

COUNCILOR ROD PARK

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September 10, 2008

Robert Pung
PO Box 37
Gresham, Oregon 97030

Dear Mr. Pung,

I regret that I missed you on Tuesday September 9th. I understand through staff that you came to the Metro Council offices on Tuesday to speak with me but did not have an appointment. My schedule that day consisted of solid back-to-back meetings. I do recall seeing you as I raced out to the restroom and to grab a sandwich just moments before the Council meeting on Tuesday, however I noticed you were speaking on the phone and had no idea that you were hoping to see me. Upon my return, staff advised me that you had been waiting to speak with me. However, at that point you were no longer in the building. Please understand however my presence does not always mean I am available. Please keep in mind others have scheduled appointments and deserve the courtesy of the time they requested just as you would expect. I would suggest the best way for us to connect is to make an appointment so time will be reserved to properly discuss your concerns. I know you are also aware that in addition to my part-time position with Metro, I also run a nursery, so my schedule is a bit of a challenge, especially this time of year.

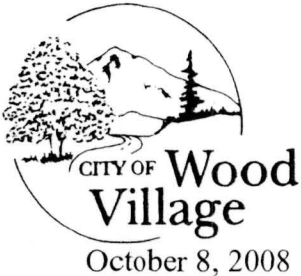
In addition, I did receive your voicemail on Tuesday the 9th, and was quite surprised with your message and tone. This was the second of two voicemails I have received from you recently. I did receive another message from you a few weeks ago regarding your issue with TriMet and did not immediately respond because we do not have jurisdiction over TriMet and I have not yet interacted with anyone that could help me advise you on the issue of transit pass costs related to your limited access to the whole transit system.

Regarding your voicemail from Tuesday the 9th, it is important that I let you know that this message was inappropriate and offensive, especially the racial slur in reference to the shape of my eyes. I assume your frustration was due to my inability to meet with you. While the voicemail from this week offended me, I don't want it to get in the way of the good work that we can do together for the people of the region. Having worked with you in the past, I've always been impressed with your commitment to public service. I was honored to have written a letter of recommendation to the Gladys McCoy Award Selection Committee last year on your behalf.

If you would still like to meet, feel free to call Kathryn Sofich at 503-797-1941 to set up an appointment. I have and always will have an "open door" policy.

Sincerely,

Rod Park
Metro Councilor



Mayor
David M. Fuller

Council President
Patricia Smith

Councilors
Todd Sturdavant

Mark Clark

Stanley Dirks

OCT 10 2008

Michael Jordan
Metro Council
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97236

RE: Case # 08-1046

Dear Michael,

I received the attached letter from Wood Village Councilor Pat Smith. It is her son who is the supposed perpetrator of the act cited in the referenced citation. She believes her son was improperly cited for an offense he did not commit.

I had a meeting with Pat Smith and Metro Councilor Park to allow Pat to voice her concern. As a result of the meeting, I also wonder about the process used by Metro in this incident.

Based on the information of Lucas Smith's letter, it would appear that this is a case of "he said, she said" with no corroborating evidence or witnesses submitted during the hearing.


Further, when we discussed the issue with Councilor Park, we were all a bit confused about the process and lack of direction concerning Lucas's rights to be represented by counsel or any appeal procedure. I would hope this is an isolated incident and that others who may be involved in a similar situation might get more reasonable consideration and treatment.

Another thing that I question is the use of a Tigard Police officer issuing citations in Portland, which I assume is outside his normal jurisdiction since Wood Village uses Multnomah County Deputies for issuing citations.

I also question the wisdom of pursuing such a matter with so little evidence or substantiation of facts and wonder about the amount of tax payers' dollars spent on an incident of this magnitude. Perhaps the more appropriate action would have been to mail a warning, rather than spend money for a police officer's time, travel costs, and the follow-on hearing process for a first (alleged) offense.

Councilor Smith is a valued and conscientious member of our Council; I request you give consideration to the merit of the letter submitted by Lucas Smith. Thanks for your help.

Respectfully,


David M Fuller
Mayor of Wood Village

C: Rod Park, Metro Council
Patricia Smith, Wood Village City Council President

September 25, 2008

Michael Jordan
Metro Council
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97236

RE: case # 08-1046

Mr. Jordan:

I am writing this letter to appeal a decision made against me on September 3, 2008. I do not believe the facts in this case were presented honestly or objectively, nor was legal protocol followed.

First of all, I did not, and never have, dumped a bag of garbage in the dumpster at the apartment house across from my home.

