

## Complaint Description

Kevin Schofield (Tue, 11 Feb 2020 at 11:34 AM)

As City Council member Kshama Sawant and other activist groups have spun up their "Tax Amazon" campaign, they have violated several city ordinances and state laws.

The "Tax Amazon" campaign has indeed mobilized: it has a [web site](#) (registered to Calvin Priest, a Socialist Alternative employee and Sawant's husband), and has held a string of [organizing meetings](#) over the past few weeks. At their January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the group [passed a resolution](#) establishing their intent to put a voter initiative on the November 2020 ballot to impose a new head tax on large companies in Seattle. The campaign is also gathering names on a [petition](#) opposing a preemption clause in HB 2907, the bill currently pending in the state legislature that would authorize King County to impose a payroll tax. The Tax Amazon campaign is also fundraising, [soliciting donations on its web site](#).

Sawant's office has been vocally supporting this effort; they have been using Sawant's [official email account](#), [constituent emailing list](#), and [city-hosted web site](#) to promote the campaign, its events, and the need for a ballot initiative. And that is the source of several violations.

Under both [Seattle](#) and [state](#) law, public resources may not be used to organize campaigns for ballot initiatives. Sawant is doing precisely that: her [web site](#) has been hosting information about the ballot initiative campaign, including promotional [posters](#) and [flyers](#), a [copy of the resolution](#) on the ballot initiative, and archives of the group's meetings.

Sawant's Council office is [listed as a co-host](#) of the campaign's events, and Sawant (listed in her official capacity as a City Council member) is a [co-chair of the ballot initiative campaign committee](#). The web site actively encourages people interested in helping the Tax Amazon campaign to call her office for assistance in getting involved.

Under [state law](#), public funds also may not be used to lobby the state government on legislative matters outside lobbying efforts officially sanctioned by the Council on behalf of the city. Since the Tax Amazon campaign is [petitioning](#) to keep preemption out of HB 2907, Sawant's Council office support for the Tax Amazon campaign violates this law as well.

The Tax Amazon campaign is also flouting state campaign disclosure laws. Since it is actively soliciting contributions, when it [officially adopted a resolution](#) to organize a ballot initiative on January 25 (and arguably before, since it was both fundraising and discussing the initiative before January 25) it was required to register with the state [Public Disclosure Commission](#) and the [Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission](#) as a political committee within 2 weeks:

under [state](#) and [Seattle](#) law, filing is required within 2 weeks of the beginning of fundraising. As of this writing, the campaign has not registered either with the PDC or the SEEC. It was also [required to register a bank depository](#) for campaign fund contributions, and it has not done that either. Needless to say, there has been no official reporting of campaign contributions.

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

The violations deprive the public of necessary transparency on a local ballot initiative campaign that has not registered as a political committee nor registered its depository.

The violations represent an improper use of public taxpayer funds to support a ballot initiative and to lobby the state legislature, undermining the political and legislative process in the state.

The violations represent corruption by a public official in misusing public funds under her control.

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

<https://www.taxamazon.net/>

<https://www.taxamazon.net/donate>

<https://www.taxamazon.net/petition>

[https://www.taxamazon.net/proposed\\_resolution\\_2\\_9](https://www.taxamazon.net/proposed_resolution_2_9)

<https://www.taxamazon.net/resolution>

<http://www.seattle.gov/council/meet-the-council/kshama-sawant/tax-amazon>

<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Council/Members/Sawant/TaxAmazon/Feb-9-action-conference-poster.pdf>

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<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Council/Members/Sawant/TaxAmazon/Resolution%20to%20January%20Action%20Conference%20v3.pdf>

[http://www.seattle.gov/Images/Council/Members/Sawant/TaxAmazon/action-conference-2\\_600w.jpg](http://www.seattle.gov/Images/Council/Members/Sawant/TaxAmazon/action-conference-2_600w.jpg)

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

Wayne Barnett, Executive Director of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, has been doing his own investigation, and has filed a first set of charges (attached).

