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La Conner Town Council and Mayor,

I am writing in regard to Mr. Richard De Shon. During the council interviews he cited a reasonable attitude, withholding judgment, and letting others have their say. It is my opinion that he does not possess these abilities. While campaigning and door knocking on 9/22/2021 I came to Mr. De Shon's house, to which he slammed the door. While outside the meeting at the council interviews I attempted to open a dialogue with Mr. De Shon and ask him how we could work together. He remained obstinate, cut me off mid-sentence, and stormed away. All of this knowing we could potentially work together on the council and that us communicating was a benefit to the community. I believe Mr. De Shon does not possess the teamwork qualities he stressed on his resume or in the interview and I believe Mr. De Shon cannot reconcile ideas he does not agree with.

I am not the only one in this room to have a similar experience with Mr. De Shon. During a council meeting this summer Mr. De Shon became agitated at remarks made by Councilman Stokes. During public comment period he made a rant which included a raised voice and finger pointing. Disagreement is inevitable and conversely can be a vessel towards progress. However, handling disagreement in the manner Mr. De Shon has exhibited should preclude one from serving on the council.

Regards,
Ivan Carlson