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**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Subject:** Mayor Merkes Menasha Wi

Hello, I am writing to support open records laws as they pertain to electronic documents. I will use my situation here in Menasha to support my stance. As we approach the April election for Mayor in Menasha I have become very involved in the cities financial and spending habits at City Hall. I am actively involved in assisting another candidate in his bid for the mayor office. Over the course of a few months I have seen the Mayor "scrub" his official Mayoral Face book account when he has been proven wrong. One example: Don Merkes released a letter to the Post Crescent stating that taxes will be lowered in 2016 thanks to his efforts. The reduction was listed as \$0.01 per \$1,000 assessed value. When we got a public records request we learned that taxes were going up about 1.6 to 2 %, not down and we went to the Post Crescent with the new information. Merkes quickly cleaned his FB page of all the posts and comments regarding his claim to tax reductions in 2016 after the PC printed a new article with the correct financial. He used to PC to propagate lies. He has also deleted other posts and has out right blocked three people (self included) for confronting him on his spending habits and misrepresentation of the facts. I asked a long list of questions contradicting the numbers he released on FB and he became so angry he blocked me and then proceeded to answer everyone of my questions on another forum after instructing that administrator to be careful of what I post as it is not factual. He went to another Facebook page and told that administrator to block me too. And yes, he knows that I am assisting another candidate for his position in the April election. I do have the original FB post that got me blocked if you wish to see it. He deletes all comments on his Mayoral FB page that question his abilities or facts. He is leading the public to believe he has done great things for this city while he spends thousands of dollars to improve private property and cater to his investors, aka Jon Bergstrom, Miron, McClone.....There is so much more I could go on to say but I think I made my point. Mayor Merkes is one big example of governmental arrogance and corruption going unchecked and if he keeps deleting and blocking those who question him we no longer have an elected official we have another overpaid politician that not only bought his seat in City Hall but keeps it padded with deception and crushed constitutional rights. Please don't let this be the new "norm" in getting elected in this country. Thank you

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