same male voice and the situation was as I described it. Brad indicated he was also instructed not to directly communicate with Betty Matthews except via TFDN8's mailing address. Further, Brad was not allowed to speak with Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews. According to Brad Carey, the male voice identified itself as "Mr. Matthews". Additional information needed by the Commission can be obtained from Brad Carey.

It was during the evening of September 21st 2005 that the decision for Brad Carey and myself to become write-in candidates was finally made. The "straw that broke the camel's back" was:

1. the illegal and draconian Public Disclosure Act fee structure enacted by TFDN8 Board of Commissioners,
2. Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews refusal to have the courtesy to respond to my e-mails and

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- her refusal to speak with either Brad or myself earlier in the day.

On the morning of September 22nd 2005 Brad Carey and I drove to the Auditor's Office in Shelton and filed as write-in candidates; Brad for Position # 2 running against Conrad Dodd and I for Position # 3 running against Gall and Thombs.

ANALYSIS:

It should be pointed out that while Betty and I may differ (and have differed) on some issues, up until September 7th 2005, she has always been pleasant and cordial to me, as have I have been to her. We worked together on the Port of Tahuya's Citizens Advisory Committee over a 7 or 8 month period and I found her to be balanced, fair, pleasant, mentally sharp, one that was committed to the idea of following and obeying the law and possessed of level of grace that was lacking in the more rabid supporters of the Olsens and Gilberts.

What has happened to Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews to cause her to conduct herself in this manner?

This is one of many things I want to find out.

As late as 4:00 PM July 18th 2005, in the Tahuya office of TFDN8, when Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews turned over to me the results of an earlier PDA records request I had made, I indicated to her I would need to inspect TFDN8's records filed in the office where we were meeting. I told her it typically would take me 30 to 60 minutes and, depending what I encountered, probably several more inspections after that. I asked her what were the regularly scheduled office hours of TFDN8. She said there were none. I asked her what her regularly scheduled office hours were, and she said she had none. She said she got paid for 20 hours a month and worked as needed. I told her that by law a local agency, such as TFDN8, must have regularly scheduled office hours and must have them posted for the public to see at what the agency considered its main office location. At the time, I suggested she review the law and inform the Commission of their duty regarding this issue. She acknowledged what I was telling her.

[During our July 18th 2005 meeting, Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews was very cooperative and indicated a willingness to cooperate on a timely basis regarding my future onsite record inspection request\(s\). She said that I should just give her a call at home or send her an e-mail and we could work out the inspection\(s\) on a relatively short notice.](#)

During the same July 18th 2005 meeting, Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews also said she was sorry it took so long to satisfy my PDA request – more than 60 days. (The law expects most records requests to be fulfilled in 5 days or less. However, when an agency can't, the law requires the agency to at least communicate in writing with the requestor that it cannot. Please refer to RCW 42.17.320 on pages 2 & 3 of this document for

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further clarification.) Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews indicated she had only held her position with TFDN8 for a short period of time prior to my PDA request. In so many words, she indicated when she proceeded to comply with my request, she found that TFDN8's records were a mess and she had a major job in organizing them before she could begin to satisfy my PDA records request. I thanked her for her effort and told her I was sorry that my PDA records request had inconvenienced her. She indicated that the good that came out of my records request was two fold. First, my request forced the review and organizing of the records and files and second, in the process of organizing the files and records she learned what the records and files consisted of. Betty Matthews also indicated she was only being paid for 20 hours of work a month and that she greatly exceeded that amount of time during the afore mentioned 60+ day period in just organizing said records and files of TFDN8. I got the distinct impression that she had not been paid for any of her efforts above 20 hours per month.

Compare the above attitude of July 18th 2005 of Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' to the attitude of Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews on September 21st 2005! Rather a remarkable change, wouldn't you say?

Why?

To the best of my recollection, I made no phone calls nor did I send any e-mails to Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews after July 18th 2005 and before September 7th 2005. And except for her abnormal behavior at the September 20th 2005 Port of Tahuya meeting, the only other contact has been at TFDN8 meetings and this contact has been limited to pleasant greetings.

