



Press Talk: Madore World is crumbling



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Councilor David Madore, right, lectures Chair Marc Boldt about appropriate emotions. (Natalie Behring/ The Columbian)

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County Councilor David Madore is finished.



Surely, he must know it.

Oh, he could very well finish out his term this year, but his inappropriate behavior at Tuesday's meeting should end all debate about whether this character is off the rails.

He is.

And I see no political path forward for him.

When I wrote a column about his being off the rails a few weeks ago, I had no idea a human being could get worse.

Now I know.

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Lou Brancaccio is The Columbian's editor

Today, Madore would fit right in with his local right-wing political blogger buddies: cheap shots, name-calling, trying to rally his radical base.

His credibility now is approximately squadoosh. It's unlikely he'll be able to whamboozle us much longer.

Marc Boldt chokes up at count...

A new low

In a political career — albeit a short one — listing numerous lowlights, Madore now has achieved a new low. And it happened at Tuesday's council meeting.

For those of you not following along, Madore has been trying to ram through the council his vision of how a brave, new Clark County should look

Let's call it Madore World

Instead of adhering to acceptable standards of growth — which concentrates development in and around urban areas

— he wants to increase growth in rural areas. The problem — of course — with this concept is, services like fire, police, water, sewer, electricity don't easily reach into the rural areas.

Professional land-use planners — like we have in our county government — get this. Madore doesn't. So Madore invented his own growth plan — contrary to our professional planners — to open the floodgates out there.

But Madore had a problem. No one except some rural landowners bought it. It was goofy. He wasn't quite sure how to gain traction on Madore World. He tried yakking about it on his Facebook page, but, really, who cares? So he stepped up his game. He played the conspiracy card.

As one of our best reporters — Kaitlin Gillespie — put it in her story, Madore *"accused county planning staff of having an 'anti-rural growth agenda,' of using 'covert software' and of manipulating records to 'grossly inflate' the number of developable lots in rural Clark County."*

But Community Planning Director Oliver Orjiako was having none of it. With tension and disdain in his voice, he shot back.

"Do not, sir, falsely accuse planning staff of denial or covertly presenting information."

Think about what I said just happened. A county department head is telling off a county councilor. Unheard of. Yet there it was.

Other staffers began to get into Madore's face, as well. They had had it with Madore's nonsense. But it was County Council Chair Marc Boldt who finished Madore off. And he did it softly.

He did it with tears.

Boldt, you see, is a super nice guy. He's soft-spoken and kind. A gentle man. He's also a supporter of county workers. Boldt is not your slick politician who tries to manipulate you or take advantage of you by citing *"Robert's Rules of Order."*

Boldt is a working stiff. He's farmed much of his life, and on occasion drives a truck to pay the bills. He closely identifies with county workers.

So when Madore tore down county workers, Boldt became emotional. With his voice breaking and his eyes welling, he spoke to Madore.

"As we move on, I would wish that we would come together and stop being so mean to each other."

Madore, who sits next to Boldt at council meetings, is often seen looking down, writing notes when others are speaking. But as Boldt's voice cracked, as he began crying, Madore looked up.

It would be an opportunity for Madore to reach out, to extend a hand, to agree that enough is enough.

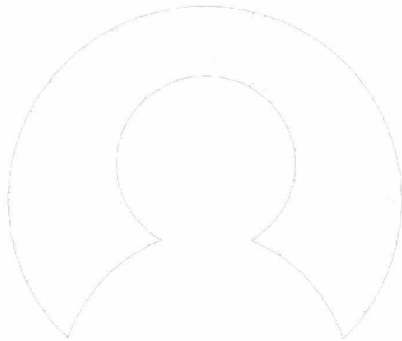
Instead he opted for a decidedly different approach.

"The tears are not ours because somehow we're not getting along," Madore would declare. "The tears are for the families that are losing their property rights for their children. Now those are the appropriate tears."

Stiff. Unemotional. Bitter.

He essentially labeled Boldt's emotional plea, his tears, inappropriate.

It was an opportunity lost, and, I suspect, one that Madore will never recover from. Because with that piece of inhumane chatter, Madore World is crumbling.



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Alex Reinhold · Research Leader at Pawsitive Places

Since Madore is finished does thta mean the Columbian will go back to reporting news rather than anti-Madore opinion pieces?

Reply · 👍 1 · 21 hrs



Pat Anderson

I and a friend (who owns property on the Rural side of the Urban Boundary) attended the Ridgefield open House on Alt 4 in November 2015. At that time she discovered that her property will remain in

the Vancouver Urban Reserve for another 20 years. We asked Oliver Orjiako (The Commiunity Planning Director) how she could get out of the Urban Reserve. He chose to sheepishly walk away from us. We asked again, Mr. Orjiako said she would need to hire an attorney to sue the City Vancouver to be removed from the Urban Reserve (gray area on the maps, a no build area). Yes, the County Planners are anti-rural growth and are forcing rural property owners into lawsuits.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 11:49pm



Neil Rylander

Maybe everyone needs to stop responding to this David Clark fellow. If he gets no response then maybe he'll figure out nobody is listening. Until then this pointless conversation continues. Reasonable people know Clark County has a very good group of public employees working for them. We may not all agree all the time about results, but as a retired homebuilder, I worked with the building department for many many years and they always treated me with respect. I wasn't a developer, just built homes on developed lots. I respect the folks at CC Building Dept and those associated in planning, ect. They do not deserved to be trashed.

Reply · 3 · Feb 27, 2016 8:29pm



Bob Burda · Brush Prairie, Washington

There are no laws or actions in or by Clark county that exist or being proposed that would prevent any rural property owners from giving their property to their children. That's what parents do. And that in itself would be a great gift. I guess he trusts and expects his God to make his followers rich just like David.

Lou's perspective on Madore's comments are spot on!

