

April 11, 2019

Public Disclosure Commission
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Re: Case #48709 filed against David Prutzman

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond to the claims made by Arthur David Churchman and Reachout NW. His claims are absurd and have no basis. In his complaint, Mr. Churchman accuses me of failing to identify a valid sponsor for the Strong Mayor initiative in January, 2019. He claims that I had no authorization from Reachout NW to put their name as a sponsor on the initiative and as such, there was no authorized sponsor. In the complaint, there is also an allegation that there was an improper report of contributions and expenditures as a political committee. All these claims are false.

Reachout NW was behind the Strong Mayor initiative and was to receive any financial donations or pay any expenditures if any were to arise. I had authorization from Reachout NW to name them as the sponsor for the initiative. Please take a minute to listen to the recording from David Adams, the executive for Reachout NW. That is a voicemail that he left me on 12/16/18 telling me that Reachout NW filed with the PDC and opened a bank account for the purposes of the initiative. He clearly states that he will be opening a bank account within 5 days and that everything was ready to go. At that time, I had no other indication from Reachout NW that they would be withdrawing support then or in the future. On January 12, 2018 I learned that David Adams no longer wanted to have anything to do with the initiative via text message from Dave McMullan. By this time I was done collecting signatures. The entire time I was collecting signatures, I had authorization from Reachout NW. As such, there is no violation of RCW 42.17A.205 as there was a registered sponsor for the initiative and there is no violation of RCW 42.17A.320 as Reachout NW was the actual sponsor of the initiative.

Tom Perry wrote a letter as the treasurer with Reachout NW stating that Reachout NW had nothing to do with the initiative and that I did not have permission to use Reachout NW. Tom Perry did not become treasurer of Reachout NW until after the complaint against them was filed. He would not have any first hand knowledge regarding the Reachout NW involvement except for what was told to him after Arthur Churchman filed his complaint against Reachout NW.

I have attached a screen shot of Dave McMullan's Facebook comment that Reachout NW did not receive funds or pay anything out regarding the initiative. He never stated at

any time that Reachout NW was not a part of the initiative but just that they had not received any money. As no contributions were received or expenditures made, there is no violation of RCW 42.17A.235.

As shown, there was no violation of any statutes in collecting signatures for the Strong Mayor initiative. Reachout NW authorized me to use their name on the initiative and told me that they had everything ready to go on their end. No contributions were received, and no expenditures were made. Therefore, Mr. Churchman's complaint is without merit and should be dismissed.

Sincerely,

David Prutzman