

I am Clyde Shavers' father. I speak for both me and my wife regarding our son's political campaign.

In watching the past weeks of watching our son's campaign, I see that it has led to accusations of untruthfulness and conduct that I wished to never have seen or been drawn in the middle of.

My wife and I write this only to correct the record factually and personally as a matter of integrity.

Clyde was never a submarine officer, not even for a day. Prior to Clyde's announcement to run for office, he had asked me how to explain his failure of the submarine officer pipeline training. I stressed to Clyde that he must be truthful and simply state that he went through the many weeks of training. Yet, as seen in campaign materials, Clyde chose instead to claim that he was a submarine officer. I explicitly explained to him that this is akin to claiming to be a Navy SEAL who never completing the training yet being awarded the badge reflecting the position.

Clyde has only disdain for the military. I have seen Clyde's use of veteran status used heavily as a seal of endorsement of honor and integrity, even as he or his campaign continually use the phrase "son of a Marine" for his credibility. **There are no words that I have that could come close to overemphasize Clyde's negative view of the military,** his disdain of enlisted service members, and his revulsion to wear the uniform. This is from conversations that I have had with my son, when trying to convey the honor and privilege of being able to wear such a uniform fell flat on his ears. I am fully aware of those in the military being anxious to complete their service, but Clyde never wanted to go into the military, nor the US Naval Academy in the first place, and bluntly stated animosity against the military and the people in it. I obviously credit his service, but not the abuse of it.

Clyde's ties to Whidbey Island, or even to any county in Washington outside of King County are zero. The only relation to LD10 is that we have driven Clyde through LD10 on occasion when he was growing up. Prior to announcing his candidacy for LD10, Clyde had determined that LD10 was a district that he could win, and he would run there. At that time, I explicitly told him that he has nothing to with that area and should run where he grew up. But according to Clyde, the Democrat Party in Washington and residents of Whidbey Island wanted him there to "flip it blue". That is the reason he chose LD10.

I have seen the claims that Clyde's residence is in question, that he lives in a Bed and Breakfast. This is true. Clyde has told us that he rents a room in a Bed and Breakfast. This is his only tie to Whidbey Island and LD10. He has never worked or lived there. **He pointedly said to us that he picked Whidbey Island because he can win, fully believes that he will, and that he eventually will be the youngest President of the United States.** Clyde does own a condo in Kirkland. He does not, nor ever lived there, but he owns it.

Clyde's PAC states on their website that Clyde's fiancée lives with him in Oak Harbor. To my knowledge, and having met her once, she has been living and working in California for years, has no known ties to Washington state, and grew up in Pennsylvania. Reading that she lives with Clyde now is not something that I can verify, but if true, she would have had to leave her job in California to live (apparently) in the Bed and Breakfast with Clyde.

Clyde has exaggerated his mother's immigration to the United States, as stating she immigrated to the United States for a better life, implying she sought refuge here. The truth is that his mother was in this country as foreign exchange student from Japan, eventually marrying me, and becoming naturalized as a US citizen over time. Our story is much longer, and I believe more romantic than that. In short, the implication that she immigrated for a better life is misleading at best.

Yes, it is true that I am a former active duty Marine and former police officer, having served both honorably and decorated by both the military and law enforcement. But I did not retire from law enforcement as he claims. I honorably resigned from law enforcement after a 14-year career to work in the private sector. To this day, I still miss that amazing career that I am so proud of, yet I will never embellish it nor accept untruths said about it. Clyde misstates my career even further by stating that I worked undercover for more than 20 years when it was more like half that. Because Clyde has never asked his family of the things he speaks, he has taken great liberty in exaggerating the very things that he knows not about.

Clyde states online that he never thought during school or the military that he would ever run for political office. This is simply untrue. His words to us while in school was not to go into or stay in the military but be the **President of the United States** by way of Congress or Senate seats, and to be the youngest president in office.

I have heard Clyde speak of things that have never happened. I do appreciate that political candidates may embellish facts, or even blatantly lie. By appreciate, I do not mean that I accept dishonestly, but that I understand this is the way it is. In the one example that I will give, I give only because it pulls my wife and I into an untruth. Clyde has told citizens that he always remembers what his mother and father constantly said to him growing up, that "tough times don't last but tough people do." I mention this only as an example of something that never happened. Neither of us ever said this to Clyde, ever, yet we were used in this untruth as having said it. I know the saying. But we never said it, mostly because during Clyde's upbringing, we never had hard times, nor did Clyde.

I have read online that Clyde claims to have endured long term homelessness. I do not know where that time would have been, nor has he spoken to us about it. He entered the military from home, went straight to Yale School afterward, living in apartments in Connecticut and California during that time. He then moved into his

current Bed and Breakfast. There is no room for any homelessness in his timeline, let alone long-term homelessness.

I have heard that Clyde stated that he comes from a farming family. This is untrue unless a garden in the backyard is considered farming in the context of his statement. I speak for more than a few generations of my family and my wife's family that Clyde does not come from a farming background or farming family.

Regarding his bar exam failure or failures, I know that he failed the bar exam per his own words on a Facebook post and know nothing more than that. I have seen instances of attorney-lawyer being used or attributed to Clyde online, which is contrary to failing the bar exam.

Clyde's use of his family's history and values as a foundation for his credibility and values has gone farther than I can accept. He has abused it, embellished it, and at times, misled people about it. His personal political views are partisan and without compromise.

My intention with this letter is apolitical, and I have no vested interest in the voting of any person in LD10. My wish for my children is for their success and happiness, and we raised them to value honesty, integrity, and personal sacrifice for others. My personal and professional life hinges on zero room for any dishonesty. These are our values.

This is the most difficult letter I have ever had the misfortune to write, because it is about my son, my wife's son, and my daughter's brother. We have nothing if we have no integrity. We have nothing if we have no honor. We only have the truth to guide us. As Clyde's parents, it is our duty to impress the importance of these values upon him, even at our personal risk of being attacked, defamed, or discredited. Our love for our children does not wane, but our values will not be compromised either.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Shavers'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'B' and a complex, overlapping set of letters for the rest of the name.

Brett Shavers