

Complaint: Lack of Reported Campaign Expenditures by Clark County Republican Party

Chuck Green reported 2 days ago (Sun, 28 Aug at 8:33 AM) via Email

To: pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Cc: peryliz@comcast.net

Dear Public Disclosure Commission:

On behalf of Elizabeth Campbell, I am submitting for Public Disclosure Commission review a complaint against the Clark County Republican Party. We have evidence of at least three campaign mailers, supporting certain Republican candidates but also opposing certain Republican candidates, which were mailed prior to the August 2, 2016 Primary election and were noted as being paid for by the Clark County Republican Party (CCRP).

However, a search of PDC reports through August 27, 2016 indicate that the CCRP has reported no expenditures since May 2016, and there is no record of any such expenditures being reported for the development, printing, and postage to mail out these flyers. They are attached to the complaint as exhibits, as is an article from the local newspaper The Columbian from August 27, 2016 which refers to the flyers in question.

You will find three files attached:

- 1) A pdf of the completed complaint form with contact information for the proponents and respondents;
- 2) A pdf of the five (5) exhibits referenced in the complaint
- 3) A scan of the signed Oath statement of Elizabeth Campbell.

Our contact information as well as that of the Respondent are included in the complaint.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need of clarification.

Sincerely,

-Chuck Green

360-449-2132

3 Attachments



WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION COMPLAINT FORM

(See instructions on the last page.)

Description of Complaint

1. RESPONDENT:

Identify who you are filing a complaint against and provide all contact information you have for them. Give names and titles, if any, for individuals, and the full name of any organization. Please note that the PDC does not enforce federal campaign finance laws or local ordinances.

Example #1: Joe Public, Mayor of My Town,

123 Main Street, Your Town, State, Phone: 555-123-4567, Email: unknown

Example #2: The Political Action Group (instead of P.A.G.), 123 Main Street, Your Town, State,

Phone: 555-123-4567, Email: pag@pag.org, Website: www.PAGwashington.org

Clark County Republican Party

Kenny Smith, Chair

20400 NE 225th Avenue

Brush Prairie, WA 98606

PDC report contact email: JEANNEH@TDS.NET

Smith phone: 360-521-8565

2. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS:

Explain how and when you believe the people/entities you are filing a complaint against violated RCW 42.17/RCW 42.17A or Title 390 WAC. Be as detailed as possible about dates, times, places and acts. If you can, cite which specific laws or rules you believe were violated. Attach additional pages if needed. (Note that the RCW 42.17 citation applies to conduct before 2012 and the RCW 42.17A citation applies to conduct on or after January 1, 2012.)

On at least three occasions prior to the August 2, 2016 Primary election, the Clark County Republican Party printed and mailed thousands of mailers opposing Republican candidates while supporting other Republican candidates. These were mailed to many addresses in Clark County Council District 3 (voters registered: 62,424) and District 4 (voters registered: 70,033); and Legislative District 18 (voters registered: 92,113). The mailers indicate they were paid for by the Clark County Republican Party (CCRP). However, the Public Disclosure Commission report for the CCRP as of August 27, 2016 do not report any expenditures for any of these mailers.

This is a violation of RCW 42.17A.235, Reporting of contributions and expenditures, and possibly RCW 42.17A.260 Special reports—Political advertising if the PDC chooses to consider these Independent Expenditures by the Clark County Republican Central Committee.

These were sent to thousands of households and were not just limited to those registered as Republicans. They were received between July 15 and 24, 2016 which implies there would have been expenditures in June and earlier in July for graphics development and printing, and there would have been expenditures in mid-July for postage.

Evidence and Witnesses

3. EVIDENCE:

List the documents or other evidence you have that support your complaint, if any, and attach copies to this form. If you do not have copies, provide any information you have about where you believe the documents or evidence can be found and how to obtain it. Attach additional pages if needed.