I spoke to the witness, Kaya Johnson, the apartment Manager on June 24, about 3:30pm. He told me that "he did not see me dump any garbage." Mr. Johnson was not present at the hearing. I would think the witness is a very necessary part of a hearing process.

Further, evidence was non-existent, just the written citation number M-1482. How can a person be charged with dumping, when there is no evidence of the dumping?

The policeman that served me with the citation failed to inform me of my rights. I spoke with him by phone for a long time, and not once did he advise me of my right to remain silent. If I had known he was building a case against me, while we spoke, I would not have even talked to him. I do not believe the policeman followed proper police procedure or considered my input in making a decision about the citation.

The police report used in the hearing was full of mistakes and misinformation.

- 1) The owner of the apartment reported illegal dumping on May 19, 2008, while the apartment Manager allegedly said it took place on June 18, 2008.
- 2) My address in the report is SW 49th Avenue, and I really live at SE 49th Avenue. If the policeman did not take time to make sure his report was without errors, it should have been disallowed. Instead, the mistakes were allowed to be changed and corrected at the time of the hearing.

Finally, the whole case seems to be built on information set forth in the citation that:

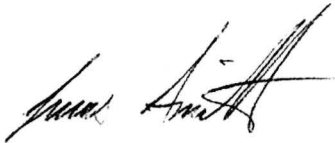
- 1) "I have no garbage service at my home." (however, I do have garbage service at my condominium in Wood Village.)

- 2) "I live in close proximity to the apartments." (so do all my neighbors.)
- 3) "I am 30-35, 170 pounds, with light brown or blond hair." (could describe a lot of people.) and
- 4) "I have a history of dumping garbage in dumpsters without permission." (there is absolutely no prior evidence of citations for this.)

I do not believe that any of these things were validated during the hearing and, therefore, have no basis in proving me guilty. I have done nothing wrong.

I hope you, as Chief Operating Officer of Metro, will see that an injustice has occurred and grant a reversal of this fine or at least allow me to appeal the decision with the "witness" and the apartment owner present.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucas J. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lucas J. Smith

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James Bennett, City Manager
City of Damascus
19920 SE Highway 212
Damascus, OR 97089

Dear Mr. Bennett,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on your appointment as the new Damascus City Manager. I was proud to have been a part of the interview process and believe that you will continue to be a great asset to the region in this position.

Your experience with both planning and city administration will be put to good use in the young and growing community of Damascus. You have a history of participating in all levels of your field and I know I speak for many in the community when I say that I am eager and excited to see how your vision for Damascus will be shaped by your multi-dimensional perspective of the issues at hand. You bring a level of energy and professionalism that will greatly benefit all those involved.

Please consider Metro and myself at your disposal for support and solutions. I look forward to working with you through the challenges and successes that face us in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Rod Park
Metro Councilor
District 1

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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
US Senator-elect
PO Box 33167
Portland OR 97292-3167

December 2, 2008

Dear US Senator-elect Merkley,

Congratulations on your election to the United States Senate. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you.

Congratulations and best wishes,

Rod Park
Metro Councilor, District One

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The Honorable Earl Blumenaur
US House of Representatives
729 NE Oregon St 115
Portland OR 97232

December 2, 2008

Dear US Representative Blumenaur,

Congratulations on your reelection to the United States House of Representatives. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you to better our nation, state, and locality.

Congratulations and best wishes,

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The Honorable Amanda Fritz
City of Portland Commissioner-elect
6820 SW 45TH AVE
Portland OR 97219

December 2, 2008

Dear Commissioner-elect Fritz,

Congratulations on your election as a commissioner of the City of Portland. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you and the City of Portland as colleagues and regional partners.

Congratulations and best wishes,

Rod Park
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The Honorable Kurt Schrader
US House of Representatives
2525 N Baker Dr
Canby OR 97013-8121

December 2, 2008

Dear US Representative-elect Schrader,

Congratulations on your election to the United States House of Representatives. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you to better our nation, state, and locality.

Congratulations and best wishes,

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The Honorable Jefferson Smith
State Representative-elect 47th District
P.O. Box 33718
Portland, OR 97292

December 2, 2008

Dear State Representative-elect Smith,

Congratulations on your election to the Oregon House of Representatives. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you and other members of the House as colleagues and regional partners.

Congratulations and best wishes,

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The Honorable Mike Schaufler
Oregon House of Representatives, 48th District
12910 SE Ridgecrest Rd.
Happy Valley OR 97236

December 2, 2008

Dear State Representative Schaufler,

Congratulations on your election to the Oregon House of Representatives. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you and other members of the House as colleagues and regional partners.