**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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4 **BEFORE THE SEATTLE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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6 In the Matter Of )

) Case No. 20-0116-1

7 **Councilmember Kshama Sawant** )

) **NOTICE OF CHARGES**

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10 To: Councilmember Kshama Sawant and  
11 The Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

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13 Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) §§ 2.04.060.I, 2.04.075, 3.70.100.D, and SMC  
14 4.16.090.F and Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission Administrative Rule 3H, NOTICE IS  
15 HEREBY GIVEN that the Executive Director of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission has  
16 reasonable cause to believe that Councilmember Kshama Sawant has committed material violations  
17 of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Codes. The Executive Director sets a hearing in this matter for  
18 March 4, 2020 at 4:00 in Seattle Municipal Tower Room 4080, and hereby charges as follows:

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20 Councilmember Kshama Sawant, acting by and through employees of her City Council  
21 office, violated SMC 2.04.300, which bars the use of City facilities to promote or oppose  
22 candidates and ballot measures, and SMC 4.16.070.B.2, which bars the use of City resources for  
23 other than a City purpose, when she posted hyperlinks to materials on her City Council web site  
24 promoting a ballot initiative.

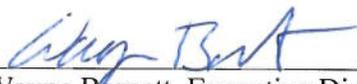
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26 In support of these charges, the Executive Director further states that as of this date, the  
27 Councilmember's web site includes the following:

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29 1. A hyperlink to a Facebook page promoting a January 25, 2020 Tax Amazon Action  
30 Conference which states: "Our immediate task is to file a grassroots ballot initiative

1 this February so that we can begin collecting signatures....” Councilmember Sawant  
2 is listed first among the hosts of the conference. Exhibit A.

- 3 2. A hyperlink to a “Resolution to Tax Amazon and Big Business” which includes the same  
4 language. It also states: “We will need to collect 22,000 valid signatures (likely  
5 30,000+) of registered Seattle voters by late May in order to guarantee a spot on the  
6 November ballot.” Councilmember Sawant is listed as an original member of the  
7 Coordinating Committee. Exhibit B.
- 8 3. A hyperlink to a poster for a February 9, 2020 Tax Amazon Action Conference which  
9 states: “Join us at our second grassroots conference: vote on a ballot initiative to put  
10 forward in 2020, and get organized to win!” The poster includes the City of Seattle  
11 seal and the first organization listed is the Office of Councilmember Kshama Sawant.  
12 Exhibit C.

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14 This notice is hereby given this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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20 Wayne Barnett, Executive Director  
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# ACTION CONFERENCE!

# TAX

# AMAZON

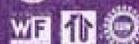
Our movement is growing to Tax Amazon and big business to fund Social Housing and a Green New Deal! Join us at our second grassroots conference: vote on a ballot initiative to put forward in 2020, and get organized to win!

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HOUSING &  
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12-4PM  
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Exhibit C

Exhibit A

Sign Up

Events



**JAN 25** Tax Amazon Action Conference  
Public Hosted by [Councilmember Kshama Sawant](#) and 7 others

Interested

Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM PST  
about 2 weeks ago

Washington Hall  
153 14th Ave, Seattle, Washington 98122

Show Map

148 Went · 463 Interested

Share this event with your friends

Details

Our movement is picking up steam! On January 13, we held a powerful launch rally of our Tax Amazon 2020 campaign, with 500 people rocking Washington Hall to Tax Amazon and big business to build social housing!

Now join my council office and a coalition of progressive, labor, and renters' rights organizations — alongside hundreds of working people in Seattle — at the first of our grassroots democratic Tax Amazon conferences. Let's come together as a movement to discuss different proposals for an Amazon Tax, including how much it should raise annually, what it should fund and what tax mechanism we should use, as well as to organize the grassroots strategy needed to win.

During last year's elections, Seattle's working people rejected Amazon's attempts to buy City Hall. We now have a historic mandate for taxing Seattle's biggest corporations to build social housing — a major expansion of social housing — publicly-owned, high quality, affordable, green and energy-efficient homes for working people, built by union labor and an important part of a Green New Deal.

