

Complaint Description

Andrew Saturn (Sat, 27 Jul 2019 at 2:27 AM)

I received an email from the PAC "People for Seattle" to my private email address. I have never opted-in to emails from this PAC nor have I ever contacted this PAC or its members in the past. The only explanation for this PAC having my email address is that they purchased some sort of email list from a 3rd party vendor. This expense is not reported in their PDC filings, and it has been over 5 days since the mailing was sent. The email was sent using actionnetwork.org. This expense is also not listed in their filings. The email includes links which utilize SendGrid. This expense is also not listed in their filings. These electioneering communications are unreported. Sending campaign fundraising emails fewer than 21 days before an election and not reporting it is very deceptive and a clear violation of RCW 42.17A.260, and possibly other sections. If the PAC responds that this falls under "consulting," and that Dewey Square Group performed "consulting" for this campaign advertising, it is still a violation. RCW 42.17A.260 sections (3)(c) through (3)(f) are clear in that electioneering communications over \$1000 must be explicitly reported with details, and cannot simply fall under some sort of blanket description such as "consulting" or "advertising." This PAC did not disclose how many messages were sent, when they were sent, how they were sent, etc. This PAC has spent over \$50,000 and has not disclosed any of their advertising purchases as required by various sections of RCW 42.17A. It has been both 5 days since their advertising was sent or made available to the public, and it is fewer than 21 days from the primary election. This is a major violation of state law.

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

Concealing expenses and amounts from the public.

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

Email from the PAC

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.**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.



Andrew Saturn <saturn@gmail.com>

Want a More Accountable Seattle City Council?

2 messages

Tim Burgess <info@peopleforseattle.email>

Sat, Jul 20, 2019 at 8:00 AM

Reply-To: info@peopleforseattle.email

To: saturn@gmail.com



Andrew

As a lifelong Seattleite, long time council member, and interim mayor, I know firsthand that this city is a special place of natural beauty, economic vitality and cultural diversity. However, it is obvious that our city faces significant challenges and seems to be headed down the wrong track. The City Council has abandoned basic principles of good governance and accountability. They routinely ignore the mounting public dissatisfaction with the direction of our city. That is why I helped co-found **People for Seattle**. As a group of progressive Seattleites, we seek to ensure the City Council effectively addresses our city's most pressing problems – including homelessness, transportation, economic and environmental sustainability, education of our children, and neighborhood safety – by electing **progressive and pragmatic leaders**.

We need good governance that works for the people – a City Council that can bridge divides, implement progressive solutions, and remain accountable and effective. Council members who will be thoughtful stewards of our tax dollars, who will set goals, oversee plans, and who will not be led by self-serving interest groups of any kind. Our elected representatives must do better to represent the people of Seattle.

Join us in this important effort to elect a City Council that will restore public trust and work constructively to solve Seattle's pressing problems. Visit [our website](#) to learn more about us and contribute to our campaign.

***People for Seattle** is a group of progressive small business owners, community leaders, and local volunteers determined to create a get-things-done Seattle City Council that is responsive to public concerns. To find out more about us and how you can contribute, visit [our website](#).*

7/27/2019

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Sincerely,
Tim Burgess
People for Seattle

No candidate authorized this communication. It is paid for by People for Seattle, PO Box 21622, Seattle, WA 98111. Top five contributors: Paula Reynolds, Patrick Kennedy, Maggie Walker, Charles Wright, Tom Alberg.

Sent via [ActionNetwork.org](https://www.actionnetwork.org). To update your email address, change your name or address, or to stop receiving emails from People for Seattle, please [click here](#).

Andrew Saturn <saturn@gmail.com>
To: info@peopleforseattle.email

Sat, Jul 20, 2019 at 9:33 AM

Where did you get my email address?
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