Congratulations and best wishes,

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The Honorable Nick Kahl
State Representative-elect, 49th District
PO BOX 33658
Portland, OR 97292

December 2, 2008

Dear State Representative-elect Kahl,

Congratulations on your election to the Oregon House of Representatives. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you and other members of the House as colleagues and regional partners.

Congratulations and best wishes,

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The Honorable Greg Matthews
State Representative-elect 50th District
2633 SE Vista Wy
Gresham, OR 97080

December 2, 2008

Dear State Representative-elect Matthews

Congratulations on your election to the Oregon House of Representatives. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you and other members of the House as colleagues and regional partners.

Congratulations and best wishes,

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The Honorable Brent Barton
State Representative-elect, 51st District
2236 SE 10th
Portland, OR 97214

December 2, 2008

Dear State Representative-elect Barton,

Congratulations on your election to the Oregon House of Representatives. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you and other members of the House as colleagues and regional partners.

Congratulations and best wishes,

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The Honorable Jackie Dingfelder
State Senator-elect, 23rd District
PO Box 13432
Portland, OR 97213

December 2, 2008

Dear State Senator-elect Dingfelder,

Congratulations on your election to the Oregon State Senate. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you and other Senators as colleagues and regional partners.

Congratulations and best wishes,

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The Honorable Laurie Monnes Anderson
State Senator, 25th District
PO Box 1531
Gresham, OR 97030

December 2, 2008

Dear State Senator Anderson,

Congratulations on your reelection to the Oregon State Senate. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you and other Senators as colleagues and regional partners.

Congratulations and best wishes,

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The Honorable Diane McKeel
Multnomah County Commissioner-elect, District No. 4
PO Box 2044
Fairview, OR 97024

December 2, 2008

Dear County Commissioner-elect McKeel,

Congratulations on your election to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you and the Multnomah County as colleagues and regional partners.

Congratulations and best wishes,

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METRO

The Honorable Paul Thalhoffer
City of Troutdale
104 SE Kibling Avenue
Troutdale, OR 97060-2099

December 18, 2008

Dear Mayor Thalhoffer,

I want to thank you for all the work you have done for the City of Troutdale and the region. I enjoyed working with you as a colleague and regional partner. Your dedication to public service is to be commended and admired. I am thankful for being able to work with such a committed individual. Good luck on all your future endeavors.

Best wishes,

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The Honorable Jim Wright
City of Damascus
15041 SE Ondo Rivera Dr
Damascus, OR 97089

December 2, 2008

Dear Mayor-elect Jim Wright,

Congratulations on your election as Mayor of Damascus. I look forward to the exciting year ahead and working with you and the City of Damascus as colleagues and regional partners.

Congratulations and best wishes,

Rod Park
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The Honorable Dee E Wescott
City of Damascus
19920 SE Highway 212
Damascus, OR 97015

December 18, 2008

Dear Mayor Wescott,

I want to thank you for all the work you have done for the City of Damascus and the region. I enjoyed working with you as a colleague and regional partner. Your dedication to public service is to be commended and admired. I am thankful for being able to work with such a committed individual. Good luck on all your future endeavors.

Best wishes,

Rod Park
Metro Councilor, District One

*Dee, without you, the
city of Damascus would
not have happened!*

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METRO

The Honorable Lonnie Roberts
Multnomah County
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd Rm 600
Portland, OR 97214-3585

December 18, 2008

Dear Commissioner Roberts,

I want to thank you for all the work you have done for Multnomah County and the region. I enjoyed working with you as a colleague and regional partner. Your dedication to public service is to be commended and admired. I am thankful for being able to work with such a committed individual. Good luck on all your future endeavors.

Best wishes,

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METRO

The Honorable Karen Minnis
Oregon House of Representatives
State Capitol 900 Court St NE H-386
Salem, OR 97301

December 18, 2008

Dear Representative Minnis,

I want to thank you for all the work you have done for the State of Oregon and the region. I enjoyed working with you as a colleague and regional partner. Your dedication to public service is to be commended and admired. I am thankful for being able to work with such a committed individual. Good luck on all your future endeavors.

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The Honorable John Lim
Oregon House of Representatives
State Capitol 900 Court St NE H-496
Salem, OR 97301

December 18, 2008

Dear Representative Lim,

I want to thank you for all the work you have done for the State of Oregon, City of Gresham, and the region. I enjoyed working with you as a colleague and regional partner. Your dedication to public service is to be commended and admired. I am thankful for being able to work with such a committed individual. Good luck on all your future endeavors.

Best wishes,

Rod Park
Metro Councilor, District One