

Complaint Description

Reece Williams reported via the portal (Tue, 23 Apr 2019 at 12:56 PM)

On or about April 4th 2019, it appears that Dale Ragan, and Robert Fiedler, of Mount Vernon Washington violated **RCW 42.17A. 205** by **failing to file statement of organization as a political committee.**

Around April 4th 2019, it appears a coordinated “No on Fire Bond” committee began distributing "Vote No on Fire Bond" campaign material to Mount Vernon Washington residents, and engaging with community members in an attempt to influence them to vote no, without having submitted a statement of organization of a political committee to the public disclosure commission. This conclusion must be drawn due to the fact that additionally, no independent expenditure report was filed on behalf of any citizen, business, or union related to the effort by these individuals to influence voters to vote no on the Mount Vernon Fire Bond Proposition 1.

In the event that these individuals operated independently, a violation of **42.17A.255** has occurred for failure to file independent expenditures related to "Vote No on Fire Bond" materials.

“Vote No on Fire Bond” campaign material appeared at the personal residence of Mr. Dale Ragan and Mr. Robert Fiedler immediately following April 4th, following April 4th campaign material was placed in public locations.

Ragan Residence.jpg
425.52 KB

No Committee Evidence .jpg
1.81 MB

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

(42.17A.205) Failure to file statement of organization of political committee creates a lack of transparency in political activity and advertising. It appears these individuals have operated a "Vote No on Fire Bond" committee with no accountability to the public as to who is responsible.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.

Phone (360) 424-3785
4006 Moody Place
Mount Vernon WA 98273

Additional materials appear to have been placed by a committee in public locations in Mount Vernon.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

Dean Shelton (witnessed vote no material in public locations in west Mount Vernon)
(360) 770-8067

Richard Brocksmith (witnessed vote no material on Ragan residence)
(360) 826-2094

Complaint Certification:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.