But we know that big business will fight tooth and nail to maintain their corporate tax haven in Seattle. To win our Tax Amazon struggle, we will need to build a powerful movement.

Our immediate task is to file a grassroots ballot initiative this February so that we can begin collecting signatures to get our Amazon Tax on the November ballot.

I hope you can join us.

In solidarity,  
Councilmember Kshama Sawant

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Related Events

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- Pack City Hall - End Cruel Win...**  
4:00 PM PST at Seattle City Hall  
Email or Phone  
157 guests
- Password**  
**Tell City Council: No tax shel...**  
1:00 PM PST at Seattle City Hall  
75 guests  
Forgot account?
- Log In**
- South Seattle Debate Watch P...**  
Tue, Feb 25 PST at Clock-Out L...  
60 guests  
Do you want to join Facebook?
- Sign Up**  
**Tenant Rights Bootcamp Ca...**  
Tue, Feb 18 PST at Ada's Tech...  
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- TRU Potluck Social & Annual ...**  
Thu, Feb 20 PST at Seattle Lab...  
72 guests
- Share The Cities CARPOOL D...**  
Sun, Feb 23 PST at Northwest ...  
18 guests

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Exhibit B

# Resolution to Tax Amazon and Big Business - Fund Social Housing and a Green New Deal

**Proposal to Jan 25, 2020 Tax Amazon Action Conference**

*We, the attendees of this first Action Conference of the Tax Amazon movement affirm the following:*

Our city is in the midst of the worst affordability crisis in its history. At the same time, our entire planet is in the midst of a climate crisis that threatens the very stability of human societies around the world. Amazon and other big corporations in Seattle make billions in profits annually, yet pay little to nothing in taxes. Ordinary people - disproportionately people of color - are bearing the brunt of both our housing and climate crises, while continuing to shoulder the overwhelming burden of taxation for the services we desperately need.

In last year's City Council elections, working people roundly rejected Amazon's attempts to buy City Hall while a post-election poll showed 75% support for taxing big business. In the context of deep inequality, Trump's corporate tax cuts, and a highly regressive Washington State tax system, there is growing recognition the billionaires need to pay their fair share!

This is why our Tax Amazon 2020 movement is fighting for a tax on our city's biggest corporations to fund a major expansion of social housing — publicly-owned, high quality, permanently affordable, green and energy-efficient homes for working people, built by union labor — as part of a broader Green New Deal.

We recognize that our struggle is one part of a much larger fight for social justice, housing justice, workers' rights, racial justice, LGBTQ equality, gender justice, and for an alternative to the bankrupt system of capitalism and its threat of climate catastrophe.

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We know that big business will fight tooth and nail to maintain their corporate tax haven in Seattle. Winning will require a bold, fighting strategy and message that can mobilize working and middle-class people, tech workers, students, retirees, small businesses, Amazon workers, people of color, the faith community, the LGBTQ community, and all everyday people. It requires we be unafraid to honestly call out Jeff Bezos and Amazon for their tax-dodging and bullying methods. It would be a serious mistake to base ourselves on the idea of collaboration or negotiation with Amazon and big business executives, who will fiercely oppose us as they did in 2018 and again last year. Instead we need to build a strong, united movement. Our message: Tax Amazon and big business, NOT working people!

All major decisions on this campaign will be based on grassroots democracy and made in mass Action Conferences like this one on January 25, 2020, where all members of our movement can debate and vote. At this Conference, we are also electing a Coordinating Committee to carry out the decisions of this Conference and to organize future Action Conferences. The Coordinating Committee will strive for consensus or broad agreement. Coordinating Committee members can send a designated representative in their place as needed.

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The Committee will establish an umbrella 501(c)4 or other structure, where funding for joint activities can be directed and managed, accountable and reported to the movement. Individual organizations will continue to fundraise and make separate expenditures to build the movement.

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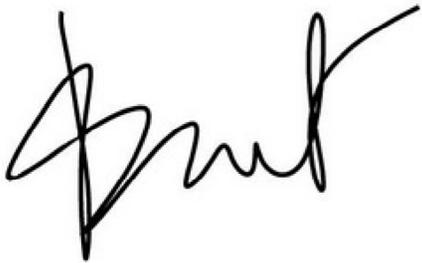
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We recognize that our movement to Tax Amazon and big business can set a powerful example, and inspire working people around the country looking to fight back.

