

## City Clerk Staff

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**From:** Allen and Charlotte Hay <achay23@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:10 AM  
**To:** Grp. City Council and City Web Site  
**Subject:** Comment on Mayoral Candidate

To the Missoula City Council:

I was flabbergasted to read that Jacob Elder is among the finalists for mayor of Missoula. This is my September 1, 2022 Facebook post addressing his candidacy:

*Today I sent a FB message to Jacob Elder, one of six finalists for Missoula Mayor, which read, "Please comment on the status of the no-contact order given to you by Judge Robert Deschamps." I posted the same thing as a comment on his "Jacob Elder for Mayor" FB page. A reply to my message and comment hasn't been posted.*

*The no-contact order is a result of a petition for protection from Elder's partner, the mother of his son, who alleges arguments and multiple instances of abuse and control by Elder throughout their relationship. This includes driving erratically when angry, verbally abusing her, threatening to place a baby monitor in their shared home to watch her, forcefully taking her phone, hiding her house and car keys, throwing a car seat and forcefully grabbing their baby.*

*Prior to this incident Elder was accused by female students at the UM Law School of sexual assault including rape and groping. Elder says he's been exonerated of all accusations but has not provided evidence of such. In addition an appeal committee on campus found that Elder retaliated against a UM complainant for participating in a Title IX investigation against him.*

In addition, I refer you to this September 9, 2021, *Missoulian* article describing Mr. Elder's disruptive and threatening interaction with the Republican Pachyderm Club:

[https://missoulian.com/news/local/missoula-gop-chair-responds-to-incident-involving-mayoral-candidate-elder/article\\_19ffd66c-6de2-58f4-a6b5-8578a03337e1.html](https://missoulian.com/news/local/missoula-gop-chair-responds-to-incident-involving-mayoral-candidate-elder/article_19ffd66c-6de2-58f4-a6b5-8578a03337e1.html)

I urge you to address these issues with Mr. Elder during his interview. I cannot state strongly enough how opposed I am to considering him as a mayoral candidate. Character matters.

Sincerely,

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