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Hello again -

There are two potential issues:

1. The advertisement in the newspaper used a photograph taken for Bainbridge Island City Council, presumably at the cost of the City. The concern would be that the candidate used City funds/property (the photograph) for a political ad. I don't have any information suggesting the candidate did not pay to place the ad with the newspaper.
2. The City of Bainbridge Island sends out the Cobi-Connects to all households on the Island. The weekend before the election, the candidate appeared on the front page, and the discussion she provided was an issue raised on the campaign trail. I have assumed, and I think this is a good assumption, that the candidate did not pay for this Island-wide mailing of COBI-Connects. From prior campaigns I have worked on, the value of an Island-wide mailing is approximately \$5,000. This is the potential over-limit issue that I see, in addition to the City paying for what was a campaign-related mailing.

In other words, the ad and the mailing are two separate issues, although perhaps you are applying the term "ad" to the Cobi-Connects column.

I hope this further clarifies the issues I raised. Thank you!

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Hi - here is the City website regarding the Cobi-connects:

<https://www.bainbridgewa.gov/1151/COBI-Connects>

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