

Complaint Description

File a Formal Complaint - Friends of Saturn

Andrew Saturn

reported an issue (Thu, 1 Nov 2018 at 10:28 AM)

"Up for Thurston PAC" has deceived voters, falsely claiming AGAINST Linda Oosterman when it is clearly FOR Linda Oosterman, according to the mailer sent out (attached). Members of the PAC (Danielle Westbrook and others) are also members of Linda Oosterman's campaign; having knowledge of a PAC and independent expenditures made by being involved with both the PAC and with the campaign is a violation of various sections of RCW, as Danielle Westbrook and others have knowledge of campaign strategy (plans, projects, activities and needs). This PAC was created purely to deceive the public. Linda Oosterman, her campaign, and others (consultants, contractors) have demonstrable knowledge of the PAC. This is the second time Linda Oosterman has received campaign contributions from a PAC primarily funded by Puget Sound Energy. Linda Oosterman's campaign kickoff was thrown by Paul Berendt, the Senior VP of Strategies 360, the lobbying firm for Puget Sound Energy. This demonstrates that an agent of Linda Oosterman's campaign had knowledge of both the campaign's plans and the PAC's plans. Kelsey Hulse, a registered lobbyist for Puget Sound Energy, has acted as a campaign surrogate for Linda Oosterman. Ms. Hulse works for Puget Sound Energy, and would have knowledge of Linda Oosterman's campaign plans, and possibly this PAC's plans. It would be unreasonable to assume that individuals involved in both the campaign and the PAC and in Puget Sound Energy and their lobbying firm would somehow have zero knowledge of both the PAC and Linda Oosterman's campaign plans. This is illegal coordination and a blatant attempt to hide over \$13,000 in corporate spending on a candidate.

Andrew Saturn (Thu, 1 Nov 2018 at 11:21 AM)

I would also like to add that this PAC "Up for Thurston" has no campaign manager or campaign committee, only a treasurer, whose functions are marked as strictly ministerial. I believe this is also illegal.

Andrew Saturn (Thu, 1 Nov 2018 at 5:39 PM)

Sorry, one more thing: Jason Bennett, the sole officer (yet somehow only "ministerial" treasurer) is not listed on the mailer as the sole member on the committee per 42.17a.320(2)(c)

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

Deception of voters, hiding corporate campaign contributions

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

https://www.pdc.wa.gov/browse/campaign-explorer/candidate?filer_id=OOSTL%20%20506&election_year=2018

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

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.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

BELLEVUE WA Cash 13,000.00

NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS OF WA CAMPAIGN FUND SEATTLE WA Cash 1,000.00

WYNKOOP SIMMONS KATRINA OLYMPIA WA Cash 100.00

GARST CHRISTINE OLYMPIA WA Cash 100.00

SEGALL SARAH OLYMPIA WA Cash 100.00

BELCHER JENNIFER OLYMPIA WA Cash 50.00

CHAPPELL RALPH OLYMPIA WA Cash 50.00

SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS Cash 45.00



Linda Oosterman

Active in our Community... A leader who gets results!

Linda Oosterman, a strong and effective leader!

- Linda's work in management, policy, and dispute resolution have been valuable in her first term with the PUD.
- Oosterman has delivered on her commitment to clean and plentiful drinking water, cost-efficient service, and transparency on all PUD business.
- She works for adequate and stable supplies of water, for both residents and businesses, as our communities grows.
- She leads with respect, listens intently to all sides, and encourages dialogue.
- She is a leader who makes sure the PUD collaborates effectively with other public agencies and works to harmonize our need for a robust economy with our need for safe, clean water.

Vote for Linda Oosterman

Thurston County PUD Commissioner, Position #1

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