REQUEST:

So now, based on Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' lack of response to my requests for information as described earlier, her behavior on September 20th and 21st of 2005, I am asking some questions of the Commission and Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews to which I believe I am entitled to receive timely, sensible and honest answers. Even though the Commission persists in enforcing Chairman Wampold's "Question Policy" - a policy of not answering questions from those citizens and voters in public meetings that he does not approve of.

1. Why is Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews refusing to respond to my requests for information?
2. Is this something she is doing without the Commissions' approval?
 - a. If not, who instructed her to not respond to my e-mails?
3. Is this something she is doing without the Commissions' knowledge?

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- a. If not, who instructed her to not respond to my e-mails?
 - b. If not, who instructed her to forward my September 6th 2005 PDA request to inspect TFDN8's records to TFDN8's attorney and when was she so instructed?
4. Is it the policy of the TFDN8 to send everyone's PDA requests to TFDN8's attorney?
 5. What was the reason given to Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews for forwarding my PDA request to inspect TFDN8's records to TFDN8's attorney and by whom was this reason given?
 6. What was the reason given to the other Commissioners for forwarding my PDA request to inspect TFDN8's records to TFDN8's attorney and when and where was this subject discussed amongst the Commissioners in an open meeting? If not discussed in and open public meeting, the date and time of which executive session?
 7. Was there a motion made, discussed and approved authorizing Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews to forward my PDA request on to the TFDN8's attorney? If so, on what date? If not, why not?
 - a. To the best of my knowledge, there is no record in the minutes of this taking place in any TFDN8 meeting or executive session. So it would be impossible for each commissioner to know the reason for forwarding my PDA request to inspect TFDN8's records to TFDN8's attorney unless
 8. Why did Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews "welsh" on her July 18th 2005 agreement with me regarding future records inspections and how to communicate with her, and instead send my September 6th 2005 PDA request to TFDN8's attorney?
 - a. Remember what Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews said on July 18th 2005 regarding her willingness to facilitate on site inspection of records.
 9. Was Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews still willing, per my September 6th 2005 dated PDA request, to have me inspect TFDN8's records and was she overruled? If she was overruled, who overruled her?
 10. Where is Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' official TFDN8 office?
 11. What are Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' official office hours in her official TFDN8 office?
 12. Is Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews working out of her home for TFDN8, and if so, is she planning on taking a deduction for fiscal 2005?

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13. If Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews working out of her home for TFDN8, what are Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' official office hours for TFDN8 while she is working out of her home office?
14. Does TFDN8 have official office hours as required and defined by law?
15. What are the official office hours of TFDN8?
16. Where is TFDN8's official office located?
17. I have never seen TFDN8's office hours posted anywhere.
18. Where are TFDN8's official office hours posted?
19. At any given time, does Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews have, in her home and in her possession and/or under her control, one or more records, writings and/or items of property of any type of TFDN8's?
20. Does Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews also refuse to accept any and all calls, to her personal home phone number and/or on her personal cell phone, from all members of the TFDN8 Commission regarding anything to do with TFDN8 business?
21. Does Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews also refuse to accept any and all calls, to her personal home phone number and/or on her personal cell phone, from anyone, including friends and relatives living in and/or owning property in TFDN8, regarding anything to do with TFDN8 business?
22. Does Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews also refuse to accept any and all e-mails sent to her personal home computer from all members of the Commission regarding anything to do with TFDN8 business?
23. Does Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews also refuse to accept any and all e-mails sent to her personal home computer, from everyone, including friends and relatives living in and/or owning property in TFDN8, regarding anything to do with TFDN8 business?
24. What does the Commission think the law says about past and ongoing inequities being foisted upon some of the citizens of TFDN8 and not others?
25. Does the TFDN8 have one or more TFDN8 owned or leased computers located at Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' home?
26. Does Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews do any work for TFDN8 on any computer she owns or that is under her control within her home?
27. How many computers does TFDN8 own, lease, rent or borrow and where is each located?

