

Violation 1) Actively campaigning, before filing “statement of Organization (C1) (Violation of RCW 42.17A.205

- This was not intentional. Official Candidate filing week opened May 13, 2019. My parents who had previously served as my Treasurers were out of the country in the UK and Ireland from May 12 – 30th. I repeatedly tried to work with them virtually however they were infrequently available. I later learned they had transferred all information from their old computer to a new Mac. I was unfortunately never able to open the files that had been stored on the Mac; nor have my parents been successful now that they are home. Thus, we were unable to pull any historic information or complete the 2019 registration.
- We identified a potential Treasurer but she did not agree to participate until late May. (May 28th, the day I left the country. In this respect we were already late.
- Unfortunately, I had a scheduled trip out of the country May 28th thru June 5th. My ability to communicate via phone and computer was constrained by new Outlook security settings installed by the City of Mercer Island (see next bullet point).
- Also a few months previously the City had updated Outlook with additional (government) security parameters without informing me or Council. This in turn limited my ability to access many emails, websites, and social media while travelling and working off wi-fi. I was unable to text some recipients including my Treasurer. She was therefore unable to respond to my requests for information to complete filing. The City has subsequently removed these Security Settings and I am re-building my device.
- My Treasurer had contacted my parents during my absence but they were unable to assist in providing information given they were out of the country. My parents (previous Treasurers) are now 81 and nearly 82 with some memory loss which complicated matters.
- The C1 was successfully filed on June 18th, albeit late, and the same day Mr. Morgan filed his complaint.
- This was an unfortunate series of events and I am very sorry. There was no intent to hide or withhold information. There were definite attempts to communicate with my Treasurer, my parents and to address the situation myself. I would be happy to provide copies of (failed) texts and email efforts which show my intent and best efforts.
- There also was no money received or campaigning done until after the C1 was filed.

Violation 2) Failure to report contributions or expenditures RCW42.17A.235

- There were no monies received prior to the filing of the C1 to report. I attempted to file a zero value C3 and was unable.