

### Complaint Description

[Norm Smith](#) (Mon, 29 Oct at 7:42 PM) via Portal Meta

Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter - CANSS is an unincorporated non-profit organization licensed in Idaho. (Ref. 26929) The mailing address on their Idaho Filing is: PO Box 3529 Oldtown ID 83822 Their Registered Agent In Idaho is: Deborah Barker 36319 Hwy 41 Oldtown ID 83822 CANSS is a 501(C)4 Organization, EIN 82-3175980 PO Box 1347 Newport, WA 99156 United States Email CANSS1017@gmail.com Violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to register as a political committee. This complaint alleges violations RCW 42.17A.205 on CANSS' Facebook

Page. <https://m.facebook.com/groups/NewportSilicaSmelterPlant/> Although CANSS proclaims that their mission is to "stop the HiTest Silicon Smelter from being built in our dense rural residential area," their Facebook Page is filled with blatant electioneering. They have vigorously supported a handful of candidates who are against the Smelter, urging support aid, and contributions. They have solicited the assistance of CANSS members in the distribution and placement of candidates signs. It appears that specific CANSS members were instrumental in the creation and distribution of partisan campaign sign and mailers. The CANSS Facebook page advised that anyone who wanted candidates signs could contact specific CANSS members. A similar service was offered to anyone who had not received a candidate mailer. The Public is being deceived by an organization that is effectively acting as a campaign committee for selected candidates. Although acting as a coach, cheerleader and fundraiser for specific candidates, CANSS has neither registered with the PDC nor reported any financial information to the PDC. CANSS has performed all the functions of an election committee, without being registered.

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

Selected candidates are benefiting from the organized electioneering efforts of this non-profit organization. These efforts constitute unreported in-kind contributions to these select candidates who are members of CANSS. CANSS has performed all the functions of an election committee, without being registered.

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

See attached.

### List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

Sheryl L. Miller, 564 Silverbirch Rd., Newport WA, 99156, (509) 671-2500, Votesmiller@gmail.com

Wendy Beach, 1061 Hilltop Rd., Newport WA, 99156, (509) 951- 3854, Wendybeach13@gmail.com

Sean Maesner, PO Box 3611 (106 US-2), Oldtown ID 83822. (208) 437-4814.

Deborah Barker, 36319 Hwy 41, Oldtown ID 83822

Michael G. Naylor, 443 Meadowlark LN, Oldtown ID 83822

Administrators at CANSS' Facebook Page.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/NewportSilicaSmelterPlant/>

**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.

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October 19 at 5:35 PM · 🌐

As I recently drove through Wyoming and Montana, I couldn't help but notice the giant ugly refineries that scab the landscape while set against a beautiful mountain backdrop. At night, one refinery's lights were so bright it looked like a giant city. Would the proposed smelter be a 24 hour operating facility? If so, from my location I can sure as hell say goodbye to seeing starry nights. But hey, Newport needs jobs, right?

Here citizens! This is the best we could do for you! A giant smelter! But wait, jobs!

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## Know which candidates have committed to opposing the smelter.

- **Karen Hardy** – State Senator, Dist. 7 (*Kalispel Voters' Guide*)
- **Randall Michaelis** – State Representative, Dist. 7, Pos. 1 (*Kalispel Voters' Guide*)
- **Mike Bell** – State Representative, Dist. 7, Pos. 2 (*Kalispel Voters' Guide*)
- **Sheryl Miller** – County Commissioner, Dist. 2 (*Kalispel Voters' Guide*)
- **Wendy Beach** – Write-in Candidate for PUD Commissioner (*CANSS Facebook page*)

Also, consider **Initiative 1631** – Carbon Emissions Fee Measure. Although it proposed to place a tax on large carbon emitters, it would actually exempt the smelter. At the same time, it is likely to raise the price of gasoline, which unfairly penalizes the rural residents of Pend Oreille County.

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Time for a change!

**Sheryl Miller**  
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Found a folded up Karen Hardy and damaged Wendy Beach sign in Newport. Obviously opposition is unsure and nervous. More damaged Sheryl Miller signs on Hwy 2. Not cool. Please support the Candidates and remind all your family and friends to do their part and vote.

