

File a Formal Complaint - Ken Miller

[Krm403](#) reported (Wed, 11 Oct at 1:38 PM) via Portal [Meta](#)
Mr. Gorton is named because he's the campaign manager/media contact for The Committee to Protect Tacoma's Future, formed to support the candidacy of Jim Merritt for Mayor of Tacoma.

This Committee has only two contributors, themselves political action committees.

I believe the Committee was formed to obscure the names of "original" contributors, as would have been required if the PAC contributors had campaigned on their own.

In fact, one of the two PACs - WA Association of Realtors PAC - has the same address, treasurer, and campaign manager as the Committee to Protect Tacoma's Future.

If the Committee... was not created, then the two donor PACs would each have to list their top five contributors on any campaign material. This might subject those contributors to unfavorable public opinion; or - if the contributors are held in low esteem - might diminish the effectiveness of the campaign material.

Neither is a good reason to hide donors' identities. And while it's legal for one PAC to contribute to another, this process may not be used to obscure the original sources of funding. Thurston County Superior Court Judge Anne Hirsch made this clear in her historic ruling against the Food Manufacturers Association in November, 2016

(link: <https://www.seattlemet.com/articles/2016/11/3/washington-state-ag-ferguson-wins-major-campaign-finance-case-against-grocery-association>)

Thank you for considering my complaint.

