

Letter to Seattle Times
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Dear Seattle Times Editors;

I was disturbed by your recent piece, "The Reckoning", concerning Dorinda Henry's accusation of sexual assault by former Seattle City Councilmember Sherry Harris. For those who don't know Sherry, Dorinda has no evidence and her accusations were investigated and found to be baseless a long time ago. I was Sherry's partner of 16 years at the time. Sherry and I knew Dorinda and her partner, and went to community events as couples. In fact, I was supposed to go on the trip to Oakland where Dorinda claims she was assaulted. A work conflict came up, so I offered my ticket to Dorinda. After Dorinda filed a sexual harassment complaint against Sherry, I was thoroughly interviewed by the city investigator assigned to the case and asked if I knew about any sexual impropriety. Sherry's relatives in Oakland who were at the house were also interviewed. Sherry's relatives were also clear that nothing happened. Sherry, as my partner then and a friend today, is a truly gentle, kind, and generous person who has been unjustly accused and unfairly portrayed by someone who hijacked the #metoo movement to settle a score after being fired, with cause, decades ago.

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