Reply · 2 · Feb 27, 2016 7:17pm



Edward Sullivan

All of the Portland, Metro and TriMet planning concepts have been a disaster. Vancouver is derelict in believing they are a model to follow. The "centers and corridors", "transit oriented development"and mixed use" strategies have failed miserably and they all know it behind the scenes. They are covering up their failure by pushing for more of it.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 6:18pm



Tom Gibson · Camas, Washington

Maybe instead of repeating Koch authored jingoisms you could explain why the same planning models in use around the world, international standards, don't apply in your parallel universe?

Reply · 3 · Feb 27, 2016 6:39pm



David Clark

Tom Gibson, those same plans are making housing unaffordable all around the world. Experts recognize this, planners have their head in the sand:

Seattle Times: Rules add \$200,000 to Seattle house price

http://seattletimes.com/.../2004335618_reagandunn09.html
<http://depts.washington.edu/teclass/landuse/Seattle.pdf>

From Obama's chief economic advisor:

"Basic economic theory predicts—and many empirical studies confirm—that housing markets in which supply cannot keep up with demand will see housing prices rise. Mayer and Somerville (2000) conclude that land use regulation and levels of new housing construction are inversely correlated, with the ability of housing supply to expand to meet greater demand being much lower in the most heavily regulated metro areas. Quigley and Raphael (2005) show that new construction is not as prevalent in areas characterized by growth restrictions. Glaeser and Ward (2009) found that an increase of one acre in a Greater Boston town's average minimum lot size is associated with about 40 percent fewer new permits." https://www.whitehouse.gov/.../20151120_barriers_shared...

Nobel Winning Economist, Paul Krugman: "But in the Zoned Zone, which lies along the coasts, a combination of high population density and land-use restrictions - hence "zoned" - makes it hard to build new houses."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/08/08/opinion/08krugman.html>

In a sample covering more than 300 cities in the US from January 2000 to July 2009, we find that more restrictive residential land use regulations and geographic land constraints are linked to larger booms and busts in housing prices *Journal of Urban Economics* <http://www.bowdoin.edu/~ytang/Huang-Tang-Aug-2011.pdf>

The Impact of Zoning on Housing Affordability, Harvard Institute of Economic Research
<http://www.debunkingportland.com/docs/HIER1948.pdf>

High density costs 300% cost of sprawl:

http://www.debunkingportland.com/high_rise_cost.html

This video lays it all out: https://youtu.be/SM_1_PI7loo

also: <https://youtu.be/HgSt6JOWaQc>

Reply · 17 hrs · Edited



David Clark

Note to Mike Dalesandro: I would like to point out a mistake you are making when you ask people to quit the name calling and personal attacks: you NOT dealing with ordinary people, you are dealing with a small group of county employees that are 1) scared Madore might eliminate their do-nothing jobs, 2) they resent Madore actually expecting them to work for the citizens instead of their own empire, 3) might actually let the people have a say about their pay rate.

Other components of the group of haters are those who didn't get to make millions fleeing the citizens for light rail.

Then there are the zealots who think the government knows better than the citizens as to how the

people should live and where they should live and how they should travel - the "smart growth"; "new urbanism"; and Sierra Klub types.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 6:02pm



John M. Kowalski · Camas, Washington

You're wrong. And not disclosing your personal interests, as usual.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 11:54pm



David Clark

John M. Kowalski -- " And not disclosing your personal interests"

ME --- What are your personal interests - making money from light rail? - a cushy job in the bureaucracy? a "smart growth" believer? or just a someone who likes to dictate how others live?

BTW, my ONLY financial interest is paying taxes and low cost housing. I make NO MONEY in any form from this. Can you say the same?

Reply · 17 hrs



Edward Sullivan

Boy you really do have some haywire people insisting that Portland's failed concepts are the only options.

The wholesale deceit and smear merchant methods to do so are right out of Portland's aging play book.

Alternative 4 was the th eonly reasonable and thoughtful choice. Yet the Columbian and density deceivers mendacioulsy cast it as some sort of raping of rural clark county landscape.

These unscrupulous tactics are why the Portland region is significantly under performing similar regions around the county and why even Portland neighborhoods are screaming about their neighborhoods being ruined and at the same time made unaffordable.

For decades while preventing the boogeyman sprawl has been the excuse for needlessly cramming communities with excessive density the smart growth concept have produced the worst sprawl possible.

The result has been both urban and suburban communities being filled by density what neither suits the old or the new approaches.

It's foolish and dishonest alternative that is not preferable.

It is chaos that has failed miserably to produce the requisite quantity of new walkers, bikers and transit riders needed to make the visionary theory become reality.

When the objectives do not materialize the plan sucks.

Yet Metro, TriMet and every municipal and county planner in sight continues insisting on more of the same and that all other options and alternatives are unworthy of consideration.

You zero growth connivers are ruining communities.

Madrone and Mielke are clearly the solid thinkers in Clark County

Madore and others are clearly the best thinkers in Clark County.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 4:58pm



Edward Sullivan

Is that vague insinuation supposed to mean something that you can't seem to spit out?

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 6:09pm



David Clark

Here is how government planners are making housing unaffordable and seriously hurting society:

<https://youtu.be/HgSt6JOWaQc>

https://youtu.be/SM_1_PI7loo

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 3:39pm



George Thomas

Following the laws and having a healthy and just society does cost money, that's true, David. What do you want Mexico or Norway as a model for America's future? It is obvious that to have a really great and good culture we do have to tax ourselves. Otherwise we get Mexico.

Reply · 4 · Feb 27, 2016 3:54pm



Thom Rasmussen · Salmon Creek, Washington

Really? The American Dream Coalition? What a bunch of clowns. David, you should be embarrassed to even bring that up. What do you say you try to stick to the subject, huh?

Reply · 3 · Feb 27, 2016 4:49pm



David Clark

Thom Rasmussen --"what a bunch of clowns"

ME --- Please be specific. What did they say that is not true?

