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**THIS LETTER CONSTITUTES APPEAL OF THE JULY 28, 2016 SEEC OPINION FOR
CASE NO. 16-1-0714-1**

Director Barnett:

I thank the commission office – Ms. Kate Flack in research and yourself – for having researched my July 13th complaint and issued your opinion today, July 28th. We, the people, rely upon the SEEC for timely address of abuse of city government power and abuse of city public assets. No doubt a limited SEEC budget combined with an overload of corrupt public acts challenges the SEEC. As we all know, justice delayed is justice denied. Particularly in this case wherein the Seattle City Librarian Marcellus Turner and his assigns colluded with the private "nonprofit" The City Club to advantage three and disadvantage six of nine candidates for Congress now listed on our Primary Election ballot. King County Elections mailed ballots on July 13 and balloting will close on August 2nd. The Seattle Public Library (SPL) and The City Club colluded to exclude those six candidates from a Thursday July 14th candidate forum held inside the Downtown Library. This collusion, and SPL's co-sponsorship were operative throughout all days material in this forum's planning and content development. That collusory exclusion by the SPL and The City Club persisted even up until the forum's opening gavel when I and three other excluded candidates continued to demand inclusion. Our demands for inclusion were then denied by SPL employee Valerie Wonder and The City Club's Diane Douglas.

Even the SEEC's incomplete research established that the SPL had indeed "rescinded" (words of SPL's Valerie Wonder to complainant Keller on July 14) co-sponsorship in the "eleventh hour" (words of Exec. Dir. Barnett). Which makes me now ask the SEEC full commission exactly during which "hour" of the day was the SEEC told by SPL that it had rescinded its co-sponsorship? And if City of Seattle co-sponsorship of this forum's discriminatory content was indeed a violation of SMC 2.04.300, then I will ask the full Commission at what late "hour" of SPL's withdrawal would have compelled SEEC to have found for my complaint? The eleventh hour and fifty-ninth minute? What difference does it make anyway! 1.) SPL did collude with The City Club to establish the program to exclusion of six candidates and favor of three. 2.) There was no dissuading the SPL that its co-sponsorship of candidate exclusion was a violation of SMC 2.04.300. Valerie Wonder denied my participation and that of three other excluded yet present candidates up until the very commencement gavel of the July 14th forum when she requested we take seats with the audience. Mission accomplished! The SPL's damage to the excluded candidates was inflicted! And SPL's gift of public assets to three favored candidates was transferred! A gift, by the way, which keeps on giving unto this very day in the form of KIRO TV's website hosting of the video.

Yes, you bet I am "dissatisfied" with your whitewash of this abuse and subsequent cover-up by the Seattle Public Library and The City Club. If you check the SPL website today, you will find this event of July 14th completely scrubbed. If you dig further you will learn that a previously planned posting of event podcast of the event to the SPL's website has also been scuttled in fear that the SPL's sponsorship of the event will be exposed. It is as if this forum never occurred. The SPL has shunted it down Orwell's Memory Hole. It has burned this book! And that does not mean a violation of law and ethics did not occur! Rather it means a cover-up has also been

perpetrated. Actually, I am embarrassed for the full commission and all city charter holders for the incapacity of an Executive Director of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission to identify the central matter of law in this case, even as evidence glares so brightly.

Exhibit A constitutes a collection of public documents produced by the Seattle Public Library on July 25th, pursuant to my Public Records Act request. I have annotated these documents with red text and highlighting to direct attention of investigators to ample evidence of SPL event co-sponsorship and program development constituting a violation of SMC 2.04.300. I hereby incorporate Exhibit A in my Appeal.

Additionally, I call attention to your error of fact. The SPL and City Club signed the “Facility Use Agreement” (Exhibit “B”) on the very day of the forum, July 14th; not on July 13th as you cite. I hereby incorporate Exhibit B in my Appeal.

I appeal to the Full Commission.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Keller". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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