

Dear Mr. Blackhorn,

Please consider the following the official response of the Snohomish County GOP Leaders Fund regarding the complaint filed on 6/1/17.

The GOP Leaders Fund was established on 12/7/2012 with the following officers: Jim Donner, President; John Jennings Vice President /Treasurer. Reports were filed in 2012, 2014 and 2015; although expenditures were not listed. Upon learning that incomplete reports had been filed, the GOP Leaders Fund reorganized in 2017. With new officers Jim Donner, Russell Wiita, and Billye Brooks-Sebastiani. Attempts were made to update the account when Russell Wiita submitted the C1PC form on 4/24/2017; however, the ORCA system reported back that we could not enter expenses because there would be a negative balance. Billye Brooks-Sebastiani contacted the PDC via voicemail; and followed up with an email on 5/1/2017 within a week of becoming an officer. Given the complexity of the questions, the PDC recommended in an email to Ms. Brooks-Sebastiani that there be a telephone conversation to clarify the status of the account. Ms. Brooks-Sebastiani and Jennifer Hansen spoke on May 25 at which time Ms. Brooks-Sebastiani was advised to file the 2017 records balancing with the bank statements to bring the account current for 2017. Jennifer indicated that once 2017 was input the PAC should make it a priority to file amended reports to include all prior expenditures. The PAC is finishing compiling the 2017 reports and will be submitting those soon with the past report to follow.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for more information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita