

From: [Melissa Crowder](#)
To: [William Seegmiller](#)
Subject: RE: First Amendment violation under Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals by CM John Erickson
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 5:24:00 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Seegmiller,

I am following-up on your email below. Please note that the comments have been enabled on the post on Councilmember Erickson's Facebook page.

Best,
~Melissa

Melissa Crowder, MMC
City Clerk
City of West Hollywood

From: William Seegmiller <westthethird@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 7, 2021 12:36 AM
To: Melissa Crowder <MCrowder@weho.org>
Cc: City Council Web Email Address <council@weho.org>; mayor@weho.org
Subject: First Amendment violation under Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals by CM John Erickson

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Dear Melissa,

Congratulations on your well deserved new position!

This message is to notify you of a serious violation of First Amendment protections of free speech committed by Councilmember John Erickson.

On Thursday Aug 5th, Councilmen Erickson removed me from his Facebook page (<https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=69200647>), thereby disabling my ability to comment. This is in clear violation of my Constitutionally protected right to engage in public dialogue on a Elected Official's media platform, as determined by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

From the ACLU:

“Specifically, the court recognized that when a public official uses a Facebook page as a tool of governance — that is, when she uses it to inform the public about her government work, solicits input on policy issues through the page, and swathes it “in the trappings of her office” — she is controlling the page as a government

actor.” (<https://www.aclu.org/blog/free-speech/internet-speech/court-rules-public-officials-cant-block-critics-facebook>)

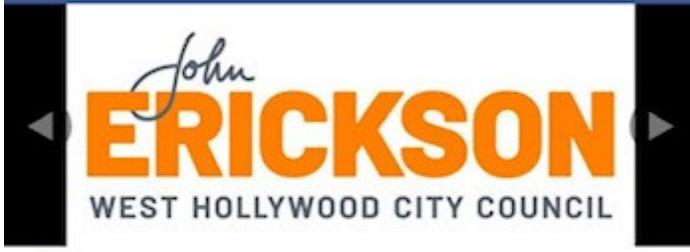
I’ve attached numerous examples of Councilman Erickson using said page in an official capacity to inform about official Government work, and using the trappings of his Formal role on this page.

Thank you for you steadfast work and steadfast obligation to uphold the US Constitution.

All the best,
West Seegmiller

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John Erickson

July 2 at 1:21 PM · 🌐



Important updates re: eviction protections! 📄



Councilmember John M. Erickson July 2 at 1:13 PM · 🌐

Before the #FourthofJuly weekend, I wanted to make sure #WeHo residents knew that Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 832, which extends statewide protections and rent relief programs.

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Kellan Martz and 4 others



John Erickson is in **West Hollywood, California.**



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Look, I'm not happy about this either but I know several people who are currently sick 🤒 with the #DeltaVariant and the community spread is real!

I recommend each and every one of us speak to those that we know (and we all know at least 1 person) that isn't vaccinated and get them an appointment ASAP!



City of West Hollywood Government ✓ July 16 at 2:22 PM · 🌐

Due to Increased Transmission of COVID-19, Masks will be Required for Everyone while Indoors at Public Settings and Businesses in LA County Regardless of Vaccination Status Effective Saturday, July 17 at 11:59 p.m.

<https://w.eho.city/3eslXUm>



Visit the COVID-19 Information Center for vaccine resources.
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John Erickson is with **Kellan Martz** and **8 others** in **West Hollywood, California.**

July 30 at 5:15 PM · West Hollywood, CA · 🌐

Here is a list of places in #WeHo where you have to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within a specific timeframe. Additionally, we are finalizing a mobile vaccination unit to be in our city as well as how to create pop up vaccination sites nears our high traffic areas.

I'll keep updating this list but please let me know as others join:

- ◆ The Abbey Food & Bar - West Hollywood
- ◆ Beaches WEHO
- ◆ Trunks West Hollywood!!!
- ◆ Harlowe
- ◆ The Formosa Cafe
- ◆ Conservatory West Hollywood
- ◆ Hi Tops
- ◆ Shake Shack
- ◆ Tomtom West Hollywood
- ◆ Pump Restaurant
- ◆ Kitchen 24, West Hollywood

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