To win, the Tax Amazon movement will take all of us!

On this page you'll find organizing resources to help mobilize your co-workers, fellow students, retirees, neighbors and friends. Please don't hesitate to reach out directly to my Council office, 206-684-8803, if you need any support or resources in mobilizing people for our Tax Amazon campaign.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Paul' written in a cursive style.



Tax Amazon



February 5 at 2:45 PM · 🌐

URGENT: please SIGN and SHARE the petition to say you stand with the #TaxAmazon movement, and oppose any attempt to undermine our movement with a state ban on progressive taxation!

On the heels of powerful grassroots momentum to Tax Amazon, the political establishment and big business are pushing the newly-introduced House Bill 2907 as an alternative. While any serious efforts to build affordable housing with progressive funding should be welcomed, we CANNOT let this bill stop our movement to make big business pay its fair share.



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**SIGN THE PETITION: Tax big business, not working people. No ban on progressive taxation!**

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## RESOLUTION TO TAX AMAZON AND BIG BUSINESS - FUND SOCIAL HOUSING AND A GREEN NEW DEAL

JAN 27, 2020

1 REACTION

The following resolution was adopted by a vote of 155 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions at the first Tax Amazon Action Conference on January 25, 2020. On February 9, [join us](#) at our second grassroots conference: vote on the big business tax we're going to fight for in 2020, and get organized to win!

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## SIGN THE PETITION: TAX BIG BUSINESS, NOT WORKING PEOPLE. NO BAN ON PROGRESSIVE TAXATION!

Ordinary people in Seattle are facing the worst affordable housing crisis in our city's history. Even a recent Chamber of Commerce-funded report estimates that \$450 million to \$1.1 billion is needed each year to address King County's affordable housing crisis. On the heels of powerful grassroots momentum to Tax Amazon and big business on a scale commensurate with the gravity of the crisis, the political establishment and big business are pushing the newly introduced House Bill 2907 as an alternative. While any serious efforts to build affordable housing with progressive funding should be welcomed, we cannot let this bill stop our movement to make big business pay its fair share.

HB 2907 would provide *far too little* for the scale of the crisis. But most threateningly, corporate politicians and big business are proposing adding a number of corporate loopholes, as well as the poison pill of a "pre-emption" clause. This clause would create an anti-democratic **ban on progressive taxation** by cities. It would shamefully block people in Seattle and other cities from raising the progressive funding necessary to address the housing crisis. It would be yet another attack on working people in a state with the nation's most regressive tax system.

*I oppose any attempt to undermine our movement with a state ban on progressive taxation. I stand with the Tax Amazon movement, which is fighting to tax Seattle's wealthiest businesses to fund Social Housing and a Green New Deal.*

592 SIGNATURES

1,000 SIGNATURES

### WILL YOU SIGN?

First Name

Last Name

Email

Mobile phone

 Send me email updates Send me text message updates

Address (Street, City, State, Postal code)

Country

 Don't publish this on the website I want to volunteer[ADD SIGNATURE](#)

Like this to spread the word:

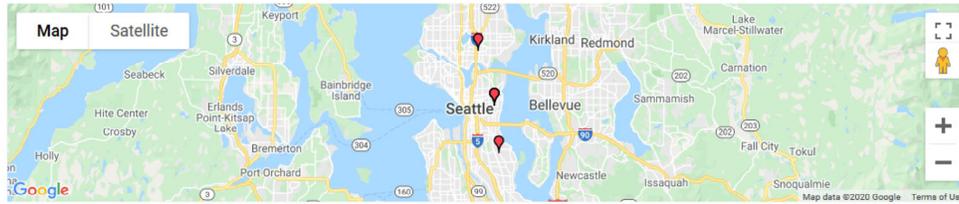


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### SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR NEXT GRASSROOTS ACTION CONFERENCE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, NOON @ WASHINGTON HALL. SIGN UP TODAY TO HELP PUT UP POSTERS AND CALL SUPPORTERS!



