

## Re: PDC - Secrest, Shelly - Alleged Violation of RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to report contributions (Election 2017)

[Mario Brown](#) (Mon, 14 Aug at 5:49 PM) via Email

To: garrett@bandbstrategies.com, pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Dear Micaiah,

This is a formal response to the issued complaint.

1. The first issue: "This email list was titled "Sanders Delegates," which is the name of the list we used during the Bernie campaign."

Response 1A.

The email list was titled "Sanders Delegates." I created the title when I uploaded the list into MailChimp so that I could promote [Sheley's Our Revolution Endorsement](#) to people who I know supported Bernie Sanders during the 2016 Sanders Campaign. After Mr. Saturn wrote Mr. Havens I realized that I had miss-named the file. It's just "Bernie Supporters" not actual delegates. The list came from my own work with [Washington for Bernie Sanders](#) which started in April 2015. Washington for Bernie Sanders was an independent group of people who were working to promote Bernie Sanders. We put out google forms to help gather information from all around the state and we taught classes and held rallies to promote Bernie Sanders. The group only exists on Facebook as a page since the Sanders campaign is over, but all of the data that we collected remains in my possession. I did not buy the list nor was I gifted the list as an in-kind donation. I and my friends created the list and it grew over time. Once Mr. Saturn wrote Mr. Havens, I then went and looked at the Mailchimp account. Realizing that the name "Bernie Delegates" was wholly inaccurate, I changed the name to Sheley and the Revolution a play on Prince and the Revolution. Since Ms. Sheley Secrest is now out of the running, I was going to take down her Mailchimp account as I have taken down her website. No more emails will be sent out for that race.

Response 1B. I do not know how to respond to the claim that "is the name of the list we used during the Bernie campaign." I believe it implies that there was a pre-existing list and that I got it from the campaign. That is not true. To my knowledge Mr. Saturn never worked for the Bernie 2016 campaign so I am not sure what "we" he is referring to. I know that Mr. Saturn did not work with us on Washington for Bernie Sanders and did not work on the campaign so I am not sure how he had any access to any Sanders' Delegates list. Further, it has no bearing in this case. Regardless of what other people call a list, no title automatically stays as the same title in Mailchimp. Mailchimp asks the user to create a title for identification purposes. Sheley had three lists, those she provided at the beginning, those that joined via her website and those I provide from my work. I was simply creating a title so that I would remember which list was which. So even if there was a list called Bernie Delegates that was created by another entity the lists are not the same and are unrelated.

2. The second issue: "This is a proprietary and confidential information from another campaign which Sheley should not have access to, ever."

Response:

False. This data came from no campaign. It came from my work and the work of my team painstakingly gathering data for more than a year. It never was a part of Bernie 2016. It did not come from them and I did not work for them so I never had access anyway. It also did not come from Votebuilder nor did we pay another service to provide a list which is why no list service was reported to the PDC. It is a list that sits on my computer and has for years. Sheley hired my company B&B Consulting and since the list is mine and since I work for her, I believe that I am entitled to share this list with her in certain circumstances. In this case, after she was endorsed by the National Our Revolution (the organization started by Bernie Sanders) I figured that the Sanders supporters would want to know about that.

3. The third issue: "If this information was obtained legally, surely there should a record of purchase of the data or in-kind contribution."

Response: All data was provided by people who signed up for Washington for Bernie Sanders or signed up during our classes or signed up to have us help them run for PCO. That data is in my possession and no other parties have every laid claim to the data. The data is still in my possession. There is no one to pay and there is no outside party to donate it to me. Sheley has paid B&B and that has been recorded with the PDC so it could be argued that she is paying for the service of all of what we have to offer, but I have no honest idea if that is actually necessary. As a private citizen, I have a database that my friends and I built. I have never owned a database other than this and I have no idea what I would value it at. Since Sheley did not do very well in her race, I imagine it did not add much value. Either way, I believe to be the legal owner of the data and I believe it is my right to use it.

4. The request. Mr. Saturn requests that we make the information of this "purchase" public. He then goes on "how they otherwise came into possession of this data be made public."

Response. The data was not purchased or gifted. Mr. Saturn knows that we ran Washington for Bernie Sanders and knows that we were collecting data. It was not reported since it was not purchased or gifted. It was supplied as part of the services that my client already paid for. Should the PDC find that I should gift the use of the list to Sheley Secrest for Seattle City Council Position 8, then I request some guidance on what I should list the gift as and I will report it as a donation from her consultant.

Additional Comment: I wish to reiterate that Mr. Saturn is mistaken. He is simply guessing based on nothing more than he got an email. The rest, he made up. When we started Washington for Bernie Sanders, Mr. Saturn did participate with us and even came to some of our events. He has since decided that we were "false" Bernie supporters and has accused us of many, many random things including being spies, working for the DNC, on behalf of Hilary Clinton.

Data on Washington for Bernie Sanders: The group only exists now on Facebook which you can see [here](#). We did not create a charter or bylaws and we raised and spent NO funds to support Bernie Sanders or any other candidate. We still "work" to help candidates out who we believe share our values. You can see evidence of this "work" on the Facebook page. You can even see a version of one of our many sign-up forms through Google. When we started. I created a form, Chad Lupkes created a form and Scott Berry created a form and our website (now offline).

Here is a list of our "officers."

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You are welcome to contacted them and ask them to verify that we had a database that still exists. I will also add that Rich Erwin, one of my B&B volunteers did a lot of work to help gather names of Sanders supporters for me over the years. I will simple reiterate again that all of what we have put together is the work of unpaid, volunteers.

Please let me know if I am allowed or not allowed to use any of my prior private, volunteer work to support my future work. If I am **not** allowed, then I will delete all databases that I have been collecting.

Sincerely yours,

Mario