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Madore asks Clark County to cover his attorney

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From: Madore, David
To: Chris Chris
Subject: Defense
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Clark County Councilor David Madore, never shy to attack those he deems tax-and-spend liberals, is asking the county to pony up for his legal defense in the wake of various allegations leveled against him.

In an email Madore sent to Deputy Prosecutor Chris Home late last month obtained through a public records request, the Republican councilor asked that Clark County — otherwise known as the taxpayers — pay for his attorney.

Chris,

I ask for the county to provide for my defense. Of course since the planning director and two members of our Prosecuting Attorney's office, including yourself are accused of violating RCW 9A 76.175, and since Boldt, Olson, Stewart, and McCauley consider me to be the adversary, it would be a conflict of interest for any of these to select the attorney that will defend me.

Since the response by these parties has been to accuse me of ethics violations and these have agreed to seek a law firm to investigate my alleged violations as a county councilor, I ask that I be able to select my attorney to defend me and that the county cover that cost.

I have an attorney that I would like to defend me [REDACTED]

Thank you.

David Madore

"I ask for the county to provide for my defense," he wrote. "Of course since the planning director and two members of our Prosecuting Attorney's Office, including yourself are accused of (making false statements to a public official, and since (Marc) Boldt, (Julie) Olson, (Jeanne) Stewart and (Mark) McCauley consider me to be the adversary, it would be a conflict of interest for any of these to select the attorney to defend me."

Madore goes on to reference the investigation by Seattle attorney Rebecca Dean, who Clark County's Human Resources department has hired to conduct three separate investigations. Dean is investigating Madore's allegations against Community Planning and the Prosecutor's Office that both have lied about the impact of his controversial Alternative 4 zoning proposal.

Dean also is investigating Community Planning Director Oliver Orjako's whistle-blower and harassment complaints against Madore, in which the director accuses the councilor of violating the Growth Management Act as well as of racism and discrimination.

In a third investigation, Dean is looking into allegations by public service employee union AFSCME that Madore violated state labor laws by doing work on the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan update.

And all that, by the way, comes at a cost of \$240 an hour to the county.

"Since the response by these parties has been to accuse me of ethics violations and these have agreed to seek a law firm to investigate my alleged violations as a county councilor, I ask that I be able to select my attorney to defend me and that the county cover that cost," he said.

Madore went on in his email to indicate that he has selected an attorney, but the rest of the email is redacted.

So, just to recap, Madore has accused county staff and attorneys of lying about the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan update. Remember, he authored Alternative 4 despite having no planning experience.

And now he's now asking a county attorney, among those he's accused of lying, that Clark County pay for his attorney's fees.

OK.

Remember that just because Madore has asked for an attorney doesn't make it so. I asked Home Thursday whether an attorney had been hired to represent Madore, and he confirmed that the county still only has three existing contracts with attorneys for their services.



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Lololololol!!!! He doesn't even want to pay to support his own lawyer....being a millionaire.

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John M. Kowalski · Camas, Washington

As has been stated elsewhere he's too rich to qualify for a public defender, and public defenders have cases more in need of a vigorous defense.

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David Clark

Madore sure hit a nerve by advocating for Alt. 4!!

He must have really upset the vast corrupt political machine in both the city & county for them to fight this hard to keep pocketing millions from their corrupt schemes to force high density into every neighborhood, increase traffic congestion and force people to quit using cars to replicate Portland.

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Betty Sue Morris · Vancouver, Washington

You often challenge Madore critics to give one piece of evidence that he has lied, or forgotten, changed his mind or whatever. Now I challenge you to produce one shred of evidence, other than what Madore posts on facebook or claims in his emails, that the "vast corrupt political machine in both the city & county" will pocket will keep pocketing millions

corrupt political machine in both the city & county ...will pocket will keep pocketing millions from their corrupt schemes to force high density into every neighborhood, increase traffic congestions and force people to quit using cars to replicate Portland." Go ahead now, Mr. Clark, and give a single shred of evidence that a "political machine" will pocket millions off of rejecting Alt 4!

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Steve Lappier · Ridgefield High School

R.W. Thorpe, the firm hand-picked by David Madore to review Alt 4, rejected Alt 4. Thorpe is considered an expert in this field. You, David Clark, have state many times your lack of respect for planners, so why should we consider any support you give Mr. Madore as being legitimate? Betty Sue, of course you'll never see an explanation for their imagination either.

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Lorretta Thomas

I'm sure there's an analogy in there somewhere, but right now Clark County is beginning to look a lot like a business having to pay for the shoplifter's defense simply because the thief was caught trying to walk off with the store's goods. Talk about an excess of Madore mischief and maneuvering! This takes the cake!

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Oh, for Pete's sake!

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