

File a Formal Complaint - Robbin Taylor

[Xltxyz](#) replied 5 days ago (Wed, 6 Sep at 7:06 PM)

to : pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Complaint originally filed with the PDC on or before July 13, 2017 – RCW 42.17A.205

This complaint is against Save Black Diamond headed by Kristen Bryant (see attached non-profit registration), Glen and Judy Carrier, Bill and MaryAnn McDermand for failing to file as a political committee against the Recall campaign of Black Diamond City Councilmember Patricia Pepper. See attached contact information for Save Black Diamond, Kristen Bryant, Carriers and McDermands.

At a Hearing held May 10, King County Superior Court Judge Andrus determined that four charges against Councilmember Pepper met the criteria to Recall her with “legal and factual sufficiency.”

Two days after that, the anti-recall campaign was initiated when on May 12 a "Decline to Sign Campaign" handout was hand delivered to every home in Black Diamond (a city with 4,000 residents). The 8.5"x14" handout was printed on heavy, glossy paper and the second line of the document states “**Decline to Sign Campaign Underway**”. This document clearly directed voters actions by saying, "Don't Sign the Recall Petition." See attached copy of Decline to Sign flier.

On July 7, yard signs began showing up around Black Diamond before a July 8 community event in our Historic District. These "Bogus Recall" yard signs instruct voters to "Decline to Sign" and direct them to a web site for additional information.

On July 12, a second "Decline to Sign" yard sign showed up all over town. There are approximately 50 "Decline to Sign" yards signs around Black Diamond now. See attached photos of both signs.

In a PDC complaint filed against Save Black Diamond in August 2016, case number 7286 (see attached photo of PDC Case 7286), the conclusion was that even though Save Black Diamond was soliciting donations, they were not actively supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures.

The PDC has maintained, even as recently as August 31, 2017 that a Recall action is a ballot measure and not an election. The attached documents prove that Save Black Diamond and Kristen Bryant, Glen and Judy Carrier, and Bill and MaryAnn McDermand are actively opposing a ballot measure and they are expending funds to do so through the “Decline to Sign Campaign”. See attached photo of “Reporter” newspaper article which identifies the Carriers and McDermands as those who started the Bogus Recall group.

Both the “Decline to Sign Campaign” document by Save Black Diamond, and the “Decline to Sign” signs by the Bogus Recall group prove that Save Black Diamond and Bogus Recall are connected. If they are not connected then both should form separate PACs and register with the PDC.

Black Diamond voters have the right to know who is funding the handouts, yard signs, and web site of the anti-recall campaign. Save Black Diamond and Kristen Bryant, Glen and Judy Carrier, and Bill and MaryAnn McDermand have failed to make this information public by failing to file with the PDC and reporting their sources of funding.

In the email below, to which I am responding, from the PDC to me dated 8-10-2017, I was informed that more information was needed to continue an investigation. I hope the attached information is sufficient.

Again, the voters in Black Diamond, as well as the legally registered PAC "Citizens to Recall Pepper" have a right to know where the opposition is getting their funding and that all donors are held to the same donation limits. The Citizens need to have assurance that everyone on either side of this issue is following the Laws of the State of Washington. The group behind the Decline to Sign Campaign needs to account for every dollar back to May 10, 2017.

Thank you for hearing my complaint.

Robbin Taylor
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Black Diamond, WA 98010

From: PDC Support <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:02 PM
To: xltxyz@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: PDC - File a Formal Complaint - Robbin Taylor

Hello Robbin Taylor,

Please be advised that in order to pursue your allegations, we need you to clearly identify a specific person or existing entity that you are alleging committed a violation. You have mentioned names that have speculative affiliation, but I am still unsure as to whom your complaint is directed against and what compelling evidence there is to support it.

The Public Disclosure Commission primarily enforces campaign finance laws against candidates, incumbents, lobbyists, political committees, and government entities. Save Black Diamond is not registered as a political committee, they appear to be an issue advocacy group and we have not received enough evidence to connect the SBD group to the signs being referenced. The PDC does not have the resources to pursue anonymous entities or to initiate cases based primarily on supposition without compelling evidence to clearly determine a violation.

The procedures for filing complaints with the commission are governed by WAC 390-37-040:

(2) A complaint must include:

(a) A statement of the nature of the alleged violation or violations, date, time and place of each occurrence and name of person or persons responsible;

(b) All available documentation and other evidence which the complainant is able to supply that supports the allegations made in the complaint. Information about where documents or evidence can be obtained should be included for any items that cannot be supplied with the complaint;

(c) The names and telephone numbers, email addresses, and U.S. mail address, if known, of any witnesses or other persons who have knowledge of facts that support the complaint;

(d) The complainant's name, email address, U.S. mail address, and telephone number; and

(e) The signature of the complainant certifying under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the information provided with the complaint is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

(3) The *person or entity* against whom a complaint is filed is known as the respondent.

Please indicate who the specific respondent is for your allegations; it is also advisable to include which campaign finance law that you believe they violated, which would allow PDC staff to more effectively address your complaint and assess the facts.

Thank you,

Micaiah Titus Ragins
Compliance Coordinator
Washington Public Disclosure Commission
<http://www.pdc.wa.gov>
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To respond, please reply to this email.

