

Press Release

March 26, 2014

Bruce Danielson, Citizens for Integrity

Today I have filed on behalf of Citizens for Integrity an ethics complaint based on:

Sioux Falls Code § 38.021 EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO INFLUENCE ELECTION OUTCOME PROHIBITED

Established Sioux Falls Code, South Dakota law, Administrative rules, Executive Orders and customs have restricted the use of Sioux Falls City resources to enhance a political campaign. Mayor Mike Huether today is violating these long standing guidelines.

From the city website: < <http://www.siouxfalls.org/central-services/multimedia-support/citylink/programs/regular-programs/ask-the-mayor.aspx> >

According to City policy (Executive Order 12-24), candidates for any elective public office are not eligible to appear on CityLink for 90 days prior to the next municipal election (April 8, 2014). This City policy ensures candidates do not use public funds for their own personal promotion. The policy states that candidates may appear on CityLink “if the appearance of the candidate is incidental to presentation of the subject matter or in coverage of official City meetings such as City Council or Council Informational Meetings.” These types of incidental appearances also may include events like news conferences and ribbon cuttings.

After January 7, 2014:

- *The “Mayor’s Listening and Learning Sessions” will continue to be held at various locations across the city but will not be recorded or televised on CityLink.*
- *“Ask the Mayor” programs will not be recorded or televised on CityLink.*
- *“Inside Town Hall” will continue to be recorded and televised but will not include candidates for any elective public office.*

Today we once again have our Mayor abusing his office for personal gain. The circumventing the established nonpolitical – nonpartisan nature of city resources is strictly prohibited.



City of Sioux Falls Board of Ethics Complaint Form

Name of Complainant: Bruce Danielson (Chairman, Citizens for Integrity)
Address: PO Box 491, Sioux Falls, SD 57101
Telephone Number: (605) 376-8087
Date Filed: March 26, 2014

Please cite section of ethics ordinance violated: § 38.021

Statement of the complaint alleging violation of the City's Ethics Ordinance.
 Include names of individuals, locations, and dates, as applicable.

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The use of the Sioux Falls Carnegie Town Hall, City Link and City of Sioux Falls web services to campaign to
 broadcast the 2014 State of the City Address Wednesday, March 26.

I have initiated the above complaint. The information provided is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature]
 Signature

March 26-2014
 Date

State of South Dakota

County of Minnehaha

On this the 26th day of March, 2014, personally appeared before me,
Bruce Danielson, to be the signer of the foregoing document,
 and he/she acknowledges that he/she signed it.

[Signature]
 Notary Public
 My Commission expires: 2-14-2020

Received by:
Cari Hanzel
 Name

3-26-2014
 Date

Please return completed form to the City Attorney's Office.