

City of Sioux Falls Board of Ethics Complaint Form

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State of South Dakota	
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On this the 8th day of April , 2016, personally appeared before me, Dave Dunteman + Michael Obser , to be the signer of the foregoing document and he/she acknowledges that he/she signed it.	,
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Please return completed form to the City Attorney's Office.

To: City of Sioux Falls Ethics Board

From: David Dunteman

RE: Questionable Conduct of Counselor Kermit Staggers

I am writing on behalf of the Employee's of the City of Sioux Falls. It has come to my attention that Council Member Kermit Staggers has possibly used confidential city information to promote his own personal interests as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Sioux Falls.

On or about March 30th, 2010 current city employees began receiving letters at their homes that was entitled "An Important Letter for City Employees" on the front of the envelope. The letter, which is attached to the complaint, was a letter from Mr. Staggers with "Staggers for Mayor.com" printed across the top. The letter went on to personally address the employee about the qualifications of Mr. Stagger as Mayor.

Several employees were concerned that Mr. Staggers had used his position as a City Councilman to obtain their confidential home addresses. In an article in the April 5th, 2010 Argus Leader Staggers was quoted as saying that he had cross listed the employee's names, which is public information, with current voter registration rolls.

I have learned of at least one case where the employee received a letter at his home address which is not the same as listed in his voter registration. Mr. John Hedeen is a building maintenance worker at the police department. He received his letter at his home in Harrisburg, SD. Mr. Hedeen has only resided at the address in Harrisburg for approximately 5 months. His current voter registration shows his address to be his former residence located in Sioux Falls. The envelope did not appear to be forwarded from his former residence.

Since that time I have heard that there are several others that possibly work at City Hall that received letters at addresses that are not the same as their voter registration address.

I understand that as a City Employee some of our information such as our names and salaries are public information but it concerns me that Mr. Staggers has possibly used his position as a Council Person to use confidential information such as home addresses for his own personal endeavors. I ask that the Ethics Board view this letter as and official complaint about the conduct of Mr. Staggers and ask that an investigation into Mr. Staggers conduct be undertaken

Sincerely

David Dunteman

President of the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council #1

320 W. 4th St.

Sioux Falls, SD



Received today by a Slow Falls City employee.

Dear Sioux Falls City Employee,

As the April 13th election approaches, the level of anxiety can increase for city employees because of the "unknown" regarding the upcoming election and who will be the next mayor. To reduce some of your personal concerns, let me share some of my thoughts about myself and the city government.

First of all, I know government. I have served as a Professor of History and Political Science for 28 years at the University of Sjoux Falls and as a State Senator on the Appropriations and Taxation Committees. That is part of the reason why I ask more questions at the City Council meetings than any of my other colleagues on the Council.

In terms of real-life governmental experience I have served in government 21 years, having more years of government experience than all of my mayoral opponents combined. I have served as a city council member, South Dakota state senator, Air Force Intelligence officer, and a Fulbright Lecturer at the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry in Kiev, Ukraine.

From my experience, I know that city employees like you make elected officials look good while receiving little credit. Furthermore, I also know that in the real world you are sometimes stifled by senseless directives and the petty politics that flow down from above. Today, you and I know that morale in the city government is suffering.

As your new mayor, I would be responsible for restoring morale by carefully selecting new department heads or maintaining current department heads who demonstrate skill in their job and who care about people. Respect for both city employees and public citizens is an absolutely essential qualification for anybody to be appointed to my administration.

No matter how well intentioned my actions might be, I realize that there is no way that I can single-handedly lead the city government without your cooperation and willingness to work together as an important member of the team. As a citizen, any suggestions that you may want to communicate to me can be done in the absolute strictest confidence by contacting me at my home phone, 332.0357.

In the meantime, please remember to cast your important vote on April 13th.

Sincerely,

Kermit L. Staggers