

February 15, 2022

Dear County Manager Otto and Chair Bowerman,

As you are aware, recently a historic Mini-Initiative came to the County Council to consider an ordinance that would “ban all mandates within Clark County that discriminate against citizens regarding their health status and or that violates existing rights to health information privacy.”

This effort collected over 11,505 signatures in 57 days, was certified and forwarded to the County Council for a public hearing and a vote.

However, Councilor Lentz took to Facebook on January 20th and put out a video that intentionally mislead the public in violation of Ordinance No. 2017-08-09 and the Code of Ethical Conduct for County Councilors. Specifically, section one states that “[a] councilor should exert a good-faith effort to communicate the full truth about county matters and avoid misleading others or gaining personal advantage.” (emphasis added)

Councilor Lentz put out a six minute video of her reading prepared remarks from a prompter of some sorts. During that video she intentionally mischaracterized the petition ordinance that it would make “mask and vaccine mandates in Clark County illegal.” Her intent to mislead the public is made clear by the fact that her remarks were prepared in advance, and then published after she had time to review or make changes to the video if she desired.

Councilor Lentz chose keep her audience in the dark about the full nature of the ordinance or even mention that aspect or word “discrimination” which was the focus of the ordinance, to prohibit all mandates within Clark County that discriminate against citizens regarding their health status and or that violates existing rights to health information privacy.

As a county councilor, Councilor Lentz has an ethical duty to fully inform the public the “full truth” about the ordinance, especially as one who would sit in the decision seat and vote on this important matter. Not only did Ms. Lentz misinform the public, but she also mobilized people who relied on her false information to act on her behalf to pressure other council members, and push her false claim that the ordinance would make mandates illegal.

Section seven of Ordinance No. 2017-08-09 mandates the creation of a Ethics Review Committee to address Councilor Lentz violation.

“Any councilor charged with violating this code shall be subject to review by an ad hoc Ethics Review Committee consisting of two councilors chosen by a majority of the council and one citizen chosen by the two councilors. The chosen citizen shall chair the review committee. The committee shall investigate the charges

thoroughly by interviews, review of evidence presented and/or by use of a third-party investigator.”

Be it so notified that I, Rob Anderson, as the chief petitioner, am charging Councilor Lentz that she willfully mislead the public by not fully informing the public of the full nature of the Mini-Initiative ordinance and violated Code of Ethical Conduct for Clark County Councilors.

Councilor Lentz intentionally, through prepared statements, released a video that falsely claimed the Mini-Initiative as an ordinance would make “mask and vaccines mandates illegal.” She intentionally mislead the citizens of Clark County to generate opposition to the Mini-Initiative because she knew that if the public knew the full truth about the proposed ordinance then they would support the Mini-Initiative, not oppose it as Councilor Lentz desired.

Please see the below links to the video in question and ordinance containing Code of Ethical Conduct for Clark County Councilors:

https://youtu.be/57Grh8_Gszk

<https://fb.watch/bb7z5fixCf/>

[2017Rules of Procedure Ethics.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)

Respectfully Submitted,



Rob Anderson