**PLEASE DON'T DAMAGE SIGNS. IT'S A LOT OF HARD WORK AND NOT FAIR TO ANY CANDIDATE.**

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October 6 at 8:36 AM · 🌐

During a Candidates gathering this woman told me directly to my face with witnesses she has never visited the site. Seriously I would like to see a ignorant politician approve a septic pump company to dump... More

**Spokesman Review "Short said the company that wants to open the smelter first met with her about the project when she was in the House. "Obviously, jobs are hard to come by in rural communities,"**



**Short on common sense!**

**But Shelly never once even visits the proposed location next to homes and farms. Short on compassion with no care about human beings, their farm animals, wildlife, environment, Idaho, tourism. She's not even smart enough to ask where it's going to be built. This should worry you!**

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Sean Maesner ▸ CANSS ~ Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter  
October 14 at 11:47 AM · 🌐

Good Sunday morning to you all. What an amazing and historical time for us in Pend Oreille County. Watching everyone's work with the survey has been amazing. While that has been going on another project popped... More




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Glenda Lowe  
We did get one last week, Spring ridge estates. We also requested our absentee ballot early as they are to be mailed out on the 20th and they sent it to us last week.  
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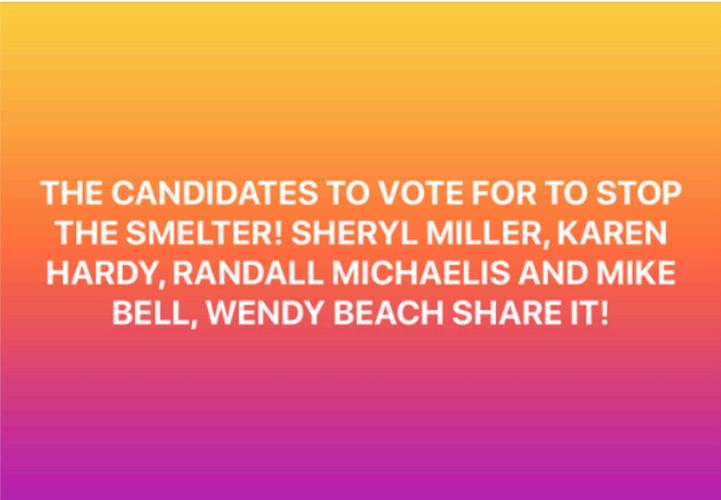
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Judith Loy  
I wish I could! But I will certainly vote in Bonner County!  
