

Claims

1. Failure to file accurate, timely, C3 and C4 reports
 - a. State law requires that candidates and committees file frequent, accurate reports of contributions, expenditures, in-kind contributions, and debt. Unfortunately, the 29th District Democrats has failed on numerous occasions to do this.
 - b. It is important to note that the 29th district democrats have not filed a single report in 2017 to date, despite being obligated to do so after having checked the "fill-reporting" option on their latest c1-pc.
2. Failure to accurately, timely report debt State law requires that the name and address of any person and the amount owed for any debt, obligation, note, unpaid loan, or other liability in the amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars or in the amount of more than fifty dollars that has been outstanding for over thirty days be reported on form C4. Per WAC390-05-295, this includes any oral or written order placed, debt or obligation to purchase goods or services or anything of value, or any offer to purchase advertising space, broadcast time or other advertising related product or service. The 29th District Democrats illegally failed to report the following debts: (See Exhibit B-"Illegal failure to timely report debts").

Responses

Exhibit A (2016)

1. For instances of late reporting that are shown in exhibit A for any time between 2015-2016. I recommend you request a response from the former treasurer John Caverly. Though these have all since been remedied/

Exhibit A (2017)

1. For the failing to report in the 2017 year as noted above. We have failed to report and were actively taking steps to remedy it before the complaint was filed. Below first, I will give context of the state of the party with a timeline of party activities that may explain that the cause of the failings to file were due to ignorance to PDC rules, second, I will outline the steps we are doing to remedy this infraction, and finally I will outline the steps we are taking to ensure an infraction of this nature do not occur in the future.
2. **December 2016:** Our reorganization meeting took place in early December and beside 2 people an entirely new executive board was elected. From December 2016-June 2017 Barbara Ollman and Steven Mead were serving as Chair and Treasurer respectively.
 - a. Between this date Ms. Ollman and Mr. Mead were the two authorized signers on the Legislative District 29 Democrats Bank Account.
3. **February 11th and 12th 2017:** During the 2017 year, the only purchases or funds that were raised occurred under the previous chair of The 29th Legislative District Democratic Party Organization. The purchases were made for office supplies and other items that the chair (Barbara Ollman) believed were necessary to conduct party functions. The Legislative District 29 Democrats on February 12th voted to reimburse Ms. Ollman for the items purchased. On the same date, \$98 dollars was raised.
 - a. It is important to note here that the items were over \$200 dollars and should have been reported to the PDC. Due to the lack of proper training of our treasurer from, because of, scheduling conflicts with the PDC training this was not filed.

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4. **April 8th, 2017:** Barbara Ollman was chair and Steven Mead was treasurer/secretary. On April 8th, Ms. Ollman declared that she intended to resign from her position as chair. Navigating the circumstance of finding a new chair for the district and figuring out how to run a smooth endorsement process hindered our ability to move forward. We received an official letter of resignation from Ms. Ollman on April 20th and until then we were unable to engage in much official party business or elect a new chair. The discord caused from the transition led to the previous expenditure to fall from our collective mind.
5. **April 8th-June 3rd:** On June 3rd, Austin Beiermann was elected to the position of chair of The 29th Legislative District Democratic Party Organization and Cassandra Brown was elected to the position of Vice-Chair. 12 Days after Mr. Beiermann was elected he took leave from the party until August 11th as he was studying abroad in Norway. In the time that Mr. Beiermann was gone, Ms. Brown led the party as interim chair and ran the endorsement process within our party. No expenditures or donations were made or authorized by the party during this time period.
 - a. After Mr. Beiermann was elected he was not able to become an authorized signer on the account due to time constraints before he left for 2 month period.
6. **August 19th:** Our first meeting after Mr. Beiermann returned was on August 19th. We did our final round of endorsements. The Monday after, Mr. Beiermann attempted to go to the bank to be added as a signer on the account but was unable to be added..
 - a. Mr. Beiermann was not able to get added onto the account because the he lacked the proper documentation. (Minutes of the meeting he was elected, minutes from the meeting he was added voted to be authorized to be added to the account, and a signed memo from the Treasurer to allow him to be on the account.)
7. **August 19th-September 11th:** Not being able to add Mr. Beiermann to the account brought to light that there should be an audit of our books because we have elected a new chair and we were beginning the process of doing that in our executive board meetings. Mr. Mead was not in attendance at this meeting.
8. **September 11th-October 16th:** On September 11th, Mr. Mead notified the Executive board that he was resigning as treasurer due to time constraints and on September 29th, Mr. Mead officially submitted a letter of resignation. We then notified the members of the party and indicated that we would be holding election on October 16th for a new treasurer. We had a candidate who would step up if no one else did, but unfortunately, we did not have a quorum at that meeting.
 - a. It is important to note that because a signature of the treasurer is needed to add Mr. Beiermann to the account the resignation of the treasurer made it impossible to add Mr. Beiermann as an authorized signer to the account until after the election of a new treasurer.
9. **October 16th-November 3rd:** At the end of the October 16th meeting, members of the Executive Board met to discuss auditing of the books and we had then realized that the previous chair and treasurer had failed to file a C1pc or any PDC reports. Began looking into what steps we should take to self-report and fix these mistakes we contacted the treasurer of the Pierce County Democrats who went through a similar situation.

What is being done to remedy the infractions?

1. We have been calling our Precinct Committee Officers to ensure that we have a quorum on November 18th (our next scheduled meeting) so we can elect a new treasurer and a deputy treasurer (both have candidates) and subsequently add Mr. Beiermann, the new treasurer and deputy treasurer to the bank account.

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2. Once completed we will file a C1-pc with the individuals who are authorized to use the account.
3. As soon as the new treasurer is voted in, file any instances of late filing.

Preventative Measures.

1. An Audit Committee is being formed that will review the Legislative District 29 Democrats PDC filings quarterly to ensure that we will catch any failings to file in the future. This will be formed as an ad-hoc committee first and Mr. Beiermann is going to introduce a resolution to change the bylaws of the organization to mandate that this committee continue to function past his tenure.
2. In addition to reporting to the public disclosure commission, we will also be creating a public cloud via google documents to upload all of our financial information including but not limited to C1-pcs, C4s, and C3s. There will be a link to it on our website.
3. A "how-to" document with links to important resources will be created to be passed down to consecutive treasurers so they have a starting point to know what to do right after they are elected.
4. We also have been eligible for mini-reporting since the start of 2017 so we have been opting into mini-reporting.

Exhibit B (2015)

For the allegations that are shown in exhibit B. I recommend you request a response from the former treasurer John Caverly. It should also be noted that the 29th has not put out any mailers, hired campaign managers.

Warmly,
Austin Beiermann
Chair of the The 29th Legislative District Democratic Party Organization