

## **File a Formal Complaint - William Biery**

**Billbiery** reported 3 days ago (Sun, 17 Sep at 7:11 PM) via Portal Meta

On July 26, 2017 The Committee to Elect Bruce McComas published an ad in the PT Leader. On September 17, 2017 The Committee to Elect Bruce McComas published an ad on page A5 of the Peninsula Daily News. In these ads, doctors appear in uniform supplied by the public hospital, or with official employer supplied name badges, standing in the hallway of the public hospital or outside the public hospital walls, prescribing the candidate to the readers and public.

The Public Disclosure Commission issued rules and guidelines concerning the use of uniforms in campaigns.

1. Employees may...not use agency-purchased, agency-owned, or agency-replaced uniforms to assist a campaign.
2. “Former” uniforms, those that are no longer used by an agency, may be used in a campaign, provided that they have exceeded their life expectancy or have been “retired,” they have been sold to an employee or other person following agency procedures, and there is no expectation the uniform will be returned to or used by the agency in the future. The fact that the uniform is no longer used should be documented.
3. Photos and videos showing uniformed employees may be used in a campaign if they were made in the ordinary course of business, were not staged for campaign purposes, and are made available to a campaign under the same terms as they would be made available to the public. It is suggested that any advertisement using a photo or video that includes a uniformed employee make it clear through a disclaimer that the public agency is not supporting or endorsing a candidate or ballot measure.

This violates **RCW 42.17A.335**

**Political advertising or electioneering communication—Libel or defamation per se.**

(c) Political advertising or an electioneering communication that makes either directly or indirectly, a false claim stating or implying the support or endorsement of any person or organization when in fact the candidate does not have such support or endorsement.

This also violates **RCW 42.17A.555**

**Use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns—Prohibition—  
Exceptions.**

No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency.

Public facilities may not be used to support or oppose a candidate or ballot proposition. Facilities include local government agency equipment, buildings, supplies, employee work time, and agency publications. The statute includes an exception to the prohibition for "activities which are part of the normal and regular conduct of the office or agency."



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