(I realize that what they say, will cut into the income of the corrupt insiders that suck off the taxpayers and they show that planners are generally incompetent ideologues that are hurting people on a massive scale.)

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 8:47pm



David Clark

George Thomas – "...having a healthy and just society does cost money, that's true, David. ME — The dictates of planners NO NOT give a healthy and just society. A just society does not dictate how people use their own land. A just society DOES NOT try to get people to waste time and money on mass transit. A Just society DOES NOT seek to make housing unaffordable. Those are things that modern planners do and they are harming people.

George Thomas – " What do you want Mexico or Norway as a model for America's future?

ME — How about what made America the envy of the world (we build fences to

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Reply · Feb 27, 2016 8:53pm



Nick Ruark · Vancouver, Washington

From today's (02/27/16) "Cheers and Jeers" column in the Columbian:

"Jeers: To David Madore. The Clark County councilor just might have topped himself this week when it comes to jaw-dropping, head-scratching proclamations. Talking about county hiring practices, Madore said: "Our previous administrator (Bill Barron) appointed a director without opening it up and someone else (Anita Largent) sued for discrimination because the opportunity was not afforded her."

Lest anybody forget, it was Madore and fellow Councilor Tom Mielke who pushed through the appointment of Don Benton as environmental services director while ignoring standard hiring policy. Trying to place the blame for the hiring on Barron is an affront to common sense and reflects an expectation that voters have faulty memories."

I suggest Clark County voters should and can show Madore how "faulty" their memory is come this November by refusing to re-elect him and forever terminating the "services" of this so-called "Councilor".

Reply · 3 · Feb 27, 2016 3:15pm



David Clark

Nick, better read this:

And when asked to interview Benton for the position, Barron explained there was little point as the commissioners had clearly reached a decision.

"I can't learn anything more than what you've already said about him, so there is no use in me interviewing him," Barron said. "If you want him for the job, I will just start the process. It doesn't look good for me to interview him. You are obliterating every process we've had for 14 years."

<http://www.columbian.com/.../madore-mielke-tap-benton-top...>

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 8:55pm



Nick Ruark · Vancouver, Washington

It's obvious that Mr. Clark failed to read (and actually comprehend) the last sentence of the quote he posted from the Columbian of what Mr. Barron thought about Benton's hiring. And, he also seems to conveniently forget that Mr. Barron had little choice in the Benton matter since he (Barron) served at the will of the Council. Try sharing something a little more accurate next time, Mr. Clark.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 9:18pm



David Clark

Nick Ruark, the fact remains that Barron made the decision.

Reply · 17 hrs · Edited



Nick Ruark · Vancouver, Washington

While Barron did hire Mr. Benton, it was only because he was ordered to do so by his

While Barron did fire Mr. Benton, it was only because he was ordered to do so by his bosses, Madore and Mielke. Not doing so could have resulted in Barron being terminated for insubordination.

Reply · 10 hrs



George Thomas

Also, speaking of Madore, did anyone catch the article today in which Benton rhapsodized over the return of the monitoring of water in the county? Let me see, the monitoring was suspended in 2013 because it was too expensive. And at the same time, Madore was giving huge tax breaks that cut into country services to his wealthy friends. Now let's consider that further. Does that mean that Madore put his personal idiosyncrotic ideas about government above the welfare of all the people in Clark County? That's something to shed tears over. There's a reason that wealthy misfits want to downsize good government and strong regulations, isn't there?

Reply ·  6 · Feb 27, 2016 2:31pm



John Burke · Vancouver, Washington

"He [Madore] essentially labeled Boldt's emotional plea, his tears, inappropriate."

Appropriateness is, of course, subjective.

Madore was standing for the property rights of rural landowners. He believes the that land use policy being implimented by the county, and the state, fails to adequately protect this.

It might be considered appropriate to have (something like) a _balanced_ analysis of this claim. "Balanced" means taking account of _both_ sides of the argument.

This column -- and, most of the commentary that follows -- shows no interest in (anything like) this. Here's what Lou and these commentators regard as "appropriate":

* Lou's column begins with an extended, Trump-like, denunciation of Madore -- he's "finished", he's "off the rails", he's hit "a new low".

* Eventually, Lou gets to the nature of Madore's supposed transgression: "Instead of adhering to acceptable standards of growth — which concentrates development in and around urban areas — he [Madore] wants to increase growth in rural areas." A _balanced_ journalistic account would regard this as an appropriate policy _disagreement_. Lou's "opinion" -- along with most of the commentators here -- is that _disagreement_ is unacceptable, or as they call it, "inappropriate".

* Madore is attacked for having "'accused county planning staff of having an 'anti-rural growth agenda,' of using 'covert software' and of manipulating records to 'grossly inflate' the number of developable lots in rural Clark County." Do we get anything like an investigation of this charge? Nope. Remember, Lou's opinion is that disagreement with the planning regime is "inappropriate". Who needs (anything like) a balanced inquiry when you have (again) a Trump-like attitude of dismissiveness.

* Refutation of Madore is left to the county planners, who tell us that Madore's claims are "false". They -- like Madore -- are, of course, biased. It would be good -- dare I say it, "appropriate" -- if we could have a balanced inquiry into this matter. But, remember, since disagreement with the planning regime is to be regarded as "inappropriate", there will be none of that. And so there isn't.

* Boldt's tears are instead used as the ultimate refutation of Madore's position. According to Boldt -- and Lou -- the property rights of rural landowners count for little compared to the esteem of the planners, and Boldt's tender, tender, feelings. There was a time when crying would have been regarded as "inappropriate"-- at best, a lapse from normal adult standards of behavior; at worst, hysterical and emotionally manipulative, a poor excuse for the absence of rational discourse. Lou's effort at rendering Boldt's childlike tears as "appropriate" shows that how much that standard has been inverted.