Example: Emails between Joe public and Candidate X, attached OR

Joe Public has emails from Candidate X which describe an illegal campaign donation, and Joe Public's phone number is 555-123-4567.

Exhibits 1-3 are the mailers in question, each highlighting where they indicated they were paid for by the Clark County Republican Party. Note Exhibit 1 appears to be a mailer in support of candidate Liz Pike; however, there is no identifying information as to who paid for the flyer and there are elements and formatting that are the same content as those paid for the Clark County Republican Party, as noted in Exhibits 2 and 3.

Exhibit 4 shows the Clark County Republican Party Central Committee PDC reporting as of August 27, 2016 which shows no reported expenditures since May 31, 2016, and no reported expenditures specific to the mailers in question.

Exhibit 5 is an on-line Columbian article referencing the Clark County Republican Party's involvement in these mailers.

4. WITNESSES:

List the names and contact information, if known, of any witnesses or other persons who have knowledge of facts that support your complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Example: Jane Public was present when Candidate X spoke to me about the illegal contribution. Jane Public's address is 123 Main Street, Your Town, USA 12345, and her phone number is 555-123-4567.

Chuck Green
2705 NE 170th Street
Ridgefield, WA 98642
Chuck.green1407@gmail.com
Phone: 360-449-2132

Certification

In signing this complaint:

- I have provided all information, documents and other evidence of which I am aware;
- If I become aware of additional information, documents or evidence related to my complaint, I will promptly provide it to the PDC; and,
- I am providing the PDC current information on how to contact me, and will promptly update that information if it changes.
- Unless otherwise noted, I agree that PDC may use email instead of U.S. mail for all written correspondence about this complaint.

E-mail address: perryliz@comcast.net

Your name (print or type):Elizabeth Campbell

Street address: 13504 NW 47th Ave

City, state and zip code: Vancouver, WA 98685

Telephone number (including area code): 360-523-2267

Oath

Required for all complaints filed with the Public Disclosure Commission:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Your signature _____

Date signed _____

Place signed (city and county)

City

County

Attachments

Check here if you are attaching copies of documentary evidence or extra pages explaining your complaint.

**RCW 9A.72.040 says that "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."*

Washington State Public Disclosure Commission

Instructions for Filing a Formal Complaint

➤ **When to use the formal complaint form:**

While this form is not required, its use is recommended when you want to file formal allegations of a violation of the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) statutes or rules. You can find the PDC statutes and rules on the PDC website at www.pdc.wa.gov.

If you have information or concerns about a possible violation but do not wish to file a complaint, please contact the PDC office directly.

➤ **How to submit your complaint form to the PDC:**

- Complete all sections. If you do not have some information, please write “unknown” instead of leaving a blank space.
- Attach copies of any evidence you have - we’ll contact you if we need originals.
- Sign the oath.
- Mail, fax, or email your complaint and all attachments to the PDC.

➤ **If you have more questions:**

If you have more questions about filing a complaint, see the “Frequently Asked Questions about Filing a Complaint” guide available on the PDC’s website at www.pdc.wa.gov under “Enforcement and Compliance.” You may also contact the PDC directly.

PDC Contact Information

MAILING ADDRESS: Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way, Room 206
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

