

Eli Sanders (Thu, 14 Mar 2019 at 6:55 AM)

Thank you.

As an update, here's a copy of an e-mail I received from Google yesterday, a few hours after I'd submitted my PDC complaint. (Case 48424.)

This e-mail from Google, in my opinion, does not change the substance of my complaint.

From: google-legal-support@google.com

Subject: Your Request to Google (Internal Ref. No. 2377609)

Date: March 13, 2019 at 3:08:28 PM PDT

To: eli@thestranger.com

Hello,

Thank you for your inquiry; we have reviewed your request for information. In June 2018, we updated our advertising policies to prohibit state and local election ads in Washington and deployed technical measures to enforce our new policy. If we learn that ads have been posted in violation of our policies and in circumvention of our technical measures, we promptly remove them. Because we are not accepting these ads, and actively reject them, we are not subject to the requirements of the Washington law cited in your request.

We do welcome information from users about ads that appear to violate our policies and encourage users to use our [ads feedback tool](#) to report them.

Regards,
The Google Legal Team

I would also point out that I made my political ad information request to Google on March 4, 2019 — well after Spokane's February 12, 2019 special election was finished.

If Google is saying that it moved to "reject" and / or "remove" the political ads in question after receiving my request, then the company would appear to be claiming, among other things, that rejecting and / or removing political ads long after they've served their purpose voids Google's responsibility under Washington State law to disclose information about such ads.

Please confirm receipt of this update.

Thank you,

