

**Complaint Description**

Marcie Maxwell (Thu, 21 Nov 2019 at 3:36 AM)

Attached - Images of the front page of "first ever" Renton Regional Fire Authority four page newsletter showing "volume one, issue one" and inside page showing column and photo of board chair Armondo Pavone who was campaigning for Mayor of Renton at this time.

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

One can see that this Renton Regional Fire Authority "first ever" mailer during the third week in October 2019 was produced and mailed by RRFA using RRFA public tax dollars just in time to affect the outcome of a local city mayor election by promoting and supporting Renton Regional Fire Authority's board chair Armondo Pavone in his 2019 election campaign for Mayor of Renton.

\*PDC website says: No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency.

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

See attached mailing by the Renton Regional Fire Authority which was received by postal mail in homes on approximately October 25, 2019 - during the same time period voters were casting votes for the November 5th election. While it seems like a typical mailing, this first ever four page mailer by the Renton Regional Fire Authority is "Volume One, Issue One" - never before produced and mailed by the RRFA except during this election vote casting week when the RRFA board chair Armondo Pavone is campaigning for Mayor of the City of Renton. This first ever RRFA newsletter featured a prominent photo and column by RRFA board chair Armondo Pavone. Note - RRFA Chief Rick Marshall was an active endorser and donor to Armondo Pavone's 2019 election campaign for Renton Mayor, and the RRFA Fire Chief is the public agency administrator under whose decision making authority this first ever newsletter was produced and mailed, and was funded by public RRFA tax dollars.

Note - the Renton Regional Fire Authority is the taxing district and service provider for fire and aid services to the City of Renton.

**List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.**

**Complaint Certification:**

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.