

Original motion made February 1, 2023

MOTION:

I move that Greg Alexander be removed from the Traffic Commission for the following cause:

- posting obscene and inappropriate statements, including statements directed at and antagonizing members of the public, that are unbecoming of an appointed member of a public body, which have diminished Mr. Alexander's ability and fitness to be an effective member of the Traffic Commission and to represent the best interests of the City.

REQUISITES:

Needs a second; is debatable; and requires a simple majority to pass.

Possible revised motion:

I ask that the motion to remove Mr. Alexander that I made on February 1, 2023 be withdrawn and that I be allowed to offer a revised motion in line with the Committee recommendations we heard earlier tonight.

[Chair can ask if there are any objections to revising the February 1 motion. If no objections, chair can recognize a member for the purpose of making a new motion.]

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I move that Greg Alexander be removed from the Traffic Commission for cause under BMC 2.08.020. Specifically, Mr. Alexander:

1. Posted the following comment on social media as a response to a member of the public expressing concern about a planned infrastructure project "punching" through certain streets in her neighborhood:
"what are they punching through with? i would really like to know. it sounds like they are going to savagely penetrate your neighborhood and i want to know what they're going to use to do that?"
2. Posted the following comment on social media:
"haters gonna hate and bloomington democrats gonna lick the shit out from between elm heights' neighbors ass cheeks"
3. Sent unsolicited hand-written letters directly to members of the public who had appeared at Council meetings, which led to complaints and concerns from those members of the public

Serving on the Traffic Commission entails several duties, including carrying on educational activities and receiving complaints having to do with traffic matters.

These duties involve engaging with the public, and several members of the public have described to this Council their concerns about being targeted, bullied, or intimidated by Mr. Alexander. His actions and comments and the resulting public complaints this Council has received have compromised his ability and fitness to engage with the public and carry out his duties. While these comments were not made in a public meeting, his response to a

resident's concern about a city project was offensive and used a reference to sexual violence to ridicule the concern. His comment about one of Bloomington's neighborhoods demonstrates bias. Bullying behavior and bias could discourage and has discouraged residents from voicing traffic concerns and from interacting with the Traffic Commission or the city.

To be clear, I do not make this motion because of Mr. Alexander's substantive criticisms of the city, the Council, or myself. Rather, I make this motion out of concern about Mr. Alexander's fitness to carry out the duties of his appointment to the Traffic Commission.

In making this motion, I also ask that the Council make no formal decision tonight, but instead give Mr. Alexander an opportunity to provide any written comments he would like offer the Council in response to this particular motion.

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