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Unresolved Governance Matters Requiring Response

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Comment Subject

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I want to follow up on three governance matters that I have been seeking answers to for several weeks, that remain unresolved, and for which I still have not received answers or any substantive response from the Mayor.

First, the Library Levy process. Idaho law provided the City an opportunity to evaluate whether Bellevue's inclusion in the proposed library district was in the best interest of library services and to act within a specific statutory timeframe if it was not. The decision also carried a direct property-tax consequence for Bellevue residents.

I have repeatedly asked for the City's documentation showing what analysis was performed — including the service, financial, and statutory considerations evaluated before Bellevue residents were subjected to the new levy. The purpose of that request is simple: to establish that residents received the due diligence they should reasonably expect from their City before an additional tax obligation was allowed to take effect.

I have not received that documentation or a substantive response.

Second, the City's publication of claims regarding my alleged social media activity playing a primary role in an employee's decision to quit. The City Clerk has now confirmed that the City has no documents substantiating any social media activity, those claims or supporting their publication. Yet the City published the allegations as factual, included information that most organizations would treat as confidential employee information, and continues to maintain those unsupported claims in its public materials.

This is particularly concerning because the claims originated from a source the Mayor already knew had previously misrepresented statements I made — statements that were subsequently refuted by video evidence. That history makes the absence of verification before publishing new allegations even more serious. I have asked what factual basis, review, or due diligence supported the City's decision to publish this material, and I have received no response.

Third, the City's position that allowing elected Council members to receive or review residents' Public Comments and Report an Issue correspondence creates a "conflict of interest." I have repeatedly asked the City to identify the legal authority, policy, ethical rule, or other basis for that position. To date, the City has produced none.

That is a significant governance issue. Residents submit these communications to their City government, yet elected representatives are being denied access to them based on an asserted conflict that the City has so far been unable to substantiate. If there is a lawful basis for restricting Council access to resident communications, it should be identified clearly. If there is not, then the practice itself, and the source of authority that instructed the City Clerk to conduct City business in such a way needs to be addressed.

These are not minor administrative questions. They concern transparency, due process, Council access to resident communications, responsible use of the City's publishing authority, and accountability for information presented to the public as fact.

These matters have now been raised repeatedly and remain unresolved.

I am requesting written responses to each of these three governance issues, including the documentation or legal basis supporting the City's position where applicable.

I would also ask that the City provide a clear timeframe for when those responses will be provided so that residents can understand when these outstanding matters will finally be addressed.

Signature

I agree that the facts stated in this submission are true, and upon changes I will provide notification as needed.

Electronically Signed

Suzanne Wrede - 09/14/2026 3:48 pm