

<b>Respondent Name</b>
Lowell Brad Peck
<b>Complainant Name</b>
LaWanda Hatch
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p><a href="#">Hatchlawanda</a> (Wed, 29 Jul 2020 at 5:51 PM)</p> <p>Franklin County Commissioner, Brad Peck, that is running for re-election, claims he was endorsed by the Tri-Cities TEA Party, when he was not. Mr. Peck put on his JULY 18th, re-elect Brad Peck Commissioner FB page, 3 days before a fake TEA Party Endorsement letter was emailed to 3500 past TEA Party members, as a man named Roger Lenk, bragged to me over a phone call. Commissioner Peck has been informed that it was a fake endorsement by the Board of Directors of the suspended TEA Party, yet, he continues to post that he was. The Tri-Cities TEA Party elected a man named Roger Lenk as their Chair in 2014. It is a 2 year term, according to their by-Laws, Article 7. The TC TEA Party then decided to suspend their group in 2016. They kept their Board of Directors, but did not have any elections. They did so with with the caveat that if they felt it necessary, they would unsuspend it. No meeting was called and no vote was taken to unsuspend the Party or to elect new officers. It would take all of them to vote to do this. They didn't and are still in suspension. The only thing they kept up was their fb page that Mr. Lenk has no access to and their bank account of which Mr. Lenk did have, but fraudulently took the other signees off and put others on without the knowledge of the Board of Directors. To change signees, they would need to have the 8 members vote to sign it over. There was no meeting, so no legal meeting minutes, allowing for that. They never did and I have the 5 other board members to testify to that. They are listed below. They no longer meet and they no longer have a website. They still own the name, "Tri-Cities TEA Party". It seems Mr. Lenk thinks that he is the chair in perpetuity. Recently, Mr. Lenk was given a position on the County planning commission by Brad Peck and has been helping Brad Peck with his current campaign. He recently contacted the founding chair of the TEA Party, Jerry Martin, and founding member, Wayne Vertz, and said he wanted to email some information to the past TEA Party members, if he could send it using the TEA Party list. He was given that list, but never the permission to use the TEA Party letter head or that it was coming from the TEA Party, at all. He mailed a 21 page document, where every page had the Tri-Cities TEA Party letter head on it and the cover letter states that it is coming from the TC TEA Party Board of Directors. (He now states that because 3 past members met they all voted for eachother, they have the authority to use the TEA Party Name. Again no other founding members were contacted, no meeting was called, and no vote was taken to unsuspend.) They list 1 candidate from every race that they want voters to consider voting for and link people to only those candidate's websites. Clearly, an endorsement. Commissioner Peck is the first one listed. Now, Mr. Lenk says it was not an endorsement and is threatening to sue me for libel, because as the State Committee woman for the Franklin County Republicans and because he only lists Republicans and there are other Republicans that he leaves off of this List, our local party , as well as myself, are trying to correct this dishonest attempt to defraud the voters. If Mr Lenk sent the letter from himself, there would be no issue. If Mr. Peck would have removed his July 18th post and state on his fb post that he was not endorsed by the TEA Party. (As he was notified of by several sources, including his fb post about the endorsement)(Curious that Mr. Lenk isnt threatening to sue Peck for using the term "endorsement".) and if Mr. Lenk would send a letter out to those 3500 voters he emailed and to the voters he told them to share the letter to, that the TEA Party did not send out that list, and if he would go to the media and correct this fraud, then we would not have to report them, As it is, 8 days after he was notified and 11 days after posting that he was endorsed, he still has it there and we have no idea how many people have shared that post. It's also curious that Mr. Peck knew about the endorsement before any other candidate and 3 days before the letter went out. (Peck also has a list of people that endorsed him on his FB page from 2016. One of those gentlemen have since passed away.) The Tri-Cities TEA Party now is considering on hiring an attorney asking Mr. Lenk to cease and desist, take him off of the bank account, and Mr. Peck to remove his claim of endorsement.</p>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
<p>It fraudulently makes people think that Commissioner Peck is someone that believes in TEA Party values, yet he raised out taxes twice, after giving himself 3 raises.</p> <p>It also is an embarrassment to the candidates that were on this fraudulent list, causing them public embarrassment.</p> <p>Peck also has dead people listed on his fb posting</p>
<b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>

Original email that was sent out, The attachment of the Fake TEA Party Endorsement attachment to the email, the Correction Letter disavowing the email by the TR-Cities TEA Party, the By-Laws of the TC TEA Party showing that the chair's term is 2 years (Article 7), The fb Post by Peck on his campaign FB page clearly showing the date he posted this and today's date, showing he hasn't removed it. His wives fb post about that was shared by a man named Rob Puckett- which proves Peck had the endorsement 3 days before anyone else and that it is being widely spread, The FB Post by the TEA Party declaring they do not endorse or recommend candidates, the threatening letter mailed to me by Roger Lenk-clearly stating when he was elected was 2014. I'm also including a screen shot of Commissioner Peck's 2016 endorsement list, still on his page.

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

Jerry Martin, Wayne Vertz- 509-205-5202, Leon Howard, Mary Ruth Edwards- (509) 832-0239. (Founding Memebrs of the Tri-Cities TEA Party and the Board of Directors.)

**Certification (Complainant)**

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.