[Xltxyz](#) reported 2 months ago (Wed, 12 Jul at 1:18 PM) via Portal [Meta](#)

Two separate signs have been placed in many locations around Black Diamond regarding the Recall effort of Pat Pepper (attached). These signs promote against the Recall, as well as against the current mayor. These signs also contain a web address that has cost money to obtain, as well as put together. It appears as though PDC reporting rules are being violated, as well as the fact that no organization appears to be taking credit for the message. This makes it impossible for Citizens to Recall Pepper to track who is funding the message against the Recall, as well as keeping an eye on donation limits of the Bogus Recall supporters. While I have no definitive proof of the groups and persons behind this "bogus" effort, it is no doubt the same people who have been active in Black Diamond for years. Save Black Diamond and Black Diamond United are simply two names of the same group led by Kristen Bryant and Brian Derdowski, both of whom live in Bellevue.



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August 12, 2016

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Subject: PDC case 7286

Dear Ms. Taylor:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on August 1, 2016. Your complaint alleged that Save Black Diamond (SBD) may have violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235, and .240 by failing to register and report as a political action committee.

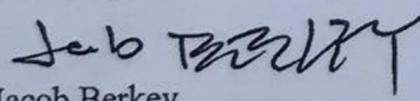
PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- SBD appears to be an issue advocacy group active in the Black Diamond area.
- Although their web site does solicit donations for their activities there is no indication that they are actively supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures.
- SBD has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

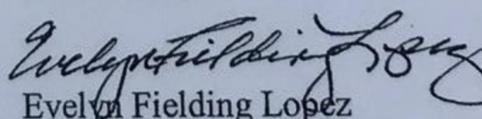
Based on these initial findings, I have determined in this instance, Save Black Diamond does not warrant further investigation or formal enforcement action. The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint.

If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey at, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at Jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Jacob Berkey
Compliance Staff

Endorsed by,


Evelyn Fielding Lopez
Executive Director

cc: Save Black Diamond

City of Black Diamond Update

Decline to Sign Campaign Underway

Ms. Robbin Taylor is promoting a plan to recall City Council President Pat Pepper. Ms. Taylor's husband was defeated by Pat Pepper by 70% percent in November of 2015.

The recall petition contains false and misleading information. We agree with Pat that the recall is a political ploy to stall reforms at City Hall that the voters supported.

(Note that state law says that recall petitions can be placed on the ballot even if they are not factual. Judges only determine if they are "sufficient" not whether they are factual.)

What is at stake?

The Council currently has a 3-2 majority in favor of controlling and managing growth better. The Mayor and her staff are facilitating the massive Yarrow Bay/Crown Development/Oakpointe Development. If Pepper is recalled, then they will be able to return to giving tax subsidies and environmental variances to that development. Additionally, the tighter controls over budgeting and contracting that the Reform Majority have initiated will be dead. This will return City Hall to the status quo, business as usual system that existed before the landslide elections of 2015.

We Recommend:

Don't sign the Recall Petition. Don't be fooled by one-sided information.

Let's let this year's election proceed without this disingenuous distraction.

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- Conduct all Committee Meetings in the evening so that the public can attend.
- Provide transparency of agendas and legislation with mandatory public notices, extra opportunities for public participation, and thorough review of technical and legal issues.

This update provided to you by the all-volunteer, locally based Save Black Diamond. Since 2010 we have been working together to protect our rural town. Find us on www.saveblackdiamond.org.

Contact us at (253) 234-7838 or saveblackdiamond@gmail.com.

Save Black Diamond

253-234-7838 apparently a Google Voice line that only accepts messages

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see attached non-profit registration which shows Kristen Bryant to be President of Save Black Diamond

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Bellevue, WA 98005

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Auburn, WA 98092

360-886-2204

Bill and MaryAnn McDermand

32632 1st Ave
Black Diamond, WA 98010

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SAVE BLACK DIAMOND

UBI Number	603086038
Category	REG
Profit/Nonprofit	Nonprofit
Active/Inactive	Inactive
State Of Incorporation	WA
WA Filing Date	02/09/2011
Expiration Date	02/28/2013
Inactive Date	06/03/2013
Duration	Perpetual
Registered Agent Information	
Agent Name	SAVE BLACK DIAMOND
Address	24321 MORGAN ST
City	BLACK DIAMOND
State	WA
ZIP	98010
Special Address Information	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	

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President	Bryant, Kristen	1036 139th Place NE, #C-4 Bellevue, WA 98005
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Black Diamond recall exceeds signatures needed

BY RAY STILL

Assistant Editor

The Black Diamond recall attempt against Councilwoman Pat Pepper continues to roll along after the state Supreme Court ruled against a motion to stay signature collecting.

Pepper filed two motions with the court on June 27. The first asked the court to halt signature collection by Neighbor to Neighbor, the group organizing the recall effort against Pepper and headed by Black Diamond residents Robbin Taylor, Johna Thomsen and Craig Goodwin.

Pepper's second motion requested the court stick to their original hearing schedule instead of an expedited schedule, which the court agreed to on June 12. The original schedule could stretch the out to Feb. 28, while the expedited schedule set an en banc (all justices) conference for Sept. 7, 2017, although there is

no ruling deadline.

The state Supreme Court denied both of Pepper's motions on July 11.

According to Thomsen, Neighbor to Neighbor's spokeswoman, the group has collected more than 500 signatures, exceeding the state requirement of 370.

"These are verified as BD city voters — we're cross checking all signatures to catch any problems with addresses, etc," Thomsen wrote in an email. "We are continuing to collect as many signatures as possible, working door to door talking to citizens, answering questions and inviting them to sign."

To push back against this recall attempt, a new group — Bogus Recall, headed by Black Diamond residents MaryAnn and Bill McDermand and Glenn and Judy Carrier — has started publishing information online and putting up competing

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