

**David Madore**

August 3 at 7:03pm · Edited ·

Even more transparency – the Contracts Grid is online:

When we gave the Freeholders a chance to give citizens more control over their county government, the liberal majority did the opposite. They gave government more control over citizens and sought to diminish the role of elected representatives.

“Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes;”[http://www.founding.com/the\\_declaration.../id.2483/default.asp](http://www.founding.com/the_declaration.../id.2483/default.asp)

Yet after 125 years, our county government, of the people, by the people, for the people, was traded for a government of the professionals, by the professionals, for the professionals. Our longstanding system of checks and balance safeguards were removed and exposed citizens to threats that, unless countered, would be disastrous.

The Charter hands powers that used to belong to the people to an unelected executive, including this: “Sign or cause to be signed on behalf of the county all deeds, contracts and instruments not otherwise reserved to others by this charter or state law.” 3.2.B.7

[http://www.clark.wa.gov/fre.../documents/BOFCharter\\_052714.pdf](http://www.clark.wa.gov/fre.../documents/BOFCharter_052714.pdf)

Rather than forfeiting the authority of the people, we passed an ordinance that requires all contracts to be posted on a new Contracts Grid first. See the new button on our home page at <http://clark.wa.gov>.<http://clark.wa.gov/contracts-grid/>

That ordinance shines a light on all contracts for all citizens and commissioners for 7 days before they can be signed. During that time, if any commissioner requests, that contract must be approved by a majority of commissioners before it can be signed.

<http://www.codepublishing.com/.../clarkco.../clarkco0209010.html>

Thanks to County Manager Mark McCauley and his terrific Executive Assistant Tina Redline for working with IT to successfully launch the Contracts Grid!

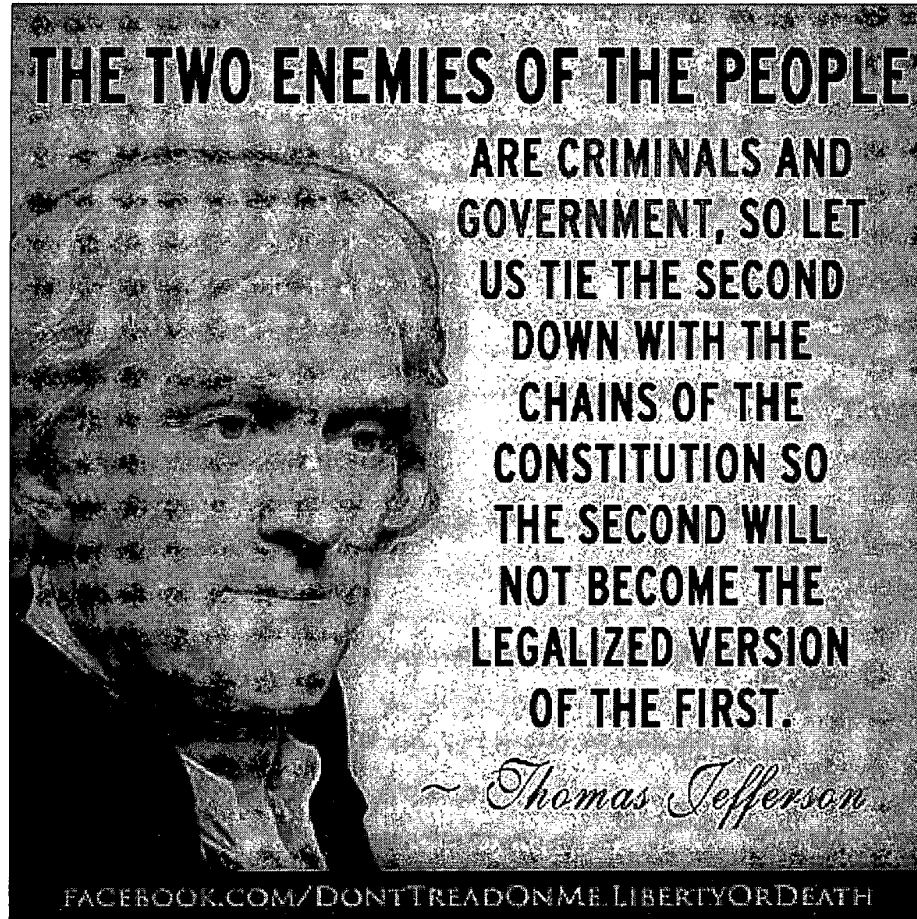
Because men are not angels, Thomas Jefferson said “bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.” This Charter removed important chains.

At present, we have an honorable County Manager, professional staff, and County Commissioners that recognize the citizens as our boss. But as history teaches, there will come a time when less honorable characters will fill these positions and the Charter has exposed us to their mischief.

Step by step, as we implement the Charter, we will prudently work to protect the citizens from a government that could otherwise exploit the citizens. The responsibility has fallen to us to vigilantly defend our community from unchecked power as Abraham Lincoln said “that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

<http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/.../speech.../gettysburg.htm>





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**Marcus Griffith** Mr. David Madore, given your often repeated claims of transparency, you seem quite resistant to releasing documents related to your public office.

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**David Madore** Marcus Griffith, please elaborate with specifics so I can understand what you are talking about. Thanks

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**Marcus Griffith** There are several pending public records request, including one filed directly with you that you have neither responded to nor satisfied. For a person who runs on a platform of government transparency, you seem resistant to the public being informed of your actions related to public business.

