

Washington Public Disclosure Commission,

In response to enforcement case #50297 in the matter of a complaint filed by Robert L. Fiedler, and Glen Ash alleging that the International Association of Firefighters Local 1983 violated RCW.42.17A.555 by using public facilities to promote a ballot measure:

1.

When creating the political mailer, IAFF Local 1983 consulted the PDC guidelines regarding required disclosure on political advertising. The PDC guidelines make clear that a mailing address must be included with the disclosure placed on the advertisement so the sponsor may be contacted. 1901 N. Laventure is the USPS listed mailing address for IAFF Local 1983. The International Association of Firefighters Local 1983 maintains a mailbox located at 1901 N. Laventure, and has for many years utilized this mailbox to receive all outside correspondence of any nature. The address listed on the political mailer included specific reference to the Union mailbox, and clearly identified IAFF Local 1983 as the sponsor. IAFF Local 1983 made an independent expenditure and filed the appropriate C6 documentation within 24 hours as required by law related to this independent expenditure.

2.

No materials were created or distributed at or from any public facility at any time and no campaign activity took place outside of regularly scheduled union meetings. This political mailer was created by Union members, outside of working hours, on personal computers at their home residence and sent to a vendor via personal email. The mailer was processed and printed at Capitol City Press, which is located at 2975 37th Ave. SW, Tumwater WA 98512, which is clearly identified in the C6 report filed on behalf of IAFF Local 1983.

The union believes it has followed all PDC regulations related to this mailer, and asserts that it has not engaged in inappropriate use of public facilities at any time related to this political mailer.

Respectfully,

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