

[Steven Cox](#) (Tue, 11 Jul at 7:24 PM)

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To: PDC.

It has come to my attention that Steven Cox ( COX STEVEN R, MAYOR, CITY OF VANCOUVER – 2017)Has violated multiple RCW and failed to document campaign contributions.

1) Steven Cox held a campaign kick off on May 4th, 2017. In his online advertisement he states this fundraiser will have a silent auction.

If the silent auction items were received as donations to Steven Cox's campaign these items were not reported to the PDC prior to the kick off.

This is a violation of RCW 42.17A.235 as contributions must be reported to the PDC monthly. A C-4 report was never filed for this purpose.

Response to Item #1:

The C4 report for the month of May was filed in a timely manner on June 10, 2017 (due June 12, 2017). The May C4 included all the expenses associated with the kickoff event.

The C3 reports for the month of May were also filed noting the contributions received related to the kickoff event. However due to confusion on the part of the new Treasurer, those reports were not filed until July 6, 2017. The Treasurer believed that the filing of the C4 through ORCA included the C3 information as well. Upon discovery that this was incorrect on July 6, 2017 the C3 reports were immediately filed. The campaign acknowledges and apologizes for the tardiness of these C3 reports.

2) Furthermore after the campaign kickoff event Steven Cox posted on social media (Facebook) the following statement: "The Silent auction was a roaring success. We had many donors contributing toward the silent auction. A big hearty thanks to all those who donated and all those who bought for the silent auctions. I wish to thank all those in attendance who also gave very generously to the campaign."

The campaign for Steven Cox has yet to file a C-3 or C-4 report for this silent auction, no items or funds have been reported. On June 1st a C-3 report was filed which included a single contribution of \$100. Yet, Steven himself made it clear that a "generous" amount of money was contributed to his campaign and that silent auction items were a "rolling success" His campaign knowingly accepted money on May 4th and neglected to disclose contributions on this form. This is a violation of **RCW 42.17A.145** - Every report and statement required to be filed under this chapter shall include

ntify the person preparing it, and shall be certified as complete and correct, both by the person preparing it and by the person on whose behalf it is filed. This form is knowingly false by his campaign.

Response to Item #2:

As noted above in the Response to Item #1, the C4's have all been filed in a timely manner. Due to Treasurer misunderstanding of how ORCA works the C3's were filed belatedly. There was no intent to hide or mislead the PDC or the public as to the activities of the Steven Cox Campaign. The Treasurer has apologized for his misunderstanding and future C3 and C4 reports will be filed in a timely manner. All funds received from that event were deposited in a timely manner to the campaign account and reported on the C3.