File a Formal Complaint - Mike P Tiufekchiev

Mike P Tiufekchiev reported 33 minutes ago (Mon, 25 Jul at 1:20 PM) via Portal Meta

Sen. Mullet's campaign held a kickoff event in Issaquah on June 1, 2016. On his campaign Facebook page he described the event as including "Pizza and Ice Cream." He further reiterated this point when responding to Facebook users inquiring about the event.

As of this date there is no PDC record for any expenditure for pizza or ice cream in regards to the kickoff event or any other. If we assume that the refreshments were provided by Sen. Mullet's own businesses, the provision still must be disclosed as an in-kind donation whether by Mullet himself (if the items were purchased by Mullet) or by the business itself (if the items were provided free of charge).

Furthermore, Sen. Mullet's campaign produced a flyer (attached to this document) which stated that anyone who presented the flyer would receive a free ice cream cone from the Ben & Jerry's franchise owned by Sen. Mullet in Issaquah. Upon further research, I discovered that the ice cream provided upon receipt of the flyer was a "kids" size cone, a product valued at or around \$3.45. This means that if only eight people redeemed the flyer in this campaign cycle the \$25 reporting threshold has been met and exceeded, yet no such contribution has been disclosed.

If Sen. Mullet's Ben & Jerry's franchise supplied the "Free Ice Cream Cones" advertised on the flyer, it should have been disclosed as an in-kind contribution from the business to the campaign providing it met the reporting threshold (which it almost certainly did).

Not every candidate owns businesses which can provide material goods to further his or her campaign and the intermingling of a candidate's business and campaign may be a matter of concern for many voters. Therefore, it is important the public know if Sen. Mullet is using his restaurants for campaign purposes and thus these expenditures must be disclosed fully.

I urge the PDC to investigate this matter and take any and all appropriate actions.

3 Attachments

CONES

Kids \$ 3.45 cal 150-250

Small \$ 4.55 cal 290-500

Large \$ 5.75 cal 440-760

Vermonster* \$45.95 cal 990-1170

Mini Vermonster⁵ 15.95 cal 510-720

Add a Waffle Cone + \$ 1.25 + cal 190

Add a Chocolate-Dipped Waffle Cone + \$ 1.95 + cal 230

Add a Chocolate-Dipped Sugar Cone + \$ 1.25 + cal 110

Prices do not include sales tax.



