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No. 1035209

THE SUPREME COURT

OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

ERIC HOOD

Appellant

v.

CITY OF LANGLEY,

Respondent.

ANSWER TO COURT CLERKS MOTION TO STRIKE REPLY

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I. INTRODUCTION

This Court may and should review City's claim that this Court cannot review lower court findings based on City's lies.

II. FACTS

On January 27, 2025, Hood replied to City's claim that Hood may not challenge the trial court's findings. 1/27/25 *Reply To Hood's Amended Petition For Review* ("Reply") (trial court's contradictory findings were based on its untenable application of precept of dishonesty).

The same day, the Court Clerk filed a motion to strike Hood's Reply on the basis that

> it does not appear that the answers to the petition for review sought review of any issues. Accordingly, it is unlikely that the Petitioner is entitled to file a reply.

1/27/25 Letter.

III. ARGUMENT

A. This Court may review City's dishonesty

Whether City "sought review" of the issues it raised is irrelevant to whether Hood was "entitled" to reply to them. *Id*.

RAP 13.4(d) and 13.7(b) do not require [a party to] affirmatively seek review. The rules merely require that the issue be raised.

Blaney v. Int'l Ass'n of Machinists, 151 Wn. 2d 203, 210 n.3

(Wash. 2004) (quotation marks omitted).

Furthermore, this Court has "the authority to determine whether a matter is properly before it, and to perform all acts necessary or appropriate to secure the fair and orderly review of a case." RAP 7.3. *And see Seattle v. Mccready*, 123 Wn. 2d 260, 269 (Wash. 1994); *Kruse v. Hemp*, 121 Wn. 2d 715, 721 (Wash. 1993).

The issues raised by City's Answer are fundamental to justly deciding this case, thus:

B. This Court should review City's dishonesty

"The end of litigation is justice. Knowledge of the truth is essential thereto." *Union Pacific Railway Co. v. Botsford*, 141 U.S. 250, 258 (1891)

In accordance with *all* evidence, Hood showed that City dishonestly withheld the calendars, and then its agents -- officers of the court -- dishonestly defended City's withholding. City did not dispute that evidence because it cannot. City counsel's *current* claim that its fabrications are unchallengeable "verities" repeats its successful, subversive strategy: hide behind lower court rulings it obtained through lies and misrepresentation.

IV. CONCLUSION

This Court has *multiple* grounds on which it may deny Hood's petition or his reply. Thus, the issue is not whether this Court *may* but whether it *will* review the City insurer-appointed counsel's dishonest efforts to undermine the PRA.

This Court should permit Hood's reply.

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