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**David Madore** Marcus Griffith, no Responsive Records means that whatever public records you requested, do not exist.

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**Marcus Griffith** So you are saying you have no records related to your public office contained on social media? Curious. I have emails of yours that you admit you do.

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**David Madore** Marcus Griffith, the county has a Facebook account. This is not it. As you can see, this is my campaign page and served as my campaign page before I was elected last time. Setting my Facebook to public, is not the same as government ownership.

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**David Madore** You may be able to make a case better by asking C-Tran for the hate site records that Chuck Green administered at public expense using his C-Tran office and salary. He is on record stating that the administration of that site was part of his official C-Tran duties. I have those records if you want those.

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**Marcus Griffith** But you are admitting that you have Facebook messages that exists that pertain to your public office? You merely claim those records are "private" even through they contain topics of public business? If it seems I'm needing you about this point, pleas... See More

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**David Madore** Marcus Griffith, your attacks on private property rights and freedom of speech undermine our most fundamental rights. You can hand your rights over to the government if you wish. But the government shall not own my freedom of speech as expressed in this private property.

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**Marcus Griffith** Mr. Madore, I object to your characterization of seeking to be informed of public matters as an "attack" of any kind. Also you statements in this post differ quite significantly from statements your made to and about elected officials in previous matte... See More

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**Chuck Green** Councilor Madore: as to being "on record stating that the administration of that site was part of his official C-Tran duties", to which public record are you referring? I have no record of making such a statement. C-TRAN Board meeting minutes? Techn... See More

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**David Madore** Chuck Green, You and I both know that you documented those facts via Facebook messages behind the scenes that you sent to me and others. But once you send Facebook messages, others can save and share those with others before you delete them as you have. The question to you is this: Is it true? A simple yes or no would suffice.

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**Chuck Green** Councilor Madore: as with you, I have a number of private Facebook message exchanges, including one with you from April 2014. I don't delete these nor do I delete Facebook posts. Your claim was that I am on public record as making a statement. You a... See More

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**David Madore** Chuck Green, you keep filtering your denial with "on the public record". Your statements were made in private Facebook messages. Are you saying that you did not inform me via private Facebook message that part of your C-Tran duties were to administer t... See More

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**Chuck Green** Councilor Madore - I'm sorry you feel a need to continue to redirect my request. I never sent you any such message. I'd be happy to post here my entire record of communications with you via our private message exchange.

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**David Madore** Chuck Green, thank you for answering No to each of those questions. Stay tuned.

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**Marcus Griffith** Mr. Madore, are you claiming a public interest in a public employee's social media messages in the Chuck Green matter while claiming any such public interest in your social media messages is an "assault on private property rights." How are the matters different?

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**David Madore** Marcus Griffith, the difference is simple. This Facebook page is defined as a newspaper. It remains an example of private property controlled by its sole owner.

In contrast, the business of the county is conducted by the actions of the elected representatives in open public meetings deliberating with each other and voting to conduct that public business. An electronic newspaper is no such thing.

Fascism is government control over private property. Freedom of the press is specifically protected by our 1st Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Is a staff member getting paid by C-Tran to moderate a group site using a C-Tran office and C-Tran resources to discredit an elected official charged with the responsibility of directing that agency, the same as a person using his own resources and private property as an online newspaper?

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**Marcus Griffith** Mr. Madore, I'm not sure anyone seriously "defines" your social media page as a "newspaper." Not you. Not Facebook. Not the Washington State Department of Revenue. In this thread alone you have described it as an aspect of your campaign. And, as you are well aware, even if one was to consider your social media page a "newspaper," the use of it to conduct public business would still be troubling.

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**Marcus Griffith** Mr. Madore, perhaps this back-and-forth messaging system isn't the best venue for this discussion. Clearly you and I hold differing positions regarding the intersection of social media and public records---it's an area that multiple government officials and agencies are trying to sort out as technology continues to evolve. However, at this point, it's just that: a difference of opinion that is being addressed, slowly, but addressed. As for the Chuck Green matter, I don't know enough to comment either way but it seems you, as a member of the C-TRAN Board of Directors, are in a prime position to address.

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**David Madore** Marcus Griffith, the Chuck Green practice was discontinued last year and appears to no longer be a problem since he is not using C-Tran time or resources to administer that site anymore.

We must be very careful about granting government control over n... See More

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**Marcus Griffith** Mr. Madore, you keep referring to "government" as if you weren't part of government. You are aware your position as an elected official is a critical factor in assessing if your records are public records or not?

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**David Madore** Marcus, we are all part of the government, some more than others. That is not the point. We each have private property that was not provided by the government nor subject to the direct control of government.

Though none can or ought to force us, I choose to support community and to not support hatred with my private property and freedom of speech. I will not side with anyone or any group who would pollute my site with hatred, character attacks, or the politics of personal destruction that undermines community.

No one knows the heart or the motives of another. Yet, the haters at the hate site specialize in that destructive prejudice as the norm. Hate is stupid. It is not welcome here. If ever the government infringes on the rights of citizens by forcing such hate to pollute our Facebook pages, I would rather abandon it altogether.

8/10/2015

David Madore

Hate is stupid. Good will and decency is a requirement on this page. All others will have to post elsewhere.

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