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James Baldes
2135 Willow Lane W
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Subject: PDC case 4064

Dear Mr. Baldes:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on April 3, 2016. Your complaint alleged that Betsy Tainer and the 'No New UP Taxes' campaign may have violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235, .240 and .320 by failing to register and report as a political committee and by not including sponsor identification on campaign mailers.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations and found the following:

There are many registered committees registered in opposition to the Metro Parks levy on the April 26, 2016 special election:

- Amy of One:
Registered as a political committee on 4/5/15, after the complaint
Filed under Mini Reporting – will gather and spend less than \$5000
Betsy Tainer listed as treasurer
Main contact for 'No New UP Taxes' and administers web presence
- Ballot Committee:
Registered as a political committee on 4/6/15, after the complaint
Filed under Mini Reporting
Scott McGill listed as treasurer
Distributed flyers for 'No New Taxes' group through US mail
- Stop higher tax's
Registered as a political committee on 2/19/16, before the complaint
Filed under Mini reporting
Dennis Flann listed as treasurer

Ordered and placed red and white yard signs around UP that say, "VOTE NO PROP. 1 PROPERTY TAX INCREASE"

Yard signs are exempt from Sponsor ID requirements

- James Clark
Filed a C6 Independent expenditure report on 4/1/16, before the complaint was filed
Spent \$280 on posters and flyers that were distributed by hand
Posters and flyers did not include sponsor ID as required and listed 'No New UP Taxes' as contact
- None of these groups or individuals has any previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

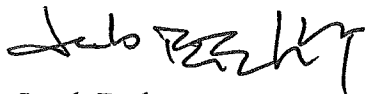
In accordance with WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), Amy of One, Ballot Committee, and James Clark will receive Formal Written Warnings. They will be instructed that they appear to have violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235, .240 and/ or .320 by making and accepting campaign contributions, making campaign expenditures, filing late registrations of political committees, and failure to include proper sponsor identification on political advertising.

If there are future violations of PDC laws or rules, the Commission will consider the Formal Written Warning in deciding on further Commission action.

Accordingly, the PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further corrective action in this case.


If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey at 360-586-4555, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at jacobberkey@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Jacob Berkey
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Endorsed by,



Evelyn Fielding Lopez
Executive Director

cc: Amy of One
Ballot Committee
James Clark