

Randy Pepple (Tue, 3 Sep 2019 at 8:34 PM)

Dear Ms. Blacksmith,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the complaints made about the PDC filings of Approve Prop 1 – Our Public Hospital, which are contained in an attachment to the email below. I regret that our using volunteer compliance people for this campaign to support a public hospital district measure has caused any confusion. It is a mistake that I certainly won't repeat, as I will recommend the hiring of a professional compliance person should I be involved in any future campaigns.

Below is our committee's answer to the complaints as numbered in the attachment. We are awaiting the help of a Filer Assistance Specialist, which we have requested, so that the appropriate amendments which are referenced in the complaint are filed correctly.

1. The committee is accused of using the false name of a vendor when we disposed of the balance of our funds after the campaign was over. In reporting that final distribution, we accidentally used the original name (Evergreen Yes) of the Approve Prop 1 – Evergreen Health committee, which received that distribution. Evergreen Yes changed its name in February, 2019, but that name was in the auto-fill memory of the ORCA account being used by our Approve Prop 1 – Our Public Hospital campaign, and I assume that's why that was the name entered for that distribution. The complainant admits that the expenditure was reported correctly by the recipient PAC, so it seems that the public was not being intentionally misled on this expenditure. We have determined that this error needs to be corrected, and will file an amended C4 once we have worked with an assigned Filer Assistance Specialist.

2. The committee is accused of not providing accurate or adequate detail on expenditures for postage, signs or mailers. We are prepared to amend the appropriate C4s, to provide information on quantities and vendors, as I didn't know the high level of additional detail required beyond the vendor name and purpose of expenditure on PDC reports. Our committee accurately provided the name of the vendor hired to produce mail and signs, and the service provided for the expenditures, as I have done when completing PDC reports in the past. The campaign only utilized one consultant for media and other printed materials during the campaign, and that consultant used one vendor – Print NW – for printing and mailhousing our direct mail. Since it has been requested that we provide quantities and the name of our additional vendor, we will work with our assigned Filer Assistance Specialist to file the appropriate amended reports.

3. The committee is accused of failing to correctly identify the name of a PAC on a C3 document. After reviewing the C3 referenced in this complaint, we believe it is accurate, as the name of our committee at the time this C3 was filed was indeed Monroe Yes. Our committee name was changed in February 2019 to Approve Prop 1 – Our Public Hospital, but I don't believe that a name change like that would require that we re-file all previous PDC reports. If that is the counsel of the Filer Assistance Specialist assigned to us, we will certainly do so.

I hope that this reply answers the issues raised in the complaint against our committee. I look forward to working with our assigned Filer Assistance Specialist to file the appropriate report amendments. Please do not hesitate to contact me to answer any additional questions.

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