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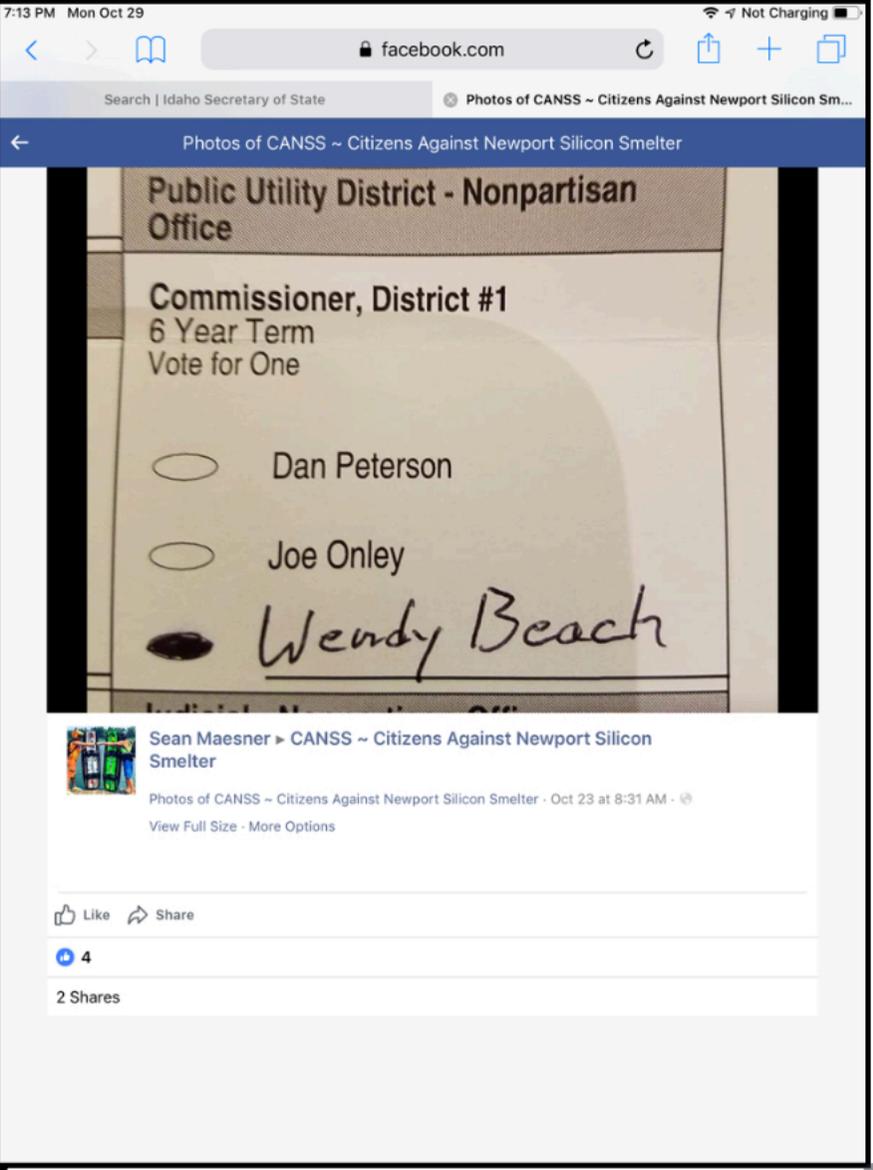
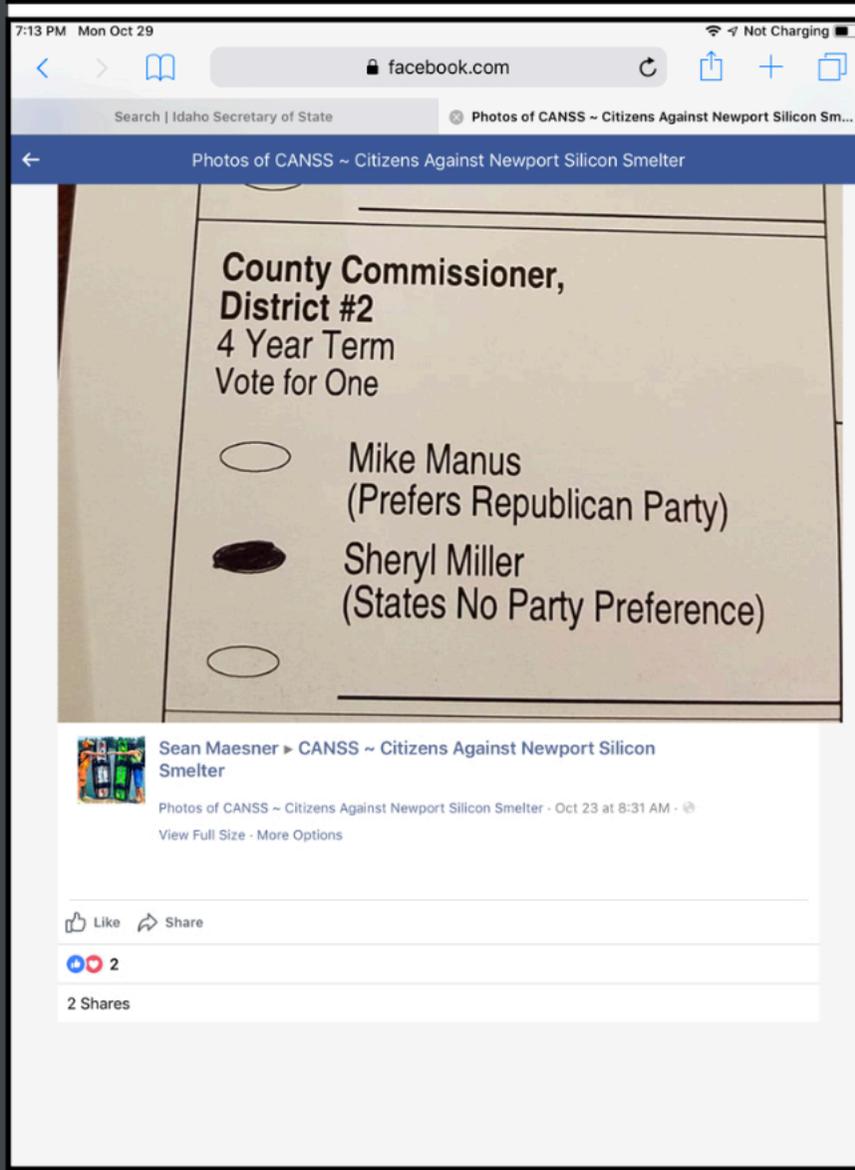
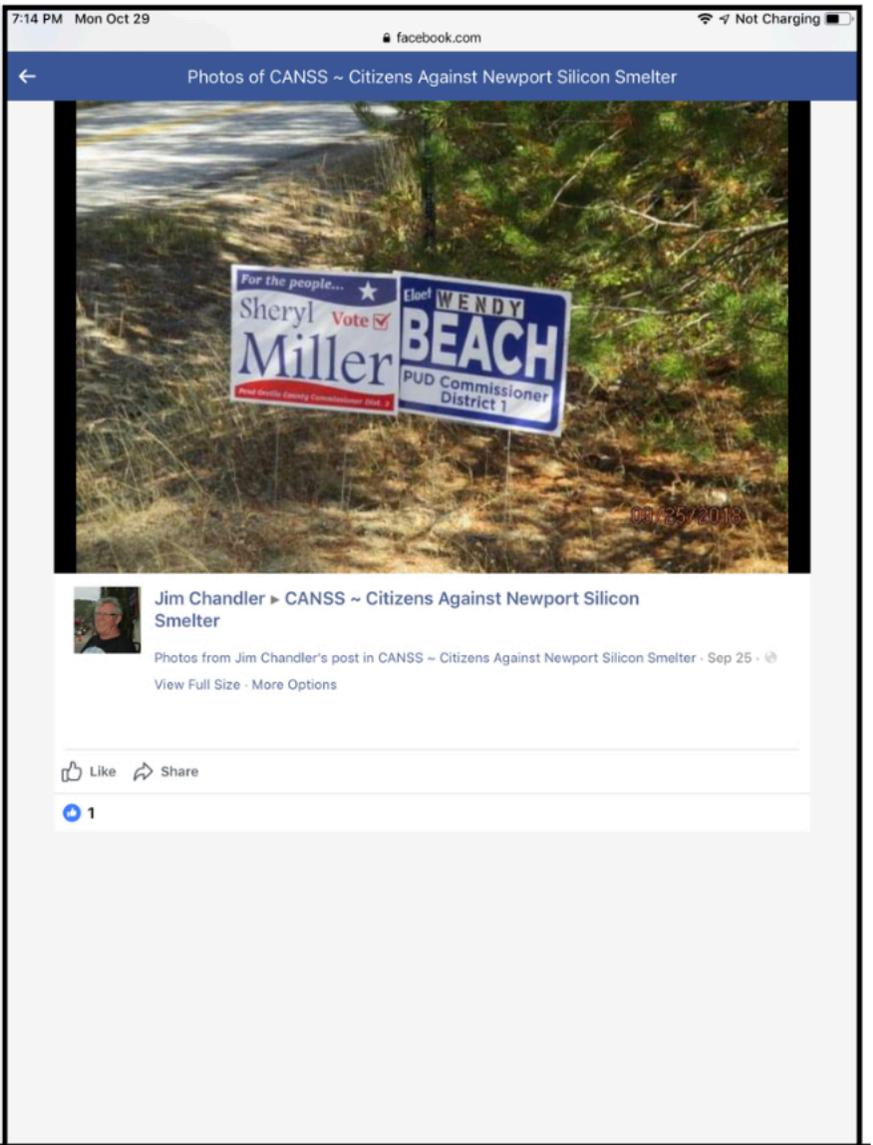
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Jack Emery Donais  
Good move and if they get all there friends and some of the other voters change there mines and vote for the people on that list then will drain the swamp pretty darn good.  
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Stephanie Powers  
Regarding the stolen signs. Write up an article about the thefts and destruction and send it as a PRESS RELEASE to all the media outlets. This will get exposure and hopefully more support. Send to the TV, radio stations and newspapers here and in Spokane!  
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Gayla Sweeney ▸ CANSS ~ Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter





# Photos of CANSS ~ Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter



**Jim Chandler** ▶ CANSS ~ Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter

Photos from Jim Chandler's post in CANSS ~ Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter · Sep 25 · 🌐

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**Norm Smith** (Tue, 6 Nov at 10:27 PM)

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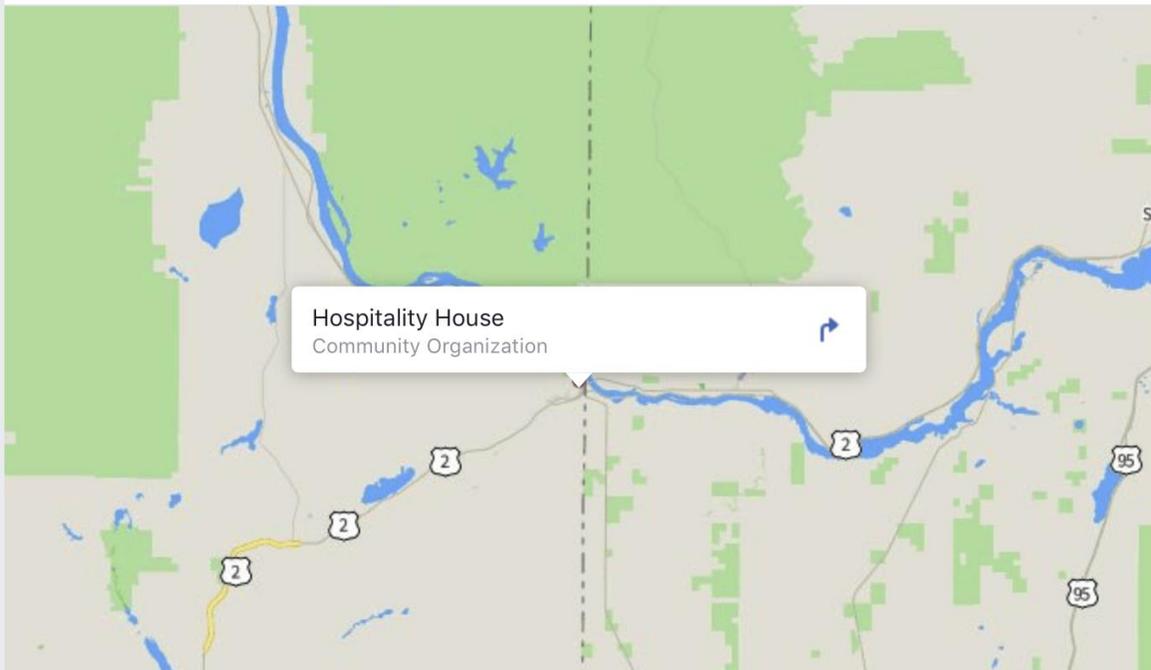
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#### Details

Baked Potato with all the trimmings, Salad & Roll \$10.  
Please join us to support Sheryl in her race as PO County Commissioner. It will be a night of great information and fun during the Pie Auction.

#### About the Venue



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Screenshots from CANSS Facebook Page. Under "Events."  
It appears that CANSS sponsored this fund raiser.

Sent from my iPad