#### VOLUNTEER BONANAZA: POSTERING AND PHONEBANKING

Saturday, February 08, 2020 at 12:00 PM

2920 E Cherry St in Seattle, WA

1 person is going

Join us to make phone calls, pick up posters, or make buttons to spread the word about our second grassroots action conference on February 9. Stop by when you can!

#### SAVE THE DATE! VALENTINE'S POSTERING IN CAP HILL

Friday, February 14, 2020 at 05:30 PM

Cal Anderson Park, Fountain in Seattle, WA

RSVP

#### POSTER IN WEST SEATTLE!

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 05:30 PM

Intersection of California Ave and Alaska St

RSVP

#### POSTERING IN COLUMBIA CITY!

Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 01:00 PM

Columbia City PCC- Entrance in Seattle, WA

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#### FRIDAY PHONE-BANK!

Friday, February 28, 2020 at 06:00 PM

Socialist Alternative Office in Seattle, WA

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#### POSTER IN U-DISTRICT!

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 05:30 PM

University Playground in Seattle, WA

RSVP

#### POSTER IN BEACON HILL!

Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 01:00 PM

Beacon Hill Light Rail Station

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#### FRIDAY PHONE-BANK

Friday, February 21, 2020 at 06:00 PM

Socialist Alternative Office in Seattle, WA

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#### TUESDAY PHONEBANK!

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 06:00 PM

Socialist Alternative Office in Seattle, WA

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**Tax Amazon**

Yesterday at 6:32 PM · 🌐



At our first Tax Amazon action conference, we adopted a resolution which commits to a bold, fighting strategy to #TaxAmazon, as well as a model of grassroots democracy for our movement. The elected Tax Amazon coordinating committee is proposing the following resolution for a vote at our second action conference this Sunday.

Join us to discuss and vote on the grassroots ballot initiative we wish to file for our movement: What type of tax mechanism should it use? How much should it raise? And how should we allocate that funding between building social housing and funding additional Green New Deal programs?

At the same time, state politicians are attempting to permanently ban taxes on big business. We need you there as we get organized to fight back! Please RSVP and invite your friends now to join us this Sunday, noon at Washington Hall, at the [Tax Amazon Action Conference!](#)



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### Proposed Resolution for a Tax Amazon Ballot Initiative to Fund Social Housing & a Green New Deal

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Janet Galore is interested

Suggested Friends

- Leslie Hein Invite
- Mia Coolidge Invite
- Leah Reed Henessey Invite

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AGENDA  
12:00pm: Opening remarks from coordinating committee and discussion  
2:00-3:00pm: Breakout Groups  
1) Introductions  
2) How much should our ballot initiative put forward for the tax to raise?  
3) What should our tax mechanism do?  
4) What should the funds be used for?  
5) Next steps - use this to sign up for volunteer commitments  
3:10-4:00pm  
Voting on proposed resolution and amendments

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Schedule - Sunday, February 9, 2020

- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
Opening remarks and discussion
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Our movement is growing! Tax Amazon and big business to fund social housing and a Green New Deal! Join Councilmember Kshama Sawant and a coalition of progressive, labor, and renters' rights organizations — alongside hundreds of working people in Seattle — at our second grassroots democratic Tax Amazon conference.

We will discuss and vote on the grassroots ballot initiative we wish to file for our movement: What type of tax mechanism should it use? How much should it raise? And how should we allocate that funding between building social housing and funding additional Green New Deal programs?

We know that big business will fight tooth and nail to maintain their corporate tax haven in Seattle. It will take a powerful movement to win. Join us! Food will be provided.

AGENDA  
12:00pm: Opening remarks from coordinating committee and discussion  
2:00-3:00pm: Breakout Groups  
1) Introductions  
2) How much should our ballot initiative put forward for the tax to raise?  
3) What should our tax mechanism be?  
4) What should the funds be used for?  
5) Next steps - use this to sign up for volunteer commitments  
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