

File a Formal Complaint - Jane M. Searing

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In June 2017, Mary Lou Pauly, candidate for Mayor, contacted the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) by phone to explore opportunities for political candidates to campaign at the Salmon Days Festival in Issaquah (Salmon Days). The Chamber advised that there are two opportunities to campaign for candidates: (1) to purchase a booth space at the politically designated area by the Salmon Hatchery or (2) to participate in the existing booths purchased by the 5th District Democrats and Republicans. The Chamber organizes Salmon Days including approving all booths and volunteers for the Salmon Days beer festival.

In August, Eyes on Issaquah, a political action group, requested space for political free speech at Salmon Days. The Chamber left a voice mail message for the organization confirming the same information above regarding purchasing booth space at the politically designated area. The voice mail is saved if you would like to hear it. Cory Christianson has the recording.

On Saturday, October 7, 2017, the first day of Salmon Days, a Facebook posting was made by Nikki Ludwyck on Paul Winterstein's campaign Facebook page stating: "I'll be volunteering Sunday (4-6pm) in the beer garden! It looks super cool this year (way to go Brian Twiggs)! Campaigning for our neighbor and friend, Paul Wintersteiin!!! Happy to support you Paul! #Paul4mayor" (Picture attached to this complaint)

This is a violation of RCW 42.17A.555 which prohibits elected officials, their employees, and persons appointed to or employed by a public office or agency from using or authorizing the use of public facilities, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a candidate's campaign, or for the promotion of or opposition to any

ballot proposition. The beer garden was located on the City of Issaquah property at the Community Center Lawn and security was provided by the City of Issaquah. Paul Winterstein is a current sitting Issaquah Council Member and should clearly know this is a violation of the law.

In addition, Paul Winterstein has violated RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely report contributions and expenditures both cash and in-kind for the value of the band (Spike and the Impalers - an international touring act), venue - the City Community Center, and the Chamber's beer garden set up and security. This should have been reported on Form C3 by Monday October 9, 2017 with a reasonable estimate of fair market value.

RCW 42.17A.405 was also violated because the value of the contribution from the City of Issaquah and the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce likely each exceed the City of Issaquah's maximum contribution limit of \$500 per calendar year. He not only did not report the in-kind contribution, his campaign has not reported refunding the contributions over the limit.

WAC 390-05-271 states in part that (1) RCW 42.17A.555 does not restrict the right of any individual to express his or her own personal views concerning, supporting, or opposing any candidate or ballot proposition, if such expression does not involve a use of the facilities of a public office or agency, and (2) that RCW 42.17A.555 does not prevent a public office or agency from making facilities available on a nondiscriminatory, equal access basis for political uses. This was clearly violated as demonstrated by only one candidate being given access to campaigning at the City's Community Center, at the Salmon Days beer garden while the other candidate was restricted to campaigning in the designated free speech political area.

Five photos are attached including Paul Winterstien serving beer in the Chamber beer garden wearing a Salmon Days volunteer t-shirt and "I'm for Paul Winterstein" pin. All servers wore the same shirt and pin. Printed campaign material was available at each cashier's till. In addition, campaign signs were posted at all entrances, exits, throughout the beer garden and at the serving stations.

I would like the PDC to investigate these violations, failures to report excessive and illegal contributions and take appropriate actions against the candidate, the city and chamber.



#Paul
Winn-Dixie



BUD LIGHT

WELCOME TO ISSAQUAH MON DAY



BUD LIGHT.

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W. Paul
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Saturday at 11:31 AM · 🌐

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EXPANDED FESTIVAL A

OLD TRUCKS, COMMUNITY CENTER STAGE,
AND THE SALMON DAYS BEER GARDEN

HELP CREATE ANOTHER CHANGE OF COURSE

SUN, OCT 8

Salmon Days Beer Garden

INTERESTED

2 people went

#Paul
Winterstein
Für Augsburgs Mayor

