

# Because We Care – Beyond Inclusion Seattle, WA

Transcript of a conversation between Cheryl Felak, disabled community advocate  
and

Shaun Bickley, Co-Chair of Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities

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This “discussion” took place at Seattle City Hall at a public meeting

*Cheryl Felak statements*

- **Shaun Bickley statements**

*I’m banned because you don’t agree with my opinion, my questions have not been answered I’ve just been told I’m a liar,*

- **You’re abusive**

*Huh*

- **You’re abusive – you’re banned because you’re abusive**

*I’m abusive? So what has been abusive about what I’ve said?*

- **Calling people low functioning**

*I did not do that*

- **Harassing people okay – I don’t really– I don’t really like – what is your point? Why are you here?**

*My point is that I would like to have some information shared with some facts*

- **And I have told you repeatedly and you’ve said it’s a lie – you’ve been answered – you did a public disclosure request you already have the information that you asked for – did you pay for it- did you pick it up**

*Yes I have and I’d like to*

- **Ok great -**

*Tell you there’s information*

- **Can you please not get in my face because you’re way too close to my personal space**

*Okay I’ll stand back*

- **Thank you**

*I’d like to tell you that there was information and facts that were not shared with the commission and with others about jobs and yes, I understand supported employment – do you understand about transportation, what it costs, training, job development, job skill development was any of that*



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- **Yes – what’s your point**

*My point is – was that addressed by this commission*

- **(Exasperated exhale and long pause) – uh we have two legal certificates – you understand the Northwest Center wasn’t - right**

*I understand that – I’m not talking about the Northwest Center - I’m talking about the special certificates*

- **Right**

*Were the issues of job skill development, job coaches?*

- **Yes**

*That was all discussed in this commission in relation to elimination*

- **So let me**

*Let me finish my sentence – in relation to elimination of those certificates – was that discussed and how that was going to be taken into consideration*

- **It’s not a factor because they consented and they agreed to keep those people at their level. We had two people – this isn’t like Texas where there were 121 certificates – we had 2**

*You haven’t answered my question yet*

- **YES WE DISCUSSED IT AND WE DISCUSSED THAT THERE WEREN’T ANY BARRIERS WE WERE READY TO GO and so listen I really need you to understand, now listen I need you to understand, now listen**

*Now you back up*

- **No**

*You’re in my space*

- **I’m not in your space**

**City of Seattle Liaison “Shaun back up”**

*Back up*

- **Ok we’re done – Good-bye**

*Ok – thank you*

- **You’re abusive – I don’t need to speak to you, I’m a volunteer,**

*I’m a volunteer*

- **Fuck you – go fuck yourself – I don’t want to talk to you**



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