Complaint Description

Sharkansky (Fri, 17 Jan 2020 at 4:32 PM)
The Bellevue School District is running paid advertisements on Facebook promoting its upcoming bond measure. I allege this to be an illegal use of agency facilities in support of the bond measure campaign. I maintain that these advertisements exceed the normal and regular conduct of the agency. I also maintain that the content of the advertisements are not a permitted "objective and fair presentation of facts", but campaign language. The statement that the bond "ensures equity in our district" is not a realistic statement of fact.

I am attaching a screenshot of one such ad that appeared in my Facebook timeline today.

Sharkansky (Fri, 17 Jan 2020 at 5:35 PM)
to: "PDC Support" <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Please add the attached screenshot to my complaint as an additional example of Bellevue School District campaign advertisements

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

The Bellevue School District has placed a bond measure on the ballot in the February 2020 special election. An illegal use of agency resources for campaign activities could improperly influence the election outcome in favor of the school district.

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

See attached file.

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.

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