* BTW, There is one small prize at the bottom of this otherwise dimly Alinskyesque Craker-Jack box: Former County Chair candidate Mike Dalesandro (a former political opponent of Madore's) offers a commentary here condemning personal attacks and seeking, instead, criticism focused on policy rather than personality. But, hey, that's no fun! So for his efforts at arguing for what-at-one-time-would-have-been-considered "appropriate" standards of discourse, Dalesandro was criticized for "creating a false equivalency" and, in the opinion of another commentor, for wrongly seeking to "separate the policy from the man".

Trump laughs! Why not? It's his world. We just live in it. Thanks to Lou and all the commentors -- except Mike Dalesandro -- for providing yet another illustration of this.

Reply ·  1 · Feb 27, 2016 2:31pm



Mike Schroetke

Way off base as usual Mr. Burke but I'm sure the minority that you pander to enjoyed your post, if they were able to peel their eyes way from FoxNews long enough to read it.

Reply ·  7 · Feb 27, 2016 2:56pm



John Burke · Vancouver, Washington

Mike Schroetke: I exist to displease the majority. Indeed, I take pride in it. Thanks for noticing. But I gotta go! I have to get back to not watching Fox News...waaaaay too tabloid for my tastes. And, then, there's their reflexive contempt for (anything like) a liberty-friendly conservatism..

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 6:00pm



Thom Rasmussen · Salmon Creek, Washington

* Lou's column begins with an extended, Trump-like, denunciation of Madore -- he's "finished", he's "off the rails", he's hit "a new low".

He_is_finished. He_is_a_loser. He_is_off_the_rails_and_has_hit_a_new_low.
Your_only_problem_is_after_he_and_Meilke_are_gone,_who_are_you_going_to_root_for
? Maybe_you_and_David_Clark_can_form_a_club. Annoying_isn't_it?

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 6:53pm · Edited



John Burke · Vancouver, Washington

Thom Rasmussen: Yes, you are annoying...and not especially insightful, (you're reply doesn't refute my point but, instead, further validates it -- Lou and you'll are, obdurately, not considering both sides of this matter)...or even original (mimicing Trump? Really?).

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 8:55pm



John M. Kowalski · Camas, Washington

"Madore was standing for the property rights of rural landowners. "

No he wasn't.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 11:56pm



John Burke · Vancouver, Washington

John M. Kowalski: To quote from Monty Python's Argument sketch: "An argument is a connected series of statements intended to establish a proposition....Argument is an intellectual process. Contradiction is just the automatic gainsaying of anything the other person says."

As always John, your contributions illuminate nothing except the triumph of your willfulness over anything like a coherent thought. All the more so here because you don't even believe in property rights or, if John Locke is correct, anything like rights inherent to the individual at all.

Reply · Feb 28, 2016 1:26am



George Thomas

Did anyone notice that in Madore's quoted material, he used the "King's plural"? Instead of saying "my tears..." he said "our tears". Royalty used to use that plural form when speaking of themselves. Another twist to that is psychological. Back when I drank a lot, I used to use the "plural form" of "you." Like in, "You know? When you're failing, you really feel lousy." Of course I would be talking about myself but ducking totally that I was describing my own feelings. Later, I realized that the verbal tactic was a detachment from myself and inability to catch my true feelings at work. I suspect [psychobabble alert] that Madore is a person incapable of looking at how his feelings aren't his own and how cruel and detached a person he is. But religion can often do that to a person. If one knows he's born a sinner, yet has grandiose notions about himself, of course, he can't let the truth of his evil nature spoil his high faluting thoughts about himself. Thus, speak in the "royal plural" and don't own your feelings with "I".

Reply ·  3 · Feb 27, 2016 2:22pm



Tom Gibson · Camas, Washington

Madore isn't finished yet. Now he has some 40 plus churches that he is coordinating with at his business headquarters to achieve his political goals. I expect we will be reading about that in the next couple of years and how much those people regret hitching their wagon to someone whose mulish behavior destroyed everything else they were working on.

Reply ·  4 · Feb 27, 2016 1:04pm



David Clark

Tom, quit lying about David - he has has been giving free office space & services to churches for many years. He just recently expanded the space.

You appear to need a reminder of what David has done:

He found money for 8 more deputies

He found money for upgrading Sheriff systems

He made parks free

He found money for lifeguards.

He started broadcasting C-Tran meetings

He started broadcasting RTC meetings

He posted the county checkbook so you can see where your money is going

He eliminated job destroying fees on job creators... See More

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 2:29pm · Edited



Mike Schroetke

David Clark, what is it like to have so much of your lipstick on David Madores backside.

Reply ·  8 · Feb 27, 2016 2:52pm



Liz Burnside

I'm surprised these churches would get into the middle of this mess. I've been saying for years they should pay taxes just like everyone else. What makes them so special? and Immune?

Reply ·  7 · Feb 27, 2016 3:05pm



George Thomas

David Clark Yep, and he cut water monitoring for the county water because we couldn't afford it. And parks are falling apart because upkeep staffs were cut in half and could no longer service the free parks. We are a growing and thriving county and nation. If we want to begin to take care of all those who capitalism leaves behind so that a few can be obscenely wealthy, we will have to increase taxes to meet our deficits. If we want to live as well and happily as citizens in Europe we must increase our taxes, specially on the rich who benefit most from the situation as it is. America in some places is beginning to look like a third world nation. If, somehow, you live in isolation—say in rural escape homes—you may not be seeing the tent homes on the streets of our cities, block after block of them. Walmart's and Poppa John's and McDonald's wage rates create this poverty, put people in situations where one illness, one accident can put them on the street. Capitalism is failing as badly as Communism failed when it comes to maintaining a healthy, just and safe society. Guys like Madore are one issue people...no more taxes...and, of course, we are reaping the consequences of those selfish priorities. Of course it takes more police officers to monitor the unsafe urban situations that capitalism and constant tax cuts that Eyeman and his wealthy backers create. As it is, our wealthy people earn such outlandish sums that European owners and CEOs are in shock. And, not to forget, the money sucked out of

wage earners wages go directly into stock dividends for the wealthy and into the pockets of unscrupulous owners of corps like Pappa Johns or Walmart. Time to take back some of that money by soaking the wealthy.

