

Respondent Name

Robert Gray

Complainant Name

Brian Estes

Complaint Description

[Brian Estes](#) (Thu