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City of Austin on Mute

My name is David P. Griffin, I am a former employee of Public Access and a Public Access Producer. Producers have been complaining to City Management for years now, about the facilities and it's poor maintenance. While Channel 6 (the City Station) gets everything they want: a new building, new equipment.

Public Access is in a twenty year old building with a leaking roof and their equipment is even older. It's the only non-profit working for the City, housed in a City building and the non-profit has to pay the electricity bill.

Producers have been complaining for years by regularly attending the TeleCom Communications Meetings, and the office of TAR constantly. But, to no avail, because it is falling on deaf ears.

Mike Levy was 100% correct when he stated that "the City Management lives in a glass bubble".

Mayor Will Wyn, goes on television and states, if he does not give Simon Mall the \$ 60,000,000.00 we could be sued.

Within four months of writing this check the City was faced with cutting police and fire services.

But, when the Libraries were mentioned it was obvious that they are a sacred cow when it comes to cut-backs. So, just how incompetent is our City Management?

Just as incompetent as the attorney hired by Public Access, Mr. Clark Richards, attorney at law, Richards, Rodriguez & Skeith, LLP. Who has been sending me emails since last November, that he represents Public Access.

When suit is filed a Mr. John A. Heller, with Plunkett & Gibson, Inc., of San Antonio, appears (the smart one) and immediately has the case moved to Federal Court, where upon I agreed with Mr. Heller and asked for a dismissal as he has. Mr. Clark Richards, constantly tells me his clients wishes and how they want things to be. "I keep telling him that is not my concern." I keep asking him to not waste my time with such statements. I suppose I should say my time and the Cities money?

Now, that I have asked the judge to dismiss the first lawsuit and I am preparing to file a new law suit primarily against the City for the way they have been negligent in handling Public Access. Mr. Richards, advised Garry Wilkison, to disregard a summons and so I filed a default judgement on Garry Wilkison, what kind of competent attorney tells a client to ignore a court summons? The same incompetent attorney that tells me; he is going to have me declared as a vexation litigant under Chapter Code 11. If you read chapter 11 you will understand that this attorney is truly either incompetent or very desperate.

During the last 4 weeks these two attorney's have emailed me have filed documents and had a Federal Judges sign orders.

I know for a fact that their hourly rate is \$ 300.00 per hour. I can only guess with all the activity that they have used about twenty hours per week between the two attorneys. This would equal \$ 6,000.00 per week x the last four weeks = \$ 24, 000.00 in estimated legal expenses.

**Where is this non-profit getting this money?** Their only source of income is the City contract and the producer fees. Will this hurt services at Public Access, because management is squandering money on attorney fees? How can a non-profit have two law firms at the same time?

As Mayor Will Wyn, states the City can be sued. Below you will find a copy of the law suit I will file. I am tired of complaining and having it fall on deaf ears. At this time the only way I would like to talk to a politician is in a court room under oath, where they have to tell the truth.

Since, they will not ANSWER my emails or letters. Now, they will have to answer in court.

It is a sad day when citizens have to sue the City they live in so, they are able to sit down with their City leaders and discuss matters. But, it seems like this is the ONLY way I am ever going to have a dialog with this City.

So, I will see you in court.

David P. Griffin