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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 ROB LEAR,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY,
14 et al.,

15 Defendants.

CASE NO. C13-0347JLR

ORDER

16 Before the court are Mr. Lear's numerous responses to the court's March 17, 2014,
17 order to show cause why summary judgment should not be entered in favor of the last
18 remaining defendant in this case. (Resp. to Order to Show Cause (Dkt. # 97); Lear Decl.
19 (Dkt. # 98); Not. of Increased Damages Demand (Dkt. # 100); Supplement re Response
20 to Order to Show Cause (Policy/Policymaker) (Dkt. # 101); Not. of Root of Deprivations
21 (Dkt. # 102); and Final Mot. for SJ (Dkt. # 103).) The court's prior order explained at
22 great length why summary judgment was being entered in favor of the primary

1 defendants in this case—the Seattle Housing Authority (“SHA”), Martha Owens, Terry
2 Nham, and Jake LeBlanc. (*See* 3/17/14 Order (Dkt. # 96).) In prior orders, the court
3 explained why other defendants were likewise entitled to dismissal or summary
4 judgment. (*See* 10/25/13 Order (Dkt. # 64) (granting summary judgment in favor of the
5 Seattle City Counsel, Mayor of Seattle, and Seattle Office of Civil Rights); 10/7/13 Order
6 (Dkt. # 60) (granting State of Washington’s motion to dismiss with prejudice).)

7 Only one defendant remains in this case: the Seattle Housing Authority Board of
8 Commissioners (“SHA Board”). (*See* 3/17/14 Order at 26.) As the court previously
9 stated, “[t]here appear to be no valid claims (and indeed no claims of any kind) made
10 against this entity” (*Id.*) Thus, the court ordered Mr. Lear to “show cause within 10
11 days why the SHA Board is not also entitled to summary judgment dismissal of any
12 claims against it.” (*Id.*) This show cause order was premised on the notion that Mr. Lear
13 had provided no evidence of any kind with respect to the SHA Board, so all of the
14 reasoning that applied to the other defendants would apply to the SHA Board as well—if,
15 in fact, Mr. Lear could be said to have alleged claims against the SHA Board in the first
16 place. (*See id.*)

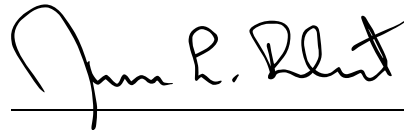
17 None of Mr. Lear’s submissions address the SHA Board at all. His first
18 submission, his initial response to the show cause order, details the reasons why he
19 believes the court’s prior rulings were wrong and attempts to reargue his claims. (*See*
20 *Resp. to Order to Show Cause.*) His second submission, his newly-submitted declaration,
21 repeats his allegations against Terry Nham and Jake LeBlanc and argues for the validity
22 of a prior piece of evidence submitted to the court. (*See Lear Decl.*) His other

1 | submissions follow a similar pattern. His Notice of Increased Damages Demand
2 | increases his monetary demands against SHA and provides information regarding certain
3 | general concepts that he believes are relevant to this case. (*See* Not. of Increased
4 | Damages Demand.) His Supplemental Response to the court’s show cause order
5 | identifies former-U.S. Senator Slade Gorton as the “policy maker” involved in this case.
6 | (*See* Supplement re Response to Order to Show Cause (Policy/Polycymaker).) His Notice
7 | of Root of Deprivations lists campaign contributions made by the undersigned prior to
8 | appointment to the federal bench. (*See* Not. of Root of Deprivations.) Last, his recently-
9 | filed motion for summary judgment sets out the law he believes applies to this case and
10 | reiterates his demands for relief. (*See* Final Mot. for SJ.) His filings do not present
11 | evidence that his claims against the SHA Board are any more viable than his claims
12 | against any of the other defendants. In short, there appears to be no evidence whatsoever
13 | of any wrongdoing by the SHA Board.

14 | With respect to the other arguments raised in Mr. Lear’s submissions, the court
15 | construes these as motions for reconsideration of the summary judgment ruling. Pursuant
16 | to Local Rule CR 7(h)(1), motions for reconsideration are disfavored and will ordinarily
17 | be denied unless there is a showing of (a) manifest error in the prior ruling, or (b) facts or
18 | legal authority which could not have been brought to the attention of the court earlier
19 | with reasonable diligence. Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7(h)(1). Mr. Lear has not
20 | made either of these showings. His submissions do not demonstrate any manifest error in
21 | the summary judgment ruling, nor does he present any evidence or authority he could not
22 | have raised while SHA’s summary judgment motion was pending.

1 For these reasons, the court GRANTS summary judgment in favor of the last
2 remaining defendant in this case, the SHA Board, and STRIKES Mr. Lear's pending
3 motion for summary judgment (Dkt. # 103) as moot. *See Gospel Missions of Am. v. City*
4 *of L.A.*, 328 F.3d 548, 553 (9th Cir. 2003) (holding that a court may enter summary
5 judgment sua sponte if the losing party had a full and fair opportunity to ventilate the
6 issues involved in the matter).

7 Dated this 3rd day of April, 2014.

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10 JAMES L. ROBART
11 United States District Judge
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