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2025.09.04 P Chapman to W Barnett re Appeal to Dismissal of Investigation Request

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Subject: Re: Mayor's Social Media FW: Ethics and Election Violations by City of Seattle

I am hereby appealing this decision, and am asking the Ethics and Elections Commission to conduct an investigation into Mayor Harrell's use of TikTok, including looking into any direction the Mayor's office or his communication team may have given the TikTok media manager.

One can see the ethics violation by comparing the use of the City of Seattle TikTok account with the City of Seattle Instagram account. The latter has existed for a long time (despite TikTok's immense popularity for more than 5 years), and since July 28 has posted a wider range of content, and has posted *fewer posts than the number of TikTok posts in the same timeframe featuring Mayor Harrell*.

-Paul