

Respondent Name
Whatcom County Affordable Housing Council
Complainant Name
Sandra Robson
Complaint Description
<p><u>Sandra Robson</u> reported via the portal Wed, 18 Sept 2019 at 2:20PM</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern: I have reason to believe that the Whatcom County Affordable Housing Council political committee which is affiliated with the Building Industry Association of Whatcom County (BIAWC) may be in violation of WAC 390-16-011A. According to WAC 390-16-011A, if a political committee received eighty percent or more of its contributions from a person or from the person's members, officers, employees, or shareholders under RCW 42.17A.005(46), it shall include on its C-1pc the name of at least one sponsor in the committee's name.</p> <p>RCW 42.17A.005(46) defines "Sponsor" as: "(46)(a) 'Sponsor' for purposes of an electioneering communications, independent expenditures, or political advertising means the person paying for the electioneering communication, independent expenditure, or political advertising. If a person acts as an agent for another or is reimbursed by another for the payment, the original source of the payment is the sponsor. (b) 'Sponsor,' for purposes of a political or incidental committee, means any person, except an authorized committee, to whom any of the following applies: (i) The committee receives eighty percent or more of its contributions either from the person or from the person's members, officers, employees, or shareholders; (ii) The person collects contributions for the committee by use of payroll deductions or dues from its members, officers, or employees."</p> <p>The definition of "Person" as defined in RCW 42.17A.005(38) causes me to believe that the BIAWC organization would fall under that definition of "person." The pertinent section in RCW 42.17A.005(38) reads: "(38) 'Person' includes an individual, partnership, joint venture, public or private corporation, association, federal, state, or local governmental entity or agency however constituted, candidate, committee, political committee, political party, executive committee thereof, or any other organization or group of persons, however organized."</p> <p>As of today's date, September 18, 2019, the PDC's website shows that the Whatcom County Affordable Housing Council political committee has received \$5,149.00 in cash contributions, and has received \$160.00 in In-kind contributions. Out of that total of \$5,309.00 in contributions received, only \$350.00 of that total comes from persons which are not listed as members and/or officers (leadership) of the BIAWC, according to its online Member Directory which is on the BIAWC's website and can be searched by member name. I have attached a screenshot photo of the 2019 BIAWC Leadership list. The link to the 2019 BIAWC Leadership list on its website is: https://www.biawc.com/about/biawc-leadership/ The link to the BIAWC Member Directory on its website is: https://www.biawc.com/membership/member-directory/directory-search-</p>

[results/?txtDirSearch=Roger%20alms](#) After looking through (to my best ability) all of the listed 92 contributors to the Whatcom County Affordable Housing Council political committee as shown on the C-3 forms on the PDC website, only these 5 persons' names are not listed as members and/or officers (leadership) of the BIAWC according to its online Member Directory and its 2019 Leadership list on the BIAWC's website: CCC Services contributed \$50 Charlie Crabtree contributed \$100 Bryan Jones contributed \$100 Inspired Closets contributed \$50 RCI Construction contributed \$50 The rest of the contributors (87 in number) to the Whatcom County Affordable Housing Council political committee are listed as members and/or officers (leadership) of the BIAWC according to its online Member Directory and its 2019 Leadership list on the BIAWC's website. Because the Whatcom County Affordable Housing Council political committee appears to have received eighty percent or more of its contributions from a person or from the person's members, officers, employees, or shareholders under RCW 42.17A.005(46), it causes me to believe that the Whatcom County Affordable Housing Council political committee should include on its C-1pc form the name of the Building Industry Association of Whatcom County (BIAWC) in the committee's name, according to the intent of WAC 390-16-011A. I request that the PDC address this matter I've brought to its agency's attention as soon as possible because the November 5, 2019 general election season is already underway, yet the public and voters have not had this specific and important information about the Whatcom County Affordable Housing Council political committee made transparent and available to them. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Regards, Sandy Robson

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

The November 5, 2019 general election season is already underway, yet the public and voters have not had this specific and important information (as described in my complaint) about the Whatcom County Affordable Housing Council political committee made transparent and available to them for consideration.

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

I have attached a screenshot photo of the 2019 Building Industry Association of Whatcom County (BIAWC) Leadership list.

The link to the online 2019 BIAWC Leadership list on its website is:

<https://www.biawc.com/about/biawc-leadership/>

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<https://www.biawc.com/membership/member-directory/directory-search-results/?txtDirSearch=Roger%20alms>

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Certification (Complainant)

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.



BIAWC Leadership

2019 BIAWC Leadership

Executive Committee

Charly Myers, Myers General Inc., President
 Scott Isenhardt, Tiger Construction, 1st VP
 Dave Monks, Skeers Construction, Inc., 2nd VP
 Jeff Morrison, Bank of the Pacific, Secretary
 Kathy Herndon, VSH CPA, Treasurer
 Chris Knudsen, Viewpoint Group, Past President
 David Simpson, At Large (LD)

Builder Board

David Edelstein, Greenbriar Construction, Inc.
 Dominic Mocer, Mocer Construction, Inc.
 Garrett O'Brien, Volonta Corporation
 Mark Schramer, Schramer Construction
 Rob Staveland, Aiki Homes, Inc.
 Doug VanBeek, VanBeek Drywall

Associate Board

Paulina Antczak, Fairhaven Floors
 Brian Evans, Green Mountain Homes
 Darcy Jones, Jones Engineering, Inc. P.S.
 Carla Lee, Advisory Lending Group
 Craig Parkinson, Cascade Engineering
 Hillary Pritchard, Habitat for Humanity, Whatcom County

State Directors

Scott Isenhardt, Tiger Construction, LLC
 Dave Monks, Skeers Construction, Inc.
 Charly Myers, Myers General Contracting
 David Simpson
 Jeff Morrison, Bank of the Pacific

BIAWC Life Directors (LD) & Life Member (LM)

David Simpson, LD, LM
 Dick Skeers, Skeers Construction Inc., LD, LM