## 6/1/2023 Rider Experience and Operations Committee Meeting Written Public Comment Submissions

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## Joe Kunzler

31 May 2023

**RE:** Big moment tomorrow at 1 PM to uphold Sound Transit values Deputy Mayor Walker and esteemed media CCs;

Joe Kunzler here wishing you well tomorrow, but sadly I have to add a bit of an admonition. As you may be aware, the ongoing conflict with Alex Tsimerman is heating up, and once again, I have to message meeting chairs asking them to not just issue thoughtful proclamations but actually protect minority populations from hate speech that has nothing to do with the meeting. Due to the severity of the current crisis situation and past attempts to get you to do your job; I am advising certain media folks - especially as I have PDC case #s 120879, 124679 and 136406 about Tsimerman's misconduct and filed successfully case # 27890 about appeasement of Tsimerman at Sound Transit.

On that note, I'd like to ask you to please take the Sound Transit Boardmember Claudia Badassuchi no-appeasement approach tomorrow in your duties as Chair starting at per 12:40 of the link - knowing that will also put me at some risk as I will be addressing the meeting administration on top of the improvements on fare collection versus say Trimet. If you let Tsimerman spew, I will have to address the shameful attacks on minority populations during my public comment for starters. So what is The Badassuchi Approach? Namely, give one warning: No introductory comments and offensive comments, and no conduct that disturbs or impedes the conduct of the meeting. Tsimerman's outrageous, malicious, hateful misbehavior towards the Sound Transit Board has no place in such a hallowed chamber. Furthermore, the sooner that Alex Tsimerman is no-trespassed for six months as per the attached rules the better for <u>all</u> parliamentarians. It'll eliminate the risk of another PDC complaint for campaigning aimed at the Sound Transit Board.

As a 12 for Transit, I absolutely do *not* want Sound Transit a battlefield for Tsimerman's campaign that this year ends in November - I want Sound Transit Board members more concerned the next six months with providing ample oversight and ensuring Sound Transit products out the door with time to spare, under budget.

<u>Please perceive tomorrow as an opportunity to bring the City of Tacoma's strong, moral traditions to Sound Transit</u> the way heroes of Sound Transit like <u>your former Mayor Marilyn Strickland did when it mattered most</u>. Look at it as... Sound Transit has to show the region that Tsimerman's bigotry and hate can, should, and MUST be stood up to. Show that Sound Transit's values and Board Rules will pass this test.

Let me remind you, please, that one of Sound Transit's values that all employees wear attached to their lanyard is this:

**INCLUSION & RESPECT:** We foster a culture where everyone is treated fairly and where diverse perspectives are welcomed and every voice is heard

As a key Sound Transit Board committee presiding officer, I call upon you to please keep the faith and uphold that "Inclusion & Respect" value. No matter the perceived cost. Alex Tsimerman's perspective drowns out other voices and makes

the Ruth Fisher Boardroom less than a welcoming environment. Plus, how can you be fair if you don't uphold the attached Sound Transit Board Rules?

With that, I am going to leave you with this: Tacoma is and should be a proud city of Washington State, a crown jewel with C-17s flying over ahead, world-class museums, multimodal transportation that works, and a city that has nobly attempted to get ahead of key issues of our commons such as anti-racism, civility, and housing. Don't you think it should be Tacoma's representative to the Sound Transit Board and not just Bellevue's representative and Skagit County's best transit advocates teaming up to save our commons? I thought so. Tomorrow should be a moment of civic pride for you, and I wish you the best of luck in maintaining that Tacoma civic pride. But as always...

Go Sound Transit;

Joe A. Kunzler growlernoise@gmail.com

P.S. I would also add since I skimmed over your PDC filings, that unlike you, Tsimerman does NOT keep up his PDC obligations so while you and your team work hard to play clean - Tsimerman campaigns *dirty* - so he and his appeasers are targets of my 2023 PDC complaints. Read into *that* what you may.

Alex Tsimerman

The document below was submitted during verbal public comment.

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