

File a Formal Complaint - Dick Collins

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In the August 2016 Voter's pamphlet there was no "Statement Against" for F.D. 13 in Tacoma. However the "Against" committee has been posting yellow and black "Vote No" signs throughout the neighborhood recently. Their attached letter states they posted 44 signs. This years' yellow and black NO signs must be new since they have always been red and white in their previous campaigns. Yesterday we, and who knows how many others in the neighborhood, received a "Vote No" letter from Connie O'Neill and Chris Johnson declaring they are the "Statement Against" committee. After checking the PDC records, it appears they have not registered or declared their campaign spending. As you know, Washington State law requires that those tasks be completed. Why should they not have to follow the rules that apply to every other PAC? A copy of the letter they mailed is attached.
Thank you.

4 Attachments

Subject: Pierce County Fire Protection District 13, Proposition 1, Lid Lift

Greetings Neighbors,

Please consider this as the "Statement Against" that is usually found in the Voters' Pamphlet. The reason for this statement is that the other side, (the "FOR" side) has been using illegal tactics, stealing signs, and preventing an opposition statement in the voters pamphlet! And why are they forcing this vote with no voter input? Why are they preventing taxpayers from learning about the 'NO' position on the Proposition One"?

Interestingly, they formed a 'For Group' calling themselves 'Friends of the Fire Department' with its origin's dating back to earlier in the year. We don't know those in this group, but presume they include some of the people who have 'YES' signs posted in their yards. And it's likely the group includes the people who have been stealing our signs, 36 stolen out of 44 posted have been stolen to date. In several instances, signs were removed, replaced, and stolen again. This is a sophisticated effort to block our constitutional rights! Do you want to support these people with your vote?

RCW 29A.84.040, states that a person who removes or defaces lawfully placed political advertising yard signs without authorization is guilty of a misdemeanor. Strange, that they find a need to keep the signs, but we're willing to pay a generous reward to anyone who can provide us with the information necessary to prosecute those responsible for these crimes.

The Fire District blocked us from submitting an opposition statement against the ballot initiative in the Voters Pamphlet. RCW 29A.32.280 states, For each measure from a unit of local government that is included in a local voters' pamphlet, the legislative authority of that jurisdiction 'SHALL', not later than the resolution deadline, appoint persons to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure and a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the measure. If the authority fails to make such appointments by the prescribed deadline, the county auditor 'SHALL' make the appointments. It never happened! The Fire District failed to make the appointments and the County Auditor refused to make the appointments when we requested she do so. Curiously, none of the various Fire Districts' ballot issues in the Voters Pamphlet have an opposition statement - wonder why? The Commissioners, the Auditor and those who are stealing our signs violated the law and denied us our rights under the First Amendment, the right to freedom of speech!

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They call themselves a Fire Department, but they actually operate as a Fire Fighting Training School. This school is training fire fighters from outside the District. They stay just two years before they move on career jobs. Where are the volunteers from Dash and Browns Point? There is only one BP/DP volunteer right now! The District is providing this training on the District's taxpayer's money and is costing us a lot more money than to operate as a true voluntary fire department. They are using the facilities, equipment and instructors paid for with our taxpayer dollars, and it needs to stop! Premature wearing out of our facilities

and equipment means premature repair and replacement of the same. They can't deny our facilities and equipment need to be repaired and replaced as they use this argument to promote passage of their proposition. It is time for them to live within their means, the same as you and me. They refuse to cut expenditures and are receiving regular increases in revenue every year.

It has been proven that we were right in 1996, when we twice voted down the building of the Dash Point station. But the District ignored the vote and built in anyways. Some of those people are still involved. It has turned out to be the "White Elephant" we predicted. It needs to be sold and a far less expensive garage built to function in the same manner as the D.P. fire station is now.

We would like to give you a few suggestions on how to make sure your ballot is counted the way you submit it. First, make sure you fill out each and every race. If you don't know any candidate for a race, write one in and be sure to connect the arrow. Don't leave it blank for someone else to mark it for you. Next, mail in your ballot, don't place your ballot in one of those drop boxes. Don't be cheap, buy a stamp and get the post office cancellation stamp on it. Or vote, on the computers, at one of the Voting Centers listed on page 6 of the voters' pamphlet (this is the best way). Be sure to keep your paper ballot, until after the election has been certified, to prove you didn't vote twice.

STOP being abused with constant increases in taxes and being taxed out of your homes. Fight back and take the steps to cease this abuse whenever possible. Start right now by VOTING "NO" on Proposition One.

Your Caring Neighbors,

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