Reply ·  4 · Feb 27, 2016 3:16pm



Chris Prothero · Columbia Basin College

David Clark You're completely foolish if you think he hired deputies, made parks "free" and all that other things you listed and it cost nothing. There's no such thing as a free lunch. Pull your head out of the sand.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 4:49pm



Tom Hill · Works at Self-Employed

Mike Schroetke and get your lipstick off Boldts backside! He was offering his opinion

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 5:44pm



Kurt Wolfe · Father Confessor at Church of Kurt

Liz Burnside I agree churches should pay taxes. And if these churches he's organizing start to get into politics, I believe they would be in violation of IRS code.

Reply ·  1 · Feb 27, 2016 6:23pm



Rory Bowman

Isn't part of the deal with Madore's "guests" that they give him full access to their books, including their list of donors? I'd love to see more of the details on all this "free" space he is supposedly giving, but I won't, because he operates almost exactly like most tribal chieftans or crime bosses. The man is, at best, a sociopath or grifter.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 6:28pm



Mike Yancey · Clark College -- Vancouver, Washington

David Clark And you forgot he brainwashed you into his Kingdom.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 6:46pm



David Clark

Mike Schroetke ---"David Clark, what is it like to have so much of your lipstick on David Madores backside."

ME--- Why do you hate successful people that improved the sheriff's department, made parks free, added life guards, made government more open, increased jobs and lowered taxes?

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 10:05pm · Edited



David Clark

George Thomas ---", we will have to increase taxes to meet our deficits. "

ME- How much of that tax money do you expect to put in you pocket?

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 9:05pm



Liz Burnside



TJ, I had to laugh at Trump insisting the IRS audits him every year because he's such a "strong christian"....I do believe that's the most enormous lie ever since Daddy Bush saying "Read my lips! No new taxes!"....of course, Trump's bankruptcies and complicated financial maneuverings wouldn't have anything to do with it.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 9:28pm



David Clark

George Thomas ---"the money sucked out of wage earners wages go directly into stock dividends for the wealthy"

ME --- and to union pension funds and average joe's 401k

Reply · 17 hrs



Carolyn Crain · Western Business College, Portland, OR

There is a clinical diagnoses for some one who has zero empathy. A flatline of any feelings in the heart and soul towards another person who is distressed. We have seen it in full view now.

Reply · 8 · Feb 27, 2016 12:17pm



Christine Blackford

Several clinical diagnoses...

Reply · 1 · Feb 27, 2016 2:06pm · Edited



Kurt Wolfe · Father Confessor at Church of Kurt

Sociopath is maybe the term you're looking for? It fits him.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 6:24pm



Ed Rutledge · Salem, Oregon

A gift of the CCGOP.

Its a Mad Mad .. Mad...ore world!

Reply · 4 · Feb 27, 2016 11:37am



Christine Blackford

My opinion- Name calling does no ultimate good. But it does help to get rid of built up tensions. It is like vomiting after food poisoning. Vomiting helps the body to fight and rid itself of a pathogenic organism; or like the pus around a splinter prior to being ejected from the skin of a healthy person. There is a place for pus...once the pathogen is evacuated, the body can heal. Dave has demeaned, belittled us all and his agenda has been abhorantly single mindedly damaging to the political processes in place and toward many community members. Next step is healing. Anger will be replaced with some normalcy and lessons learned. Those with a psychology background will diagnose, others will simply recognize a man who is apparently both dysfunctional in his personal and his political life. This splinter personified, Dave, is about to be ejected and new, healthy tissue will replace the damaged. And we will all be the wiser and the healthier for it. I agree with Mike about name calling. It is non productive but I expect that along with political lessons learned we will also all come out of this a bit wiser and a bit more mature. ourselves. (I include myself in that)

Reply ·  7 · Feb 27, 2016 10:26am



Jessica Becker

I'm thankful that the county planning department has the guts to stick up for what is right in this county. I was an urban planner back in Florida right before the housing crash and we were TOLD by city council that we needed to approve land use changes in rural areas for high density development, even though it wasn't consistent with the long range comprehensive plan or the character of the area. I quit the department because of that. As a rural clark county landowner now, I feel like I'm going to have to start fighting to keep my area rural until population growth REQUIRES development.

Reply ·  15 · Feb 27, 2016 9:26am



David Clark

Jessica, you forgot to mention that Florida got their fill of harm caused by planners and tossed out much of their nutty plans. This country needs to fire 99% of the planners for incompetence - almost everything the planners do end up hurting people:

1. Their urban containment and the resultant high density has made housing unaffordable.
2. Their spending vast amounts of money on mass transit has reduce road capacity increases and resulted on congestion. Mass transit costs at least 4 times what driving costs and that driving cost includes the cost of building the roads.
3. They claim that high density costs less. Pure crap - high density is much more expensive.
4. They claim high density saves energy. Only be forcing people into smaller living spaces (is that what you want?) - it does not save energy on a per sq foot basis.
5. They claim that high density will make you commute shorter. They forgot to mention that commuting in high density is not only shorter BUT TAKES LONGER because the streets are gridlocked. <http://www.debunkingportland.com/commutetime.html>

You also forgot to mention that, according on one former top level planner, planners are fascists. http://www.debunkingportland.com/planners_are_fascists.html

Planners are wrong about most things:

<http://www.debunkingportland.com/smart/smartgrowthlies.htm>

Here is a transportation expert's analysis of "smart growth" transportation planning:

<http://www.debunkingportland.com/observationsontransportp...>

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 3:11pm



Jessica Becker

I don't think its so black and white - that you either increase density in the rural areas or you have extremely high density in the urban areas. It is ridiculous to increase density in areas that do not have (and never will because of natural features) the infrastructure to support higher density. In general, urban infill is a good idea.

