



November 4, 2019

Fox Blackhorn
Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
P.O. Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

RE: PDC Case No. 59232, A Better Spokane

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mx. Blackhorn:

I am replying on behalf of my client, A Better Spokane (the Committee) to your email of October 25, 2019 requesting a response to a complaint filed by Glen Morgan (the Complainant) with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC), alleging violations of RCW 42.17A.

1. Allegation One: Violation of RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to accurately and completely disclose contributor address information

The Committee received a contribution from the account of "The Standard Trust" via check No. 11407. *Attachment 1*. This contribution to the Committee was facilitated by Alvin Wolff, Jr. who serves on an advisory committee of the Committee. The Treasurer of the Committee, Michael Cathcart, understood The Standard Trust to be a Wolff family fund and had no reason to believe any funds came from a prohibited source.

Per federal and state law, the Committee may take contributions from almost any U.S. source without limit and had no need to discern further information for attribution purposes. At no time did Mr. Wolff express to the Committee any interest in concealing any contributor information.

The check lists an address of 11016 E. Montgomery Drive Ste. 102, Spokane, WA 99206. The Treasurer of the Committee, Michael Cathcart, never had any reason to believe that the address on the checks was not accurate and indeed disclosed that address on C3 100860085. *Attachment 2*.

2. Allegation Two: Violations of RCW 42.17A.205 and .320, and WAC 390-16-011A for failure to disclose the name of Standard Trust as the sponsoring person in the committee's name on the Political Committee Registration (C-1pc report).

The Committee agrees that because of the contribution made to the Committee by the Standard Trust on Sept 17, 2018 that it should have amended its C1pc by October 1, 2019 to disclose

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Standard Trust as a sponsor of the Committee. The Committee has amended its C1pc to reflect this information.

I hope you find this information useful. Please contact me if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,



Dan Brady

ATTACHMENTS

1. September 13, 2018 Standard Trust Check No. 11407
2. C3 No. 100860085

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11407

THE STANDARD TRUST
11016 E. MONTGOMERY DRIVE STE 102
SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99206

WASHINGTON TRUST BANK
MEMBER FDIC
PO BOX 2127
SPOKANE, WA 99210-2127
28-8
1251

9/13/2018

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF Better Spokane PAC

\$ **50,000.00

Fifty Thousand and 00/100***** DOLLARS

Better Spokane PAC
510 W. Riverside Ave., Ste 206
Spokane, WA 99201

MP

MP

MEMO

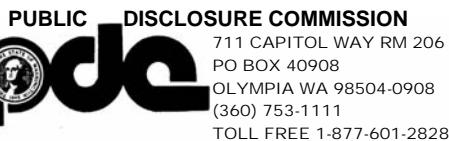
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Tr #: 15031627 - Ck #: 11407 - Amt: \$50,000.00 - 09/17/2018

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Washington Trust Bank
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Tr #: 15031627 - Ck #: 11407 - Amt: \$50,000.00 - 09/17/2018



CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

(1/02)

100860085

09-21-2018

A Better Spokane

510 W. Riverside Suite 206

City
Spokane, WA

Zip + 4
99201

Office Sought (candidates)

Election Date
2018

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date Received		Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous		
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c)		
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements. Attach Schedule L		
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other). Attach explanation		
	e. Small contributions \$25.00 or less not itemized and number of persons giving (persons)		

2. CONTRIBUTIONS OVER \$25.00

Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	Contributions of more than \$100: Employer's Name, City and State	P R I N T	G E N	Amount	Aggregate* Total
09/17/18	THE STANDARD TRUST 11016 E Montgomery Dr. STE 102 Spokane Valley, WA 99206				\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Sub-total			\$50,000.00	
		Amount from attached pages			\$0.00	*See reverse

3. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT

Sum of parts 1 and 2 above. Enter this amount in line 1, Schedule A to C4.

4. Date of Deposit

09/17/18

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.: (509) 999-8315

I certify that this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge

Treasurer's Signature

Date _____

Michael J Cathcart

09-21-2018