

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Bruce Feathers [feathers@featherlites.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2013 7:44 AM

To: Moore-Love, Karla

Subject: FW: E-mail to City Council

Karla, please confirm this re-sent email. As indicated below, please schedule me for the next council meeting to speak on the issue I raised. Can you confirm receipt of this? Thanks.

From: Bruce Feathers

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 10:26 AM

To: 'k.moore-love@portlandoregon.gov'

Subject: E-mail to City Council

Mr. Mayor, and Council Members,

My name is Bruce Feathers, CEO of Featherlite a state certified minority business, a part of the founding group for the City's Small Business Advisory Council, and a consultant to the City in the past 3 Mayoral administrations. In fact, I am the co-author and lead consultant on the City's Supplier Diversity Program officially adopted by Council a couple of years ago, to thwart the dismal record of utilizing minority suppliers through its own admission.

I have worked very closely with Jeff Baer at the City who can vouch for my integrity, as well as for what was mentioned above.

I am the MWESB sub-contractor to both Cale and Precise Parklink, associated with the Smart Meters. I provided the receipts, and had our meter technicians employed to assist these prime contractors with the maintenance. I was the first person to alert the City and who first reported the illicit activities of Ellis McCoy, recently convicted of bribery. My sub-contract was put on hold, pending the Federal investigation, and unfortunately the result is putting me out of business.

News Coverage----- the recent news has prompted the media to inquire of me again, seeking a comment about the City's fairness in dealing with a minority contractor, in light of continuing or having considered to do business with Cale. I didn't bite, and rebuffed their insatiable appetite for this juicy story, because I have always been a friend of the City as my record will show. Instead, I wanted to alert you of this situation and control it from becoming a frenzy. I would like to speak at the first council meeting opportunity, and will show up this Wednesday at 9:30 in an attempt to do so, eventhough there are no slots open.

Assuming a disappointing worse, this should serve as my official request to speak at the very next opportunity, which I believe to be September 4th.

Best Regards,

Bruce Feathers, CEO
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Request of Bruce Feathers to address Council regarding the City's fairness in
dealing with a minority contractor (Communication)

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