

Complaint Description

Grandcracker1 (Wed, 10 Oct at 1:58 PM)

Violation 1a: RCW 42.17A.555: As of Tuesday, October 9, 2018, Timothy Gray (incumbent candidate for the position of Stevens County Auditor) has listed his County Office phone number (509-684-7511) on his campaign Facebook page found

here: https://www.facebook.com/RetainTimGrayforStevensCountyAuditor/?ref=br_rs

This phone number rings directly to his desk in the Auditor's office. It is noteworthy that Mr. Gray does not appear to maintain any other online campaign website; his Facebook page is therefore the predominate method for voters interested in his campaign to contact him online.

Screen shots of this violation are attached to this complaint. This is a violation of RCW 42.17A.555 which prohibits use of public facilities and/or equipment (such as phones); the statute also specifically prohibits use of office space for campaign purposes.

Violation 1b: RCW 42.17A.555: On Tuesday, October 9, 2018, Timothy Gray distributed campaign literature at the Northeast Washington Association of Realtors' candidate forum again listing the phone number for the Auditor's office (509-684-7511). It is believed that Mr. Gray and his supporters distributed the same flyer at the Marcus Ciderfest Parade on October 6, 2018. This brochure displays an icon suggesting that interested voters can visit his campaign Facebook page.

A PDF copy of the front and back of the brochure is attached to this complaint.

The impact on the public of this violation is two-fold. First, if the candidate is taking phone calls from individuals wishing to discuss his campaign, then he is not carrying out his duties as prescribed by his elected office. Secondly, by conducting campaign business using public facilities "on the public time, and on the public dime," the Auditor is undermining the public's confidence in government's ability to remain neutral and professional.

Violation 2: RCW 42.17A.235: As a participant in the primary, Timothy Gray was required to file a C4 campaign finance disclosure form on July 31, 2018, covering the period of July 17, 2018 through July 30, 2018. This report was actually filed on September 4, 2018, a delay of thirty-five (35) days (see report 100855942). This violation impacts the public, in that the "sunshine" quality of the Act is lost. Campaign finance is to be transparent to the public, yet the public lacked access to Mr. Gray's campaign finance activity for the critical time period leading up to the primary election.

Violation 3: RCW 42.17A.235: Mr. Gray failed to report his filing fee for office (\$670.00). Mr. Gray filed as a candidate on May 17, 2018 at 9:33am according to county records viewable online. Payment of the filing fee should have been disclosed on the C4 due which was due on June 10, 2018, but it was not (see record 100837714). Lack of disclosure raises the question as to whether, as the incumbent Auditor and county election official, he actually paid the fee and failed to report it, or failed to pay the fee at all. This violation impacts the public by undermining confidence in campaign finance

transparency. If paid, failure to disclose also artificially deflates the expenditures he made in his race.

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

Misuse of public office and equipment. Creating a probable of public concern for transparency and lack of understanding fiduciary responsibility of his office.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.

Documentation/evidence of violation 1a is found in the attached screen shots taken on October 4, 2018, showing the Retain Tim Gray for Auditor Facebook page. Image 1 shows the title of the page, and Image 2 shows on the right side of the screen that his office number is listed as his contact number. Documentation/evidence of violation 1b is found in the attached PDC showing Mr. Gray's campaign literature.

Documentation/evidence of violations 2 and 3 are found in PDC records 100855942 and 100837714, respectively, and are also attached to this complaint

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

Any Facebook user would presumably have the ability to see the evidence of this violation of law up to such a time when it is edited by Mr. Gray or his page administrator. Regarding violations 2 and 3, documentation is accessible through the PDC website.

Complaint Certification:

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.



Retain Tim Gray for
Stevens County
Auditor

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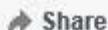
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Retain Tim Gray for Stevens County Auditor



September 28 at 10:47 AM · 🌐

I am often asked why I am a Democrat. The simple answer is; the Stevens County Auditor office was held by Bill Provost, a Democrat, until he resigned the position in the middle of his term late in 1992. I was appointed as a Democrat following his term.

I am fiscally conservative. I look at the person and his or her qualifications over the party that he or she aligns with. I value all of the freedoms and rights that we enjoy in this country. I am humbled by those who protect and serve us.

As the chief official of the county elections, I hold the duty of conducting elections in high regard. It is for this reason that I feel party designation should be left out of the County Auditor position, though that is not up to me. This is why I have chosen to limit my activity within the party.

I like to think that during my time in office I have built trust and confidence that elections in Stevens County are open, accurate, transparent and most importantly, accepted by all candidates and political affiliations. Party observers from both sides of the aisle have

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171 people follow this

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Auditor

Stevens County, Washington, District 1, United States, Democrat

Election on November 6, 2018

RETAIN

TIM GRAY

STEVENS COUNTY
AUDITOR



Tim Gray has been the Stevens County Auditor since he was appointed over 25 years ago in December of 1992. He was elected in 1993 and has had the honor of serving the citizens of Stevens County ever since.

Contact: 509-684-7511
785 East First, Colville, WA 99114



Retain Tim Gray for Stevens County Auditor

Why Tim?

- **Tim is a life- long resident of Stevens County.**
- **Experience:**
 - o BA in Economics and Accounting from Gonzaga University
 - o Prior to serving as your Stevens County Auditor, Tim was an Accountant at LeMasters and Daniels in 1977 which then became Bacon Raines and Zoodsma until he took office in 1992.
- **Knowledgable:**
 - o Licensing
 - o Recording
 - o Elections
 - o Accounting
 - o Ensures that all employees receive the training needed to succeed in each of their departments
- **Community Involvement:**
 - o Tim has always been very involved in the community serving many positions in several local charities and non-profit organizations.
 - o He continues to serve as:
 - Treasurer for Colville High School Project Graduation
 - Treasurer for Dominion Meadows Athletic Association

PLEASE MARK YOUR BALLOTS

November 6, 2018

TO RETAIN

TIM GRAY (D)

AS YOUR

STEVENS COUNTY AUDITOR

**Paid for by the committee to Retain Tim Gray for Auditor*