

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the complaints made about the PDC filings of Approve Prop 1 – EvergreenHealth, which are contained in an attachments to the email below. I regret using volunteers like myself as compliance people for this committee, a mistake that I certainly won't repeat. I will be recommending the hiring of a professional compliance person future campaigns I might be involved in.

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

1. The committee is accused of illegally accepting an overlimit contribution within 21 days of election. Our committee does not believe that it accepted an overlimit contribution, based on information from the PDC's own website. According to the PDC's "printer friendly chart" (<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2018%20Contribution%20Limits%20REVISED.pdf>) on the "Contribution Limits" page, "The state law prohibiting campaigns from receiving contributions of more than \$5,000 within 21 days of a general election no longer applies to ballot measure committees, pursuant to the federal court ruling in Family PAC v. McKenna et al., 9th Circuit Court of Appeals No. 10-35832 (Dec. 29, 2011). The statute is RCW 42.17A.420 (former RCW 42.17.105(8))."

2. The committee is accused of not accurately listing the top 5 contributors on our campaign mailers. Our committee believes that it followed the rules on the listing of donors. The complaint suggests that Approve Prop 1 - Our Public Hospital should be listed as a donor to our committee, because it transferred its remaining funds to our committee when it terminated its campaign on May 31, 2019. However, that transfer was made to the campaign for an April special election, which closed in June (see our C4, <http://web.pdc.wa.gov/rptimg/default.aspx?repno=100917214>). That transfer was included in the carryforward funds for our August campaign, the reporting process which was suggested to me when I spoke with the PDC for guidance on reporting the August campaign, and was reported as such on the appropriate C4 (see <http://web.pdc.wa.gov/rptimg/default.aspx?repno=100917929>). Additionally, since the EvergreenHealth Foundation was the sole cash donor to both the Approve Prop 1 – Our Public Hospital committee and the Approve Prop 1 – EvergreenHealth committee, there was no effort to hide contributor names from the public.

3. The committee is accused of not providing accurate or adequate detail on expenditures for printed political advertising. 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 on PDC reports. Our committee correctly provided the name of the vendor hired to produce our mail, as I have done when completing PDC reports in the past. The campaign only utilized one consultant for 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.

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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