

Anthony Martinelli replied Wed, 25 Sept 2019 at 12:24AM
to: "'PDC Support'" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Hi,

I have reviewed the allegations and have a response.

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In regards to the initial alleged violation related to campaign signs, it was not our understanding that the number of yard signs must be reported, but rather just the amount spent and the location of purchase. We will be amending the report before October 8th so that it details the number of signs (100).

As for reporting personal contributions, I have made a \$2,000 in cash contributions. It shows \$2,902 because we accidentally marked the \$902 yard-sign purchase as an in-kind contribution from myself. We will be amending our reports to clarify that the yard signs were an expense - as already listed now - and not also an in-kind donation from myself.

As for the final allegation: When filing my F1 I was the owner of TheJointBlog.com. I didn't list it as an asset as its total revenue for 2018 was just \$2,300. I was able to pay for bills through other freelance writing jobs (which didn't bring my total for the year above \$4,499), and through the help of family members particularly my parents, whose help has allowed me to spend more time at home with my children (who I do pay child support for but have half of the time, often more).

I sold TheJointBlog.com in its entirety in May of this year. Since purchasing the site a group of investors has rapidly grown it and hired numerous employees, which is why my campaign site states that I founded a business which currently employs multiple people. It does not say I currently operate or own the site, just that I founded it. I do, however, operate another site, TheVeganHerald.com, but that was not making any revenue during the period of relevance for the F1 in question.

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If possible I would still like to request a Filer Assistance Specialist for help in amending the reports to show that the signs were not an in-kind donation, and to clarify whether or not help from my parents needs to be listed under my F1.

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Best,
Anthony