

Re: Case #74263

Response to Allegation of Violation of RCW 42.17A.335

This complaint is completely baseless. There was never any malice on my part. I only wanted to provide my constituents in the 42nd LD Precinct 201 a complete slate of Democratic candidates. The voters asked for this when I distributed a 42nd LD slate of endorsements in previous elections. I did not intend to break any rules. When asked to revise my flyer I complied with their demands.

I may have upset someone when I reported the Whatcom Democratic and 42nd LD, to the Washington Democratic Party Representatives. The basis of those complaints was assigning PCO responsibilities to my competitor, Brian Estes in the 2020 Primary Election, rather than giving me the elected PCO the opportunity to deliver candidate signs within my precinct 201.

Sequence of Events

On July 24, 2020, at about 10 AM Jamie Douglass sent me a copy of my original flyer. (Both PCO & LD Endorsements commingled). Prior to Jamie's call at about 1 PM, I had not seen his email.

July 24, 2020, three hours after Jamie wrote the email he called screaming, "You are committing fraud" because flyer states the 42nd LD endorsed you." I told him I had not seen his email because I was not expecting it. Jamie said he found it unlikely I had not read an email sent 3 hours prior. Jamie went on to state he would have seen an email sent during daytime hours.

Once Jamie was calmed down a little. I agreed to remove LD 42nd recommends combined from my list of recommendations. Five hours later, I responded to Jamie's email and sent him the revised copy of my flyer.

On July 25, 2020, Jamie still had not responded to my email. Since Jamie said he always reads his emails and he was expecting the email I assumed everything was ok. I printed copies for distribution within my precinct 201 only.

I spent about 1 ½ days revising my flyer. It needed complete redesigning, since there were 2 complete sets of endorsements on one page. I created a new flyer and ran it by Richard May, Whatcom County Representative to the Washington State Democratic Party. He thought the flyers were not ambiguous and complied with requirements that anytime there are endorsements on 42nd LD letterhead they must include official slate of candidates.

July 26, 2020 After the new flyers were printed and some were distrusted in my Precinct, Jamie called and wrote I was still in violation because anytime 42nd LD letterhead (Jamie referred to it as icons) is used for endorsements. Jamie continued anytime letterhead is used flyers must contain the official endorsements in addition the PCO's recommendations, or letterhead could not be used. I told him I was an elected official representing Precinct 201 in the 42nd LD.

July 26, 2020, after spending another 1 ½ days revising my flyer. It needed complete redesigning, since there were 2 complete sets of endorsements on one page. I created a new flyer and ran it by Richard May, Whatcom County Democratic Party State Representative who said it was not ambiguous and complied with the requirement anytime there are endorsements on 42nd LD letterhead they must include official slate of candidates.

On July 26, 2020, Jamie complained about the new flyer. This time he said I had not been granted permission and he and his wife had sole discretion as to their use. I replied that I was an elected official with the 42nd LD and these flyers were for the sole use in the area I represent, precinct 201.

On July 26 2020, I contacted the regional representative for the Washington State Party Savanna Sullivan. We emailed and talked. I told Savanna, I thought I was being singled out and harassed for not

acquiescing to the local party who were not turning calls for service and signs over to me the PCO representative for precinct 201, but over to my competitor Brian Estes. Jamie advised me to drop the issue because Brian was a member of the E-Board and yields power. Savanna said she would look into the rules and would get back to me if needed.

Best regards,

Jeannine Tater

/PCO Recommendations

/ Candidate slate

/ 42nd LD Endorsements / PCO Recommendations



Please take Photo to review at Home.
Ballots are due Aug 4, 2020 @ 8 PM.

POSITION	OFFICIAL 42nd LD Endorsements	PCO Tater Recommends	
• <u>US Rep WA2</u>	Rick Larsen	Rick Larsen	Incumbent
• <u>Governor</u>	Jay Inslee	Jay Inslee	Incumbent
• <u>Lt. Governor</u>	Denny Heck / Marko Liias	Denny Heck	.
• <u>Secretary State</u>	Gail Tarleton	Gail Tarelton	.
• <u>State Treasurer</u>		Mike Pellicciotti	.
• <u>State Auditor</u>		Pat McCarthy	Incumbent
• <u>Attorney General</u>		Bob Ferguson	Incumbent
<u>Super Public Ed</u>		Chris Reykdal	Incumbent
<u>Comm. Public Land</u>		Hilary Franz	Incumbent
<u>Insurance Commissioner</u>		Mike Kreidler	Incumbent
• <u>LD Rep Pos 1</u>	Alicia Rule	Alicia Rule	.
• <u>LD Rep Pos 2</u>	Sharon Shewmake	Sharon Shewmake	Incumbent
• <u>Sup Ct Judge 2</u>	James Erb	James Erb	.
• <u>Sup Ct Judge 4</u>		David Freeman	Incumbent
• <u>PCO #201</u>		Jeannine Tater	Incumbent

- *Endorsements and Recommendations Included in Precinct 201 ballot order. When candidates are dual endorsed, or no endorsement on race, PCO #201 Jeannine Tater from LD#42 PCO Tater selected the best electable Democratic Party candidate without 42nd LD Endorsement.*
- *The 42nd LD Never Endorses PCO Candidates. Voters make that determination!*

Please Vote the Entire Ballot!

Printing and Distribution Paid By Jeannine Tater, Precinct Committee Officer # 201