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FORMAL COMPLAINT

Dear Houston City Council:

I come before you the Houston City Council today after many sleepless nights of contemplation regarding this dilemma in which I personally find myself facing. At this time I would like to file a formal complaint against Council Member Rosemary Burnett. On October 4, 2007, C.M. Burnett came into my office, grabbed a chair and proceeded to coerce me into speaking with Houston Fire Chief Hodge about privately and quietly obtaining a lawyer to draft a letter that could be brought to the Council forcing them to remove D.M. Frost from the Houston City Council before October 12, 2007. Consequently that would render him unable to run for Mayor of Houston on October 15, 2007. C.M. Burnett was in my office for approximately 15 - 20 minutes pressuring me on the matter of getting D.M. Frost removed from the Council while not opting to do it for herself. It is apparent that C.M. Burnett and C.M. Purcell, in which she clearly spoke for, are willing to go to great lengths to rid the Council of D.M. Frost based on their opinion that he stands in the way of C.M. Purcell obtaining the Mayoral position. According to the statements made by her it is and was my belief that C.M. Burnett, C.M. Purcell and others who served previously on the Council have already displayed actions within City Hall and within the public that shows their ethics are clearly not with the people. For one Council Member to use their Deputy City Clerk as a tool for what they want and cannot do themselves is reprehensible. The conversation between myself and C.M. Burnett not only consisted of rumors of D.M. Frost but she spoke highly of the plan to get rid of Captain Rhyshek once C.M. Purcell was awarded the Mayor position, stating that he was not doing his job and that the public wants him out. This is all contrary to what I myself get from phones call from the public thanking us for the job that both of our officers do and how much more safe they feel living in this community. After a thorough investigation from all City employees you will find that these are only some of the pressure, manipulation and coercion attempts made by above mentioned Council Members. There was witness to this event and throughout the entire conversation with C.M. Burnett. Assistant Clerk Jaime Estes was in her office the entire time and will testify during your investigation as to what she witnessed during this conversation.

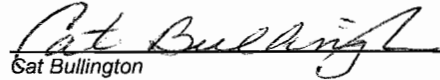
After serving as Deputy City Clerk for nearly 7 years I have seen numerous Council Members come and go, I can professionally say that those who come on board with a personal agenda cannot productively lead the city anywhere. I have made it clear in the past that I am not the Fire Chief nor do I make his decisions. As your Deputy City Clerk it is my job to serve you and to serve the people while maintaining a sense of neutrality. As your Deputy City Clerk it has always been my personal policy to be honest with the public to which I serve. Let this formal complaint stand as my duty to the people that I will stand by my personal policies regardless of the consequence to my job or duties.

On behalf of myself as your Deputy Clerk and on behalf of the people that I serve I do expect a full investigation into this complaint. I do expect that the issues of "ethics" be addressed and that a decision to discipline be made against the practice of unethical behavior by current Council Members. I do again consider C.M. Burnett's actions on C.M. Roger Purcell's behalf to be highly unethical and extremely damaging to the Council as a whole as well as the 1600 plus people that they serve, not just the chosen few they are choosing to serve.

At this time I would also like to express concern over my safety and that of the staff who serve at Houston City Hall. I do want on record that this is a major concern as in my opinion C.M. Purcell at moments appears to be an unstable individual. In two (2) years I have heard personally from C.M. Purcell on at least three (3) occasions that he does carry a weapon 24 hours a day. That he is licensed and concern about where he carries it is not his concern. Two (2) years ago prior to Founders Day he stated that he was going to be there with his gun to help direct traffic and if anyone got out of hand they would deal with him and his gun (statement made at City Hall). Nearly a year ago I made mention after one of his remarks that weapons were not allowed in government buildings even though it was not posted, he showed little concern about my comment. So at this time I would like this on record that I have safety concerns when he is present at city hall.

Please understand that at this time as Deputy City Clerk I have no legal means of letting the people I serve know that they are being misrepresented. The only alternative that I feel have is to address this issue publicly and to the Council.

Thank you


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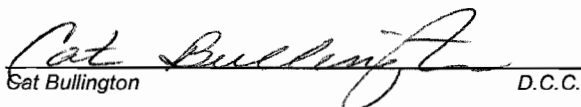
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It has come to my attention since I filed a formal complaint on October 15, 2007 that my complaint was immediately made public when Officer Holmgren witnessed C.M. Purcell hand my complaint to his wife Bianca Purcell who proceeded to read it. Today, October 16, 2007 a reporter Rindy White notified D.M. Frost that C.M. Purcell called her on my complaint stating that the complaint was about him carrying a weapon, which is clearly not the case if my complaint was read in it's entirety. At this time a confidential employee issue has been made public. As an employee for the City of Houston I have every right to keep my employee issues private in which the Council must abide according to their own Codes.

At this time I am filing a formal complaint against C.M. Purcell for releasing employee information into the public. I had every opportunity at the October 15, 2007 meeting to make my initial complaint public and chose not to based on the fact that this is a new Council who is yet unfamiliar with procedures and did not want them pressured by public opinion. It also is not desireable to put C.M. Burnett through this publicly.

At this time I do not believe a "warning" against C.M. Purcell will be enough. I request specific and direct action taken for his actions. More so than in the past week, am I concerned for my safety as well as the other Clerks and Council Members, be advised that I make this statement daily and whenever I am in his presence. I have notified the City and all Council of my fear for myself and the public when he is around. In my initial complaint I stated that in my opinion C.M. Purcell appeared at moments to be an unstable individual. I am now stating in this complaint that I believe he is an extremely unstable individual all the time, capable of switching temperaments at a moments notice as he himself proved the night of October 15, 2007 by verbally attacking C.M. McDonald. He has shown me to be an extremely aggressive and abrasive individual who uses manipulation to achieve his goals. I am positive that this is not the standard method for any City to practice. If I am placed on administrative leave I will gladly go but be aware that I am still concerned for the safety of others who still serve at City Hall. Also, understand that for me this will not end with your decision regardless of what decision is made. I will always believe that this man is a danger to society. When this is over i still will not feel safe knowing that now he is a loose canon with a grudge. I ask also that the current Council pass an Ordinance addressing the issue of carrying weapons in City Hall or possibly all City owned buildings as soon as possible.

Thank you


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