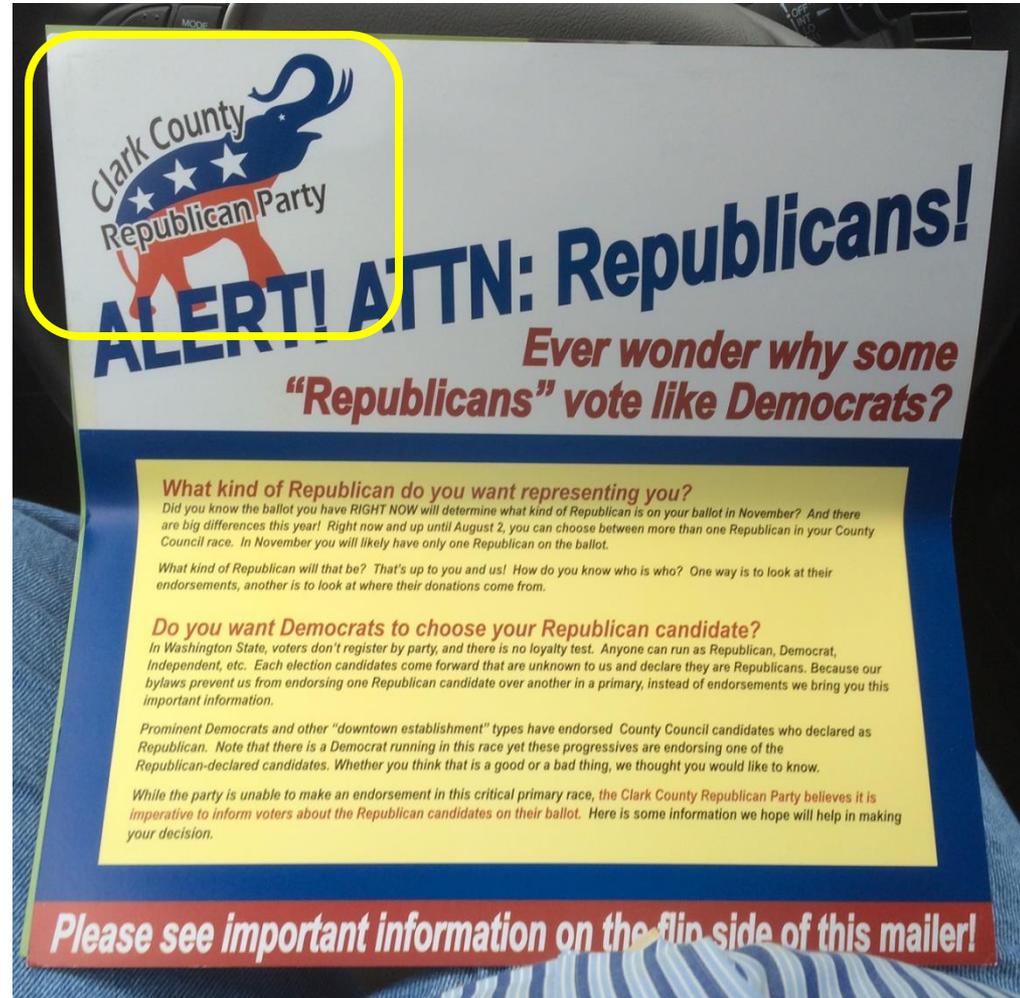
EMAIL ADDRESS: pdc@pdc.wa.gov

PHONE: 1-877-601-2828 (toll free)

FAX: (360) 753-1112

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., closed on state holidays.

Exhibit 1: Clark County Republican Party Pike Mailer (July 2016)



Note information and format matches information on Exhibits 2 and 3

Exhibit 2: Clark County Republican Party Pro-Quiring Mailer (July 2016)

Clark County Republican Party

A 2016 Primary Election & Information Alert
No candidate authorized this ad.
It is paid for by the Clark County Republican Party
PO Box 205
Vancouver, WA 98666

PRSR STD
US Postage
PAID
Mailed from
98642
PERMIT No. 94

If you want quality candidates on your November ballot, you must vote for them by August 2nd!

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Washougal, WA 98671-8603

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2016 Primary Election Alert!

Why would LIBERAL Democrats endorse Jennifer McDaniel for the Clark County Council?

Chuck Green - The Democrat for county council we defeated in the last election.
Deanna Pauli-Hammond - Former chair of the Clark County Democratic Party.
Nan Henrikson - Democrat and Chair of Freeholders who gave us that awful charter!
Betty Sue Morris - Former Democratic Commissioner.
Jack Burkman - Dedicated Liberal, Vancouver City Councilmember.
Larry Smith - Consistent Liberal, Vancouver City Councilmember.

