

## File a Formal Complaint - Walter Smith (Complaint submitted on behalf of Karen Hardy)

[Walter](#) (Fri, 27 Oct at 12:37 PM) via Portal [Meta](#)

To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of my client, Karen Hardy, to notify you that there is good reason to believe several violations of chapter 42.17A RCW, Washington State's campaign finance law, have been committed by the Seventh Legislative District Republican Party (the "Respondent"), earlier this year. My client has requested that you treat this filing as a complaint to the Public Disclosure Commission as provided by RCW 42.17A.105(5). A related citizen action notice was sent to the Attorney General's Office and county authorities today.

### **A. Payment of contributions from 7th Legislative District Republican Party to Jacquelin Maycumber and Shelly Short campaigns in violation of session freeze**

By law, an incumbent legislator may not accept contributions during regular or special legislative sessions. RCW 42.17A.560(1); WAC 390-17-400. On June 30, 2017, while the legislature was in the midst of its third special session, State Senator Shelly Short accepted a contribution of \$1,617.77 from the 7th Legislative District Republican Party for a "Sign Purchase Reimbursement." This was a payment to either retire a campaign debt (for the signs purchased previously in the same month), or a contribution to the candidate's campaign, in violation of the session freeze. WAC 390-17-400(12)(a), (12)(e). The Respondent also reportedly violated the session freeze rule as follows:

- 7<sup>th</sup> LD Republican Party payment of \$906.00 to Committee to Elect Jacquelin Maycumber, dated 6/13/17 (deposited to campaign's account 6/13/17 per form C-3 of same date, number 100769279).
- 7<sup>th</sup> LD Republican Party payment of \$2,152.00 to Committee to Elect Jacquelin Maycumber, dated 6/30/17 (deposited to campaign's account 6/30/17 per form C-3 of same date, number 100771864).

Both Representative Maycumber and Senator Short were incumbent legislators at the time of these payments, and the legislature was in special session throughout June 2017. The above payments apparently in violation of the session freeze total \$4,675.99 in value.

Please advise if you should have any question about this complaint, and please let me know if the Commission schedules any hearing, or Commission staff takes enforcement action or issues any other final action about the allegations listed above.

Sincerely,

Walter Smith