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Cc: [Shawna Jenkins](#)
Subject: Re: PUC Appointment
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:26:02 PM

Good Evening

Once again you are faced with an appointment decision for the Public Utilities Commission. I am not able to attend the Thursday meeting to give my input regarding the appointment so I would like to provide some community input for this issue. I have read the applications for the candidates and it appears to me that the decision should be obvious. Mr Schwartz is highly qualified with many years of management and business finance experience. Mr Schwartz was interviewed by the community committee when Greg Hanson was appointed. Mr Schwartz was rated very highly by all of the committee including the Mayor. I appreciate that Trevor has applied, however Richard's past experience makes him a much better candidature for the PUC position. Mr. Schwartz has many years of public service and has served on many boards and has experience in working as a team. The other candidate, per his application has no experience in public service and gives very little to substantiate his qualifications. In the public eye the decision should be obvious.

Thanks for allowing me to give input on this issue. I trust that you will take into account the facts on this issue and appoint Mr. Schwartz to the Public Utilities Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Steinbrecher

On Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 6:08:52 PM CST, lee s <lcsteinbrecher@yahoo.com> wrote:

I apologize, the meeting I believe was Monday evening. Everyday's the same when your on vacation.

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On Tue, Feb 11, 2020 at 12:30 PM, lee s <lcsteinbrecher@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good Day !

I was made aware of a very controversial recommendation which took place at Tuesday evenings City Council work session. In my opinion, the recommendation to appoint one of your own council members to the PUC board is inappropriate and borders on the edge of conflict of interest.

It is well known by many people who care about the City of Princeton, that some of the council members are in direct opposition to the existence of the PUC as a separate entity. Some may have a vendetta against the PUC operation and others are just playing follow the leader. What ever the reason, the opposition is not in the best interest of the residents of the City of Princeton or the rate payers of the PUC. The PUC has a long history of serving in the best interest of the community.

In previous times of application for the PUC Commission, prominent community members have come forward and offered to serve on the PUC board. Those members have been highly qualified and would bring a broad perspective to the Commission. I realize that some of these prospects may not fit the pattern that the followers and those with a vendetta are looking for. But, you are elected to serve in the best interest of ALL citizens and not your narrow view point.

The League of Minnesota Cities document regarding conflict of interest speaks of ethical responsibility, protecting residents interests, providing public access to decision making, prohibiting

conflict of interest and prohibiting the holding of conflicting and incompatible offices. Your recommendation borders on violating all of these principles. I realize that some of you like to play dirty politics when it comes to your own interests and vendettas, however that is not what you're elected to do.

I ask that you reverse your decision and refer back to the appointment process which was used last fall in filling an appointment to an open PUC Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
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