Could it be they expect McDaniel to vote like a Democrat?

In contrast, Eileen Quiring chose as her campaign slogan "A Conservative We Can Trust," and most of her donations come from grassroots Republican activists.

Jennifer McDaniel

Eileen Quiring

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Exhibit 3: Clark County Republican Party Pro-Madore Mailer (July 2016)

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2016 Primary Election Alert!

John Blom

Why would **LIBERAL** Democrats endorse John Blom for the Clark County Council?

Chuck Green - The Democrat for county council we defeated in the last election.
Craig Pridemore - The Democrat for county commissioner we defeated in 2014.
Deanna Pauli-Hammond - Former chair of the Clark County Democratic Party.
Nan Henrickson - Democrat and Chair of Freeholders who gave us that awful charter!
Betty Sue Morris - Former Democratic Commissioner.
Jack Burkman - Dedicated Liberal, Vancouver City Councilmember.
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David Madore

In contrast, David Madore's endorsements and volunteers include vast numbers of grassroots conservative Republicans.

If you appreciate information like this, please donate online at www.clarkrepublicans.org - And vote by August 2nd!

ALERT! ATTN: Republicans!

Ever wonder why some "Republicans" vote like Democrats?

What kind of Republican do you want representing you?

Did you know the ballot you have RIGHT NOW will determine what kind of Republican is on your ballot in November? And there are big differences this year! Right now and up until August 2, you can choose between more than one Republican in your County Council race. In November you will likely have only one Republican on the ballot.

What kind of Republican will that be? That's up to you and us! How do you know who is who? One way is to look at their endorsements, another is to look at where their donations come from.

Do you want Democrats to choose your Republican candidate?

In Washington State, voters don't register by party, and there is no loyalty test. Anyone can run as Republican, Democrat, Independent, etc. Each election candidates come forward that are unknown to us and declare they are Republicans. Because our bylaws prevent us from endorsing one Republican candidate over another in a primary, instead of endorsements we bring you this important information.

Prominent Democrats and other "downtown establishment" types have endorsed County Council candidates who declared as Republican. Note that there is a Democrat running in this race yet these progressives are endorsing one of the Republican-declared candidates. Whether you think that is a good or a bad thing, we thought you would like to know.

While the party is unable to make an endorsement in this critical primary race, the Clark County Republican Party believes it is imperative to inform voters about the Republican candidates on their ballot. Here is some information we hope will help in making your decision.

Please see important information on the flip side of this mailer!

Note: this was received by a Democratic household. Reverse side of Exhibits 2 and 3 matches information on Exhibit 1

Exhibit 4: CCRP Expenditures Reported to PDC as of 8/27/16



Election Totals ▼ Candidates ▼ **Committees ▼** Independent Expenditures ▼ Lobbying ▼ Advanced ▼ PDC Home

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- [Cash Contributions](#)
- [Inkind Contributions](#)
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Expenditures for: CLARK CO REPUB CENT COMM NON EXEMPT

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Total Raised: \$62,776.68 Total Spent: \$47,189.68

