

Subject: Response to alleged violation of campaign reporting requirements

Description:

Mr. Agina, I am the Treasurer for Lorna Smith for Jefferson County Commissioner Campaign. We received notification of the complaint and alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to sufficiently describe expenditures on C-4 reports.

After reviewing the appropriate legal requirements and guidance, the campaign agrees it failed to include all required information. On August 3, I corrected and submitted the applicable amended C4s to include the dates of all newspaper and web advertisements and the number of items of campaign material printed. Additionally, I have included specific descriptions of other services, other than printing, provided by those vendors, to avoid confusion.

I apologize for this error, and will review all applicable guidance and laws to help avoid such errors in the future. Ms. Smith is a first time candidate, and I am a first time Treasurer, and serve as a volunteer. Neither Ms. Smith or I were able to attend PDC or ORCA training because of COVID-19 restrictions. I did watch the on-line ORCA training and have accessed on-line training resource, and used the helpline on several occasions. However, this is not the same as in person training. I request you take this into consideration when assessing these violations.

If you have any questions, or if the information provided does not resolve the violations, please e-mail or call me at (208) 972-2529.

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