

November 24, 2013

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To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully request that the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission initiate an investigation into the campaign reporting practices of Jennifer Rice, candidate for the Yakima County School Board for the just-concluded election. Please accept this letter as an official complaint to the Commission.

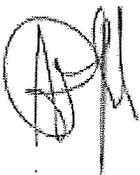
Ms. Rice appears to have failed to file most of the required reporting forms under RCW 42.17A.200 et seq. during her campaign. Ms. Rice notified the Commission that she was withdrawing from the race on July 10th (see attached email correspondence between Ms. Rice and Jennifer Hansen at the Commission). In that email, Ms. Rice is requesting to withdraw past the legal deadline under RCW 29A.24.131, and is agreeing to terms set by the Commission, including that "if elected, [she] will not accept the office." Ms. Rice's decision to not run for the office was covered repeatedly in the local news and she did not file a candidate statement in the local voters' pamphlet.

Ms. Rice now plans to accept the seat, contradicting her agreement with the Commission (see the November 7th Yakima Herald article entitled "School board candidate who withdrew from race says she plans to serve," <http://www.yakimaherald.com/photosandvideos/latestphotos/1640067-8/school-board-candidate-who-withdrew-from-race-says>).

I urge the Commission to investigate this matter promptly. The facts in this particular case suggest not only the basic failure by Ms. Rice to file appropriate campaign finance reports as required by state law, but a worrying disregard for the mandate of the Commission. Without attention, this case could set a harmful precedent for the Commission: candidates would have the green light to not file required campaign finance forms, not respect the candidacy withdrawal timeframes set by state law, not respect the terms of agreement for a late withdrawal set by the Commission, and still take elected office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Antonio M. Ginatta

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- I am providing the PDC current information on how to contact me, and will promptly update that information if it changes.

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