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Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 1:45 PM
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Cc: 'HarsmanS@mcoho.org'
Subject: Dave Esrati Phone Call

At about 8:45, Dave Esrati called and left a message for Mayor Leitzell and I saying "BOE meeting today @ 4:00 they (BOE) won't provide agenda." BOE is Board of Elections.

I returned his call 11:00 ish and left a message as he was out. I also called Steve Harsman who indicated that they had publicly declared the meeting and produced an agenda, and that he believed Mr. Esrati's issue was a dissatisfaction with the specificity of the agenda.

About 1:00, Mr. Esrati called me back and he said that the City Charter states the City runs its election (which we do by contracting with BOE) and that the agenda ought to have the results as they are best known on it so that interested parties could determine if they wanted to attend the meeting. He cannot attend the 4:00 meeting because he is celebrating his father's birthday. He indicated that Mr. Harsman said they were doing third counts of signatures; Mr. Esrati believes that the first and second counts must indicate something and those results should be on the agenda or available to the public. Mr. Esrati also thought that if the Mayor wants to know the results ahead of time, he should be able to know them ahead of time.

I agreed to share his thoughts with the Mayor and Mr. Harsman. Between the three of us, I assume that BOE does not want to present tentative results and the third count is a step in determining the Board's decision. This is my own thought, based on what I know about election procedures and is not based on a conversation with Mr. Harsman.

I indicated to Mr. Esrati that if Mr. Harsman provides additional information to Mayor Leitzell and the Mayor shares it with me, I would share it with him.

Finishing the conversation, Mr. Esrati and I had a brief pleasant conversation about restaurants.

I don't think there is really anything to do about this. Mr. Esrati seems mostly to be unhappy that the agenda does not reflect what he thinks it should reflect.

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