

## Citizen Action Notice Concerning Senator Kirk Pearson

[Mark Lamb](#) (Tue, 12 Sep at 4:22 PM) via Email

To: fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov

Cc: lindsay@atg.wa.gov, pdc@pdc.wa.gov, mark@northcreeklaw.com

Mr. Blackhorn,

I write in response to your email of September 5, 2017 to my client Senator Kirk Pearson asking him to address allegations from Walter Smith that his campaign violated RCW 42.17A.

As a preliminary matter, the PDC has not opened an investigation into this matter and your correspondence did not indicate that your office has been asked to investigate this complaint by the Attorney General. For purposes of efficiency I will address the allegations in the event your office chooses to open an investigation and copy the Attorney General's office.

The Pearson campaign timely reported all expenditures and contributions as required by law. The amendments in January of 2016 were initiated by the campaign itself for reasons documented in contemporaneous correspondence between Katie Pullen and Chip Beatty (attached hereto). In short, while Ms. Pullen timely and accurately entered all reports for the 2016 campaign, she titled them as the 2012 campaign because she was not aware that she needed to establish a new campaign in 2013. When she realized this she immediately contacted the PDC and followed the advice given her by PDC staff. All of the reports at issue were timely filed and accurate, they were simply labelled with an incorrect election year for the same candidate. Ms. Pullen acted appropriately by consulting with PDC staff when she had questions and following their direction. It is unfortunate that Mr. Smith has chosen to allege a violation of law against a campaign that acted in good faith and worked collaboratively with the PDC.

I believe this addresses the entirety of the allegations in the complaint but please feel free to contact this office with any additional questions.

Best,

Mark



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**Re: RE: RE: PDC Reports**

**From:** "Katie Pullen" <kpullen@gmx.com>  
**To:** "Chip Beatty" <chip.beatty@pdc.wa.gov>  
**Date:** Jan 29, 2016 9:56:36 AM

Yes, that sounds good.

Thank you so much, Chip!  
Katie Pullen

**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2016 at 8:44 AM  
**From:** "Chip Beatty" <chip.beatty@pdc.wa.gov>  
**To:** "Katie Pullen" <kpullen@gmx.com>  
**Subject:** RE: RE: PDC Reports

Here is the process on my end;

I will do a cover letter which basically reads that the reports were filed in error using the 2012 instead of the 2016 campaign and they are being removed at the request of the treasurer. That cover letter and copies of the scanned reports will be combined into one document which will be available to the public.

If that is okay, I will begin the process today. It may take me a few days due to the number of reports involved.

**Chip Beatty**

Filer Assistance Specialist

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**From:** Katie Pullen [mailto:kpullen@gmx.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2016 8:40 AM  
**To:** Chip Beatty <chip.beatty@pdc.wa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: RE: PDC Reports

Thank you for the reply, Chip.

All of the reports that were incorrectly entered into the 2012 campaign for Senator Kirk Pearson have been uploaded to the 2016 campaign.

Again, thank you for all of your guidance in resolving this.

Katie Pullen

**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 1:55 PM  
**From:** "Chip Beatty" <chip.beatty@pdc.wa.gov>  
**To:** "Katie Pullen" <kpullen@gmx.com>  
**Subject:** RE: PDC Reports

Katie,

Once you have filed all of the reports in the 2016 campaign, let me know and I will have the deletions done.

The filer id and passwords remain the same.

If you first choose Primary, you will get reports for the first part of the year. Then choose the General option and the rest of the dates appear. The "dot" will stay in the General choice and you will then click OK.

**Chip Beatty**

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**From:** Katie Pullen [mailto:kpullen@gmx.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 12:56 PM  
**To:** Chip Beatty <chip.beatty@pdc.wa.gov>  
**Subject:** PDC Reports

Good Afternoon Chip,

Thank you for speaking with me on the telephone last week Friday and for giving me direction in this.

I have been filing the PDC reports via ORCA for Senator Kirk Pearson since 2012, where he transitioned from Representative to Senator that election. As I had a hasty transition into the responsibility of filing these reports, I did not realize that not only did I need to create a new campaign for the 2016 election cycle immediately after the 2012 election, but I also did not realize that the reports that I had been submitting needed to be run through this new 2016 campaign as early as 2013. Last week Friday this oversight was realized and when I spoke with you over the telephone that same day about what steps I need to take to correct this, you notified me that all of the reports that have been submitted from January 2013 to date will need to be re-entered and again submitted into the 2016 campaign once it is created in ORCA.

I am requesting that the reports from January 2013 to present be removed from online, as they were erroneously submitted into the 2012 campaign of Senator Kirk Pearson when they should have been submitted into the 2016 campaign.

The 2016 campaign has been created and all of the reports since January 2013 have been re-entered into the new campaign, but I am wondering what steps I will need to take to set-up new passwords to submit the reports. *Will the passwords from the 2012 campaign work or will I need to create new ones?*

I am also a little unclear about your instructions for setting up the C4 reporting dates: once on the applicable screen, I know that you told me to select "Participates In Primary," where I need to select the second option down and also "Participates in General," where I need to select the fourth option down and in both cases, the dates are automatically generated. Where I am unclear is that only one option can be selected at a time, so am I to select the latter only *after* the Primary Election?

Thank you very much for your help in this,

Katie Pullen