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28. What is TFDN8's documented job description for the position of Secretary/Treasurer?
29. What is TFDN8's documented job description for the position of Secretary/Treasurer as currently being performed by Betty Matthews?
30. Who is Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' supervisor?
31. By name, who has the authority within TFDN8 to instruct Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews as to what she is to do or not do?
32. Is the male voice at Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' residence the de facto "Commission" for TFDN8 or just the de facto TFDN8 "supervisor" of Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews?
33. Just what are the TFDN8 duties, responsibilities and authorities, as defined by the Commission, of the male voice at Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' residence?
34. Again, why has the Secretary/Treasurer for TFDN8 not responded to my e-mails in a timely manner?
35. Are other TFDN8 e-mails coming to Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews being responded to in a timely manner?
36. Is there a conspiracy within the Commission to deny certain members of the public equal access to information, equal assistance, equal cooperation and impartiality of treatment – all of which, all members of the public are entitled to under the law?
37. Is it possible TFDN8 and/or one or more of its Commissioners and/or Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews could be developing multiple legal liabilities for themselves, as well as for TFDN8, due to the conduct of same in the performance of, or lack of performance of, their duties under the law?
38. Isn't it true that the "Question Policy" of Chairman Wampold, in which he forbids even the asking of a question by certain selected citizens, let alone his refusal to answer said questions, is nothing more or less than "stonewalling" in an attempt to cover-up or "keep the lid on" what has been going on and what continues to go on within TFDN8?
39. Based on its conduct, attitudes and policies, is this Commission prepared to prove in public that it has both a policy of transparency and a track record of transparency? If so, when?
40. It is all but certain, based on past experience, the Commissions' and/or staff's responses to the questions listed in this document will not be any more responsive than Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Matthews' response to aforementioned e-mails. Nor will the

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Commissions' response be any more responsive to the questions in this document than they have been to the questions being asked by non-Olsen supporters in open public TFDN8 meetings. That is the nature of Chairman Wampold's "Question Polciy".

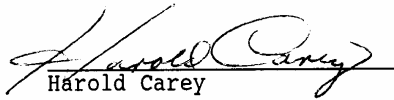
41. However, these other questions still must be asked. Refusal to answer them, and refusal to answer them forthrightly, will begin to send a loud and clear message to the public.

42. The answers to many questions asked should already exist in TFDN8's internal policy manual. And for those that do exist, copies of the appropriate pages need to be matched to my numbered questions and provided.

43. Does TFDN8 have and maintain an up-to-date internal policy manual?

Finally, our Commissioners should remember, before they refuse to answer questions, that even the President of the United States of America, a position even more lofty than that of a Tahuya Fire Commissioner, must answer questions from people he does not like, and be accountable for his conduct and performance to all the people.

Thank you,



Harold Carey

P.S.

RCW 42.17.280

Times for inspection and copying.

Please note. The portion of the following quoted law that applies specifically to TFDN8 has been highlighted in blue for the convenience of the reader.

"Public records shall be available for inspection and copying during the customary office hours of the agency, the office of the secretary of the senate, and the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives: PROVIDED, That if the entity does not have customary office hours of at least thirty hours per week, the public records shall be available from nine o'clock a.m. to noon and from one o'clock p.m. to four o'clock p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, unless the person making the request and the agency, the office of the secretary of the senate, or the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives or its representative agree on a different time."

[1995 c 397 § 12; 1973 c 1 § 28 (Initiative Measure No. 276, approved November 7, 1972).]

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TFDN8 is also in violation RCW 42.17.280. See page 10, paragraph 4 under “ANALYSIS:” of this document for supporting information.

I trust that if this document, or any that follow, finds its way into the hands of Steve and Cynthia Olsen and/or their rabid supporters, they too will have had to make formal PDA requests, go through the usual delays, and then pay the going illegal PDA fee structure enacted by the TFDN8 Commission on September 8th 2005 before they obtain their copy(s). To obtain copies without going through this process is against the law.