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\$56,641.24 \$0.00

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REPORT	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	CITY	STATE	ZIP	DESCRIPTION
Report	FIVE 9	5/31/2016	\$184.80	SAN RAMON	CA	94583	OFFICE TELEPHONE
Report	COMCAST	5/27/2016	\$119.96	VANCOUVER	WA	98660	OFFICE TELEPHONE
Report	GREATERGIVING	5/27/2016	\$56.38	BEAVERTON	OR	97006	CC FEES
Report	OFFICE DEPOT	5/24/2016	\$82.37	VANCOUVER	WA	98665	PREPARATION FOR LDD
Report	USPS	5/19/2016	\$141.00	VANCOUVER	WA	98665	POSTAGE
Report	GREATERGIVING	5/13/2016	\$73.65	BEAVERTON	OR	97006	CC FEES
Report	CLARK PUD	5/4/2016	\$117.86	VANCOUVER	WA	98668	OFFICE UTILITIES
Report	HOME DEPOT	5/3/2016	\$154.71	VANCOUVER	WA	98665	YARD SIGNS
Report	LO HATCH	5/1/2016	\$1,400.00	BATTLGROUN	WA	98004	OFFICE RENT
Report	EXPENSES OF \$50 OR LESS	5/1/2016	\$346.54				
Report	FIVE 9	4/29/2016	\$184.78	SAN RAMON	CA	94583	OFFICE TELEPHONE
Report	COMCAST	4/27/2016	\$119.96	VANCOUVER	WA	98660	OFFICE PHONE
Report	CLARK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	4/26/2016	\$1,200.00	RIDGEFIELD	WA	98642	COUNTY FAIR
Report	DELAVAR KATJA	4/19/2016	\$110.79	WASHOUGAL	WA	98671	REIMB COUNTY CONVENTION
Report	NW NATURALS	4/12/2016	\$80.24	PORTLAND	OR	97228	OFFICE UTILITIES

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Sorted by date, latest date first:

http://web.pdc.wa.gov/MvcQuerySystem/CommitteeData/expenditures?param=Q0xBUIJDIDY2Ng%3D%3D%3D%3D&year=2016&type=party_county

Exhibit 5: Columbian Article 8/27/16

County Republicans to consider neutrality resolution

Party meeting set for Saturday

By [Lauren Dake](#), Columbian Political Writer

Published: August 26, 2016, 10:00 AM



The Clark County Republican Party made it clear on the colorful campaign advertisement it mailed: The organization cannot make endorsements in a primary race.

But flip the mailer over, and some would argue a different message was clear.

"Why would liberal Democrats endorse Jennifer McDaniel for the Clark County Council?" the mailer read. Later, the flier answered its own question with another: "Could it be they expect McDaniel to vote like a Democrat?"

Below, there's a head shot of candidate Eileen Quiring, noting she has chosen "a conservative we can trust" as her campaign slogan and that most of her donations came from "grass roots Republican activists."

The two Republican candidates and the mailer, paid for by the Clark County Republican Party, are illustrative of a long-standing war that's being waged within the local party ranks. In 2012, a push to elect anti-establishment Republicans or "grass roots Republican activists" to GOP leadership successfully worked to oust the old guard.

Now, some are hoping after a Dec. 3 election among party officers, the local GOP's pendulum could swing the other direction.

Clark County Republican Chair Kenny Smith, however, doesn't foresee any massive shake-up in the party's future.

"I hope there's not a shift back to top-down," he said. "I hope it remains a grass-roots organization and it's my anticipation that it will."

But, Smith added, "This is the proper place for the battle to occur. We've seen a lot of improper ways people have tried to damage the party over the last few years. The proper way is the every other year organizing of the precinct committee officers."

First, on Saturday, the party's rank-and-file members are scheduled to weigh in on the role the party plays when it comes to contested primaries.

Trevor Winton, a precinct committee officer, said the mailer was "effectively taking a position," as an endorsement would.

Quiring ended up receiving 2,901 more votes than McDaniel in the primary, and will face Democrat Roman Battan in November.

Winton plans to present a resolution on Saturday at this weekend's Clark County PCO meeting.

"I want to create clarity about what we're doing, so we don't have these arguments," he said. "We don't want to argue about what's fair and what's not fair, we lose the ability to focus on what's important, which is advancing our core principles."

If adopted, the resolution would call for the Clark County Republican Party's neutrality when it comes to Republican candidates in a contested primary. That would include sharing voter database information or using funds to promote a particular candidate.

"The bylaws, at least the spirit of the bylaws, (say) there should be no taking of a position," Winton said.

Oath

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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Your signature Elizabeth Campbell

Date signed 8-27-2016

Place signed (city and county)

Vancouver City Clark County

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