I'm not going to even think about the links you posted because they aren't relevant to this conversation in my opinion. Do you have any sources other than this debunkingportland.com?

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 5:27pm



David Clark

Jessica Becker DebunkingPortland does a good job of documenting the mess that planners have made of Portland. It is your future if you follow the same path: Unaffordable housing.

Giant apartments lining all the major streets.

Crappy schools because the city is giving school money to developers to defray the high cost of high density.

Severe traffic congestion due to not increasing road capacity with the population.

Billions wasted on worthless pet projects like light rail.

Planners that lie to people to get projects.

If you don't like the name, try PortlandFacts.com. But I suspect that your real problem, as a planner, is that you don't like to hear the truth about how much harm you have done to others with your crackpot schemes and lies.

You have increased cost of housing.

You have made roads more congested.

You have increased pollution where people live.

You have denied many people a home.

You have increased people's commute time.

You pretend that most jobs are downtown. They aren't

You want people to quit driving and start wasting time & money on transit.

You think you can revive transit, while transit has been losing market share for over 100 years.

Reply · Feb 28, 2016 12:10am



Terry Whipps Conner · Owner at Owner of Fishers Landing Hypnotherapy

I recently read "the tyranny of human power has an expiration". Madore isn't close to, or past expiration date, he's rotting on the shelf. Definitely your best one yet, Lou. Specific and worded with grace.

Reply · 15 · Feb 27, 2016 9:14am



Teresa Thorsen · Vancouver, Washington

What a raving lunatic Madore is!!! Thanks Lou for Enlighting us once again, You Rock !!

Reply · 8 · Feb 27, 2016 9:13am



Noland Hoshino · Partner and Director of Creative and Digital Marketing at High Five Media

Lou, "best one yet."

Reply · 18 · Feb 27, 2016 8:51am



Stuart I. Biley · Vancouver, Washington



Stuart L. Riley · Vancouver, Washington

Agreed. But let's not forget Madore's contribution in this.

Reply · 1 · Feb 27, 2016 8:56am



Lou Brancaccio · Editor in Chief at The Columbian

Stuart L. Riley And let's not forget these columns don't write themselves.

Reply · 15 · Feb 27, 2016 9:03am



Stuart L. Riley · Vancouver, Washington

Lou Brancaccio Of course. My point was Mafore has provided good material for those columns. He's been a gold mine. In some ways we'll miss him. Not much, though.

Reply · 3 · Feb 27, 2016 9:36am



Stuart L. Riley · Vancouver, Washington

Correction. Madore.

Reply · 1 · Feb 27, 2016 9:37am



George Thomas

Stuart L. Riley I felt that way when I no longer had LBJ to kick around anymore.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 2:24pm



Loren Lee

"Lack of self-awareness can be fatal."

Reply · 12 · Feb 27, 2016 8:36am



Rory Bowman

"There is no use in multiplying examples. The point is that we are all capable of believing things which we know to be untrue, and then, when we are finally proved wrong, impudently twisting the facts so as to show that we were right. Intellectually, it is possible to carry on this process for an indefinite time: the only check on it is that sooner or later a false belief bumps up against solid reality, usually on a battlefield."

- George Orwell, 1946. "In Front of Your Nose."

http://orwell.ru/library/articles/nose/english/e_nose

Reply · 1 · Feb 27, 2016 3:49pm



Mike Dalesandro · Supply Chain Analyst at Boise Paper

I was optimistic that healing process could have begun after the County Chair election last November, but it has not. We cannot place the burden of that healing process solely on the shoulders of Councilor Madore. We all need to do our part.

At this week's meeting, County Council Chair Boldt made a plea to "stop attacking each other." I know many of you think that just applies to Councilor Madore and his supporters, but shouldn't it

apply to all of us?

I was proud that Marc joined me in running an issue-based campaign. Everyone I spoke with during and after the election applauded our choice to do so. Yet, as soon as Councilors Madore or Mielke say or do something disagreeable, many of the same people that lauded our positive campaigns launch a barrage of nasty, hate-filled, personal attacks their way.

If you truly want to see this community begin to heal, be a positive example.

Stop the personal attacks. Focus on policy and elections. Let the community heal.

Reply ·  7 · Feb 27, 2016 8:23am



Michele Wollert

Mike, you are so wrong here. As long as David Madore continues with his abusive behavior, he will be called out. The community cannot heal while he continues to do great harm. When HE stops the behavior, we will stop exposing it for what it is. You are creating a false equivalency.

Reply ·  26 · Feb 27, 2016 8:27am



Mike Dalesandro · Supply Chain Analyst at Boise Paper

Michele Wollert there is absolutely nothing wrong with going after Madore's policy ideas, but there is NO NEED to personally attack him or Councilor Mielke.

Reply ·  2 · Feb 27, 2016 8:31am



Michele Wollert

Mike Dalesandro So, give us an example of what you would do. You've been fairly silent lately while all this is going on. Rather than ignoring abusive governing behavior, give us an example of how you suggest we criticize a politician's harmful acts. I am not being snarky. Please stop being quiet about it and show us how it is done, rather than offering platitudes.

Reply ·  19 · Feb 27, 2016 8:41am · Edited



John M. Kowalski · Camas, Washington

Mike Dalesandro Can't separate the policy from the man, especially when there is the breathtaking dishonesty and entitlement the man exhibits.

The man was falsely impugning the integrity of county workers. That's not a policy issue, that's both a governance issue AND a personal issue.

I'm reminded of a remark I left on a post by Tim Probst (who I admire, like you) last week while I was waiting in an airport somewhere. The gist of it applies here:

You can't and won't find common ground who are fundamentally committed to opposing a search for truth and common ground.

I think you're operating from the assumption that supporters of Madore will behave in a rational manner, but in order to accept that you have to somehow ignore the imperviousness of many, if not all of Madore's supporters to fact and reality. You have to ignore the fact that Madore himself is impervious to notions of accountability to people. I can't and won't ignore that.

You really can't reason with such people; their brains are wired in fact *not* to find common ground. And frankly, Mike, at that point, "common ground" must, by necessity, take a back seat to good governance. It's good to continue to leave the door open for honest, rational dialogue, but there are those who just aren't going to ever buy into that.

Reply ·  11 · Feb 27, 2016 8:48am · Edited



Thom Rasmussen · Salmon Creek, Washington

Mike Dalesandro it's impossible to separate the personal attacks from the policy attacks when HE makes his policies personal. He owns that and uses it to further his agenda. As for Meilke, he's just along for the ride, lost in Madore's shadow. Madore will never change his pattern because it's who he is. A leopard's spots don't change.

Reply ·  7 · Feb 27, 2016 9:04am · Edited



Loren Lee

Mike Dalesandro . . .please re-read this again or watch the 2/23 board hearing video on the Clark County grid...

"The tears are not ours because somehow we're not getting along," Madore would declare. "The tears are for the families that are losing their property rights for their children. Now those are the appropriate tears."

These are the words of a wreckless demagogue/ideologue. His lack of self awareness and refusal to own the consequences of his actions have caused great division and harm in our community. Marginalizing his actions until November 8, 2016 and voting him out are essential.

Reply ·  13 · Feb 27, 2016 8:58am · Edited



Mike Dalesandro · Supply Chain Analyst at Boise Paper

Michele Wollert I'm not going to get into a detailed criticism of what could have or should have happened. It's happened. Marc is a good man and I trust he's doing what he can to make things work. I believe you are misunderstanding my comments. I'm not advocating ignoring governing behavior that is disagreeable..I campaigned against them. What I am advocating for is dialogue in our community without the personal attacks.

Reply ·  3 · Feb 27, 2016 8:53am · Edited



Stuart L. Riley · Vancouver, Washington

Mike Dalesandro Madore and Mielke had enough chance to prove how they don't play well with others. Bolt's justified criticism of Madore's accusations of county staff shouldn't be a

surprise to anyone. As I like to say, when you take shots at others, don't be surprised when you get return fire.

Reply ·  6 · Feb 27, 2016 8:52am



Mike Dalesandro · Supply Chain Analyst at Boise Paper

John M. Kowalski I can't control what the other guy does, but I can surely control my actions. That is my point. We can control how we conduct our behavior, regardless of what others might do.

Reply ·  2 · Feb 27, 2016 8:57am



Michele Wollert

John M. Kowalski Yes. Maybe people do not realize how punitive and abusive David Madore's behavior is. They minimize it because it takes courage to call him out on it and they fear retaliation. He is a master of public shaming. His words and actions harm good human beings who are just trying to do their jobs to the best of their ability. He may have created one of the most hostile work environments any public servant has ever encountered. Marc Boldt's genuine tears and pain are evident that at least someone in power gets it. Madore has traumatized many in the community, as well.

And I truly believe this: if Madore were to exhibit similar tactics to children, he likely would risk seeing the inside of a jail cell for a time.

So, yeah. Good people stand up to such abuses from a public figure. And the law protects our right to do so assertively and strongly. It is the only way to get the attention of a bully.

Reply ·  14 · Feb 27, 2016 9:00am



Michele Wollert

Mike Dalesandro But Mike. Yes. We cannot control another's behavior, but we don't have to accept it by our silence. Show us how to do it your way, so we can emulate your good model.

Reply ·  8 · Feb 27, 2016 9:03am



Loren Lee

Mike Dalesandro . . . There will be ample time for dialogue after Madore is gone. Do you think Madore wants to dialogue with anyone other than the voices in his head?

Reply ·  10 · Feb 27, 2016 9:08am · Edited



Mike Dalesandro · Supply Chain Analyst at Boise Paper

Michele Wollert am I advocating for silence? No. Just respectful discourse.

Reply ·  3 · Feb 27, 2016 9:14am



Thom Rasmussen · Salmon Creek, Washington

Michele Wollert the biggest problem still is that he just doesn't get it. He doesn't see that he's harming anyone or that he just might be wrong. His ideas are the only truth and

everybody else is mistaken. Delusional.

Reply ·  7 · Feb 27, 2016 9:14am



Mike George · Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CSA

Mike, your lecture to us all, kind of reads like an, "I told you so," straight from the bucket of sour grapes department. But the fact of the matter is Marc Boldt is doing a fantastic job, and exactly what the voters elected him to do; after all, the majority of councilors vote consistently with him and against M&M when it matters. What I felt in Marc's emotional plea was an honest heartfelt reaction to the caustic environment two years in the making by Madore's deaf ideological crusade. There is no negotiating with that, and nor would there be cause to.

Reply ·  9 · Feb 27, 2016 9:40am · Edited



Michele Wollert

Mike Dalesandro So jump in and demonstrate how it is done.

Reply ·  6 · Feb 27, 2016 9:24am



John M. Kowalski · Camas, Washington

Mike Dalesandro You're aware of the term "tone policing," aren't you?

Anyway that aside, my interest is removing Madore and his toadies from power.

If we have learned anything this year whether it's the Tea Party or #BlackLivesMatter there are times and places and reasons to put the politics of respectability on the shelf.

In particular there are those times when derisive polemic can change the status quo for the better.

Reply ·  4 · Feb 27, 2016 10:29am



Chris Prothero · Columbia Basin College

Mike Dalesandro Failure to confront bad behavior only serves to condone it. If my child is being a brat, they get called out on it. Adults are no different, especially those that are expected to be true leaders.

