

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE COMPLAINT

Amended Complaint in Case #		Applicable Rules: Chapters 10-08, 391-08, and 391-45 WAC
PARTIES Include information for all parties involved.		ALLEGED VIOLATION
		Indicate if the alleged violation is against:
COMPLAINANT	WSCCCE Local 1811-M	⊠ Employer ☐ Union ☐ Both*
Contact	Matthew Miller	*Note: If the violation is against both the union and
Address	3305 Oakes Ave	employer, two separate complaints must be filed with two statements of facts describing the alleged violation
City, State, ZIP	Everett, WA 98201	against each.
Telephone	425-303-8818 Ext.	STATEMENT OF FACTS and REMEDY REQUESTED
Email	matthewm@council2.com	Attach on separate sheets of paper in numbered paragraphs a brief statement of the facts regarding the
RESPONDENT	Summit Law	 alleged unfair labor practice(s). Include times, dates, places, and participants of occurrences.
Contact	Peter Altman	Indicate statutes allegedly violated.
Address	315 Fifth Ave S Suite 1000	State whether a related grievance has been filed.Describe the remedies requested.
City, State, ZIP	Seattle, Washington 98104	For more information refer to WAC 391-45-050.
Telephone	206-676-7000 Ext	BARGAINING UNIT
Email	petera@summitlaw.com	*Note: If the alleged violation relates to more than one bargaining unit, a separate complaint must be filed for
EMPLOYER	City of Mill Creek	each unit.
Contact	Rebecca Polizzoto	Identify Bargaining Unit General Unit
Address	15728 Main St.	Department or Division
City, State, ZIP	Mill Creek, WA 98012	Collective Bargaining Agreement The parties have never had a contract.
Telephone	425-745-6175 Ext.	
Email	rebeccap@millcreek.com	□ A copy of the most current contract is attached.
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR COMPLAINANT		
Print Name	Matthew Miller	Telephone 425-303-8818 Ext. Email Matthewn & Jean Col Con Signature Date 6/27/17
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STATEMENT OF FACTS

- (1) On April 14th, 2017 approximately 11 am: The Employer and Union held a negotiations session for a successor collective bargaining agreement. The Employer stated that one of the union bargaining team members (Jodie Gunderson) was going to be reclassified. When President Kim Mason-Hatt inquired about what would happen to the employee, Finance Director Peggy Lauerman responded that bargaining team representative Jodie Gunderson could apply for a newly created Accountant position, she added that Jodie Gunderson did not have the required job qualifications for the position. The resulting action would essentially mean the employee would be laid off.
 - a. Witnesses:
 - i. Union Staff Representative Matthew Miller,
 - ii. Union President Kim Mason-Hatt,
 - iii. Union Vice President Cris Risen,
 - iv. Union Bargaining Team Member Jodie Gunderson,
 - v. Employer Labor Attorney: Peter Altman
 - vi. Employer Finance Director: Peggy Lauerman
 - vii. Employer Police Chief: Greg Elwin
 - viii. Employer Human Resources Director: Laura Orlando
- (2) The discovery of this new information clearly lead to the Union Leadership being distraught and the bargaining session was ended for the day. As the Union Leadership and Staff Representative Miller met to discuss the meaning of the Employer's statement and actions during negotiations Police Chief Elwin came into Vice President Risen office and attempted communication. Vice President Risen stated she was incapable of having a discussion and asked for the Police Chief Elwin to stop. After Vice President Risen repeated her request, Police Chief Elwin persisted and Staff Representative Miller had to step in and ask Police Chief Elwin to leave several times. Eventually, Police Chief removed himself from the office.
 - a. Witnesses
 - i. Union Staff Representative Matthew Miller
 - ii. Union President Kim Mason-Hatt
 - iii. Union Vice President Cris Risen
 - iv. Union Bargaining Team Representative Jodie Gunderson
 - v. Employer Police Chief Greg Elwin
- (3) As Police Chief Elwin walked down the hall next to the Vice President Risen office there was loud banging on the wall moving away from the office. This was loud enough that all conversation stopped amongst the union bargaining team and listened to the noise as it moved away from the office. The Police Chief Elwin's behavior of banging on the hallway wall was intimidating and has a negative impact on union participation in negotiations. It is interference with the Union and Members while engaged in concerted activity.

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 - i. Union Staff Representative Matthew Miller
 - ii. Union President Kim Mason-Hatt
 - iii. Union Vice President Cris Risen
 - iv. Union Bargaining Team Representative Jodie Gunderson
 - v. Employer Police Chief Greg Elwin
- (4) April 14th, 2017 Afternoon: The Union Leadership met to discuss negotiations earlier that day. During that discussion loud slamming of cabinets and banging occurred outside in the hall near Vice President Risen's office.
 - a. Witness
 - i. Union President Kim Mason-Hatt
 - ii. Union Vice President Cris Risen
 - iii. Union Bargaining Team Representative Jodie Gunderson
- (5) All conversations stopped and President Mason-Hatt and Bargaining Team member Jodie Gunderson left the office to see what was causing the disruptive noise. They witnessed the Police Chief Elwin walking down the hall away from where the noise originated. Again, this type of behavior has a chilling effect towards the union participation in negotiations. It was perceived by President Kim Mason-Hatt, Vice President Cris Risen, and Bargaining Team member Jodie Gunderson to be threatening and intimidating regarding participation in negotiations and concerted activity.
 - a. Witness
 - i. Union President Kim Mason-Hatt
 - ii. Union Vice President Cris Risen
 - iii. Union Bargaining Team Representative Jodie Gunderson
 - iv. Employer Police Chief Greg Elwin

Remedies Requested:

- 1. Order City of Mill Creek to cease and desist from its intimidation towards union members.
- 2. Order City of Mill Creek to cease and desist from interference with the Union.
- 3. Order City of Mill Creek to cease and desist from interfering with members while engaged in concerted activity.
- 4. Order City of Mill Creek to pay all attorney fees and associated costs with this ULP
- 5. Oder City of Mill Creek to read ULP Decision into record of City Council meeting
- 6. Order City of Mill Creek to post ULP Decision on all City Bulletin Boards
- 7. Any and all other relief deemed appropriate