Reply ·  3 · Feb 27, 2016 12:29pm



Melissa Smith

Mike Dalesandro What exactly is the purpose of your comments then? Please enlighten us. Marc Boldt is doing a fantastic job! I empathize with him completely for his tears last week. Madore is void of any emotions what so ever. People are outraged by his antics and will continue to speak out as long as he continues to so blatantly disrespect the people he supposedly "faithfully represents". I truly hope you are not trying to imply that Marc is weak for showing his emotions.

Reply ·  2 · Feb 27, 2016 4:39pm

**David Clark**

Stuart L. Riley --- " Madore and Mielke had enough chance to prove how they don't play well with others.'

ME ---- Of Course the don't play well with the corruption in Vancouver and the county! Why do you want them to go along with the corruption?

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 6:07pm

**Mike Dalesandro** · Supply Chain Analyst at Boise Paper

Melissa Smith I am in no way saying anything negative about Marc.

Reply · 21 hrs

**Mike Dalesandro** · Supply Chain Analyst at Boise Paper

Tj Barker just scan through social media or listen to public comment at Council meetings. You will see or hear comments questioning Madore's mental health or Mielke's mental aptitude. Re-read my comment. Disagreeing about policy and governing is one thing, but in my opinion, if we really want this community moving forward we need to stop attacking, just like Marc said at the meeting.

Reply · 21 hrs

**Terence Jeffries** · Fort Vancouver High School Center for International Studies

For Lou to call out someone a name caller, you need to read what you write, that's all he does! As for Boldt to break out tears, that's way over the top. This council is useless.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 7:52am

**Mike Yancey** · Clark College -- Vancouver, Washington

When will you stop hating everyone who speaks their mind?

Reply · 7 · Feb 27, 2016 8:42am

**Lou Brancaccio** · Editor in Chief at The Columbian

Give me an example or two where I call people names?

Reply · 12 · Feb 27, 2016 8:50am

**Russ Paradis** ·

Lou Brancaccio thanks for the professional reporting,we need more honest, sincere guys like Marc to help make good decisions in our community

Reply · 17 · Feb 27, 2016 9:18am

**Mike Yancey** · Clark College -- Vancouver, Washington

Why do you continue to slam anyone who has any ties too local goverment?Oh Terry?

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 6:48pm

**Sandy Edmonson** · Mt. Tahoma High School

Thanks, Lou, for always keeping us informed on our local pseudo-dictator and his shenanigans.

Reply · 10 · Feb 27, 2016 7:50am

Reply ·  19 · Feb 27, 2016 7:50am



Lou Brancaccio · Editor in Chief at The Columbian

Oh my!

Reply ·  3 · Feb 27, 2016 7:37am



Michele Wollert

Lou, you tweeted a thought recently that I have held for some time: Rural landowners like those folks represented by Clark County Citizens United made a very bad choice in selecting Madore as their champion. He has harmed their cause probably more than they care to admit. I suggested months ago that they fire him. The best way to do that is to refuse to vote for him again, if he is foolish enough to waste more money on a doomed race.

Reply ·  17 · Feb 27, 2016 7:36am



Honua Dee

"His credibility now is approximately squadoosh. It's unlikely he'll be able to whamboozle us much longer." Pulling out all the linguistic stops now, Lou. Love it!

"Squadoosh Madore" Has a certain ring to it.

Reply ·  11 · Feb 27, 2016 7:31am



Douglas Green · Publisher at Telecom Reseller Inc

Ideaology is a blessing and a curse - to the ideaologue. It provides a way to understand how the world works but it overwhelms other guidances such as common sense and simple self interest. A good idea becomes a one note obsession. Medication is a amazingly potent in a small dose but the addict kills himself. Madore's ideas are not in themselves bad- within reasonable limits: lighter regulation, easier development, focus on auto transport since that does the most good for the largest number and so on. These are legitimate views, widely held. But most folks accommodate pragmatism because reality requires other demands: how do you develop rural areas without overwhelming limited services, where's the balance between red tape and protecting the public (note the glass factory air crises in SE PORTLAND? How do you get people around town when a good chunk can't drive or can't drive? Building bridges literally involves bringing two sides together. An ideaologue is untroubled by facts. The beauty of an idea crowds everything else out. That's the problem here.

Reply ·  13 · Feb 27, 2016 7:26am



John M. Kowalski · Camas, Washington

One thing's for certain: Madore will not go soon enough. But I'll ask those who support him: YES, think of the children! Madore is a pervert - not a sexual pervert (at least I am going to assume he's not) -but he's a moral pervert.

I think it's far from coincidental that in the week when this came out Madore's "newspaper" features him playing god, or at least trying to convey the message that Madore and god are pretty tight with each other.

That's sick.

Here's a man who can't tolerate not having his way, who engages in malfeasance and corruption, all the while accusing others of engaging in malfeasance and corruption, and in order to distract his "followers" from the obvious political disaster his "conservatism" has wrought us, he does a god thing.

Sick.

Reply ·  16 · Feb 27, 2016 11:40am · Edited



Douglas Green · Publisher at Telecom Reseller Inc

I must have missed it - what's the playing god incident you referenced ?

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 1:41pm



John M. Kowalski · Camas, Washington

Douglas Green Notice the conflation of human actions with alleged deity actions:

<https://www.facebook.com/DavidMadorePublic/posts/1113182325405708>

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 1:50pm



John M. Kowalski · Camas, Washington

Although the last sentence may be understood in a number of ways.

Reply · Feb 27, 2016 1:52pm



Michele Wollert

I am so glad that your column today focuses on the significance of last Tuesday's Clark County council meeting, Lou. Madore keeps digging his own political grave with such cold-hearted, inhumane resolve, I am beginning to believe he is a cyborg, created in the secret bowels of US Digital.

On his FB newspaper recently, this citizen "journalist" appears to have disclosed information discussed in a confidential executive session when he complains about Clark County's decision to hire an outside law firm to defend their preferred alternative for the GMA update. What he doesn't tell his under informed and dwindling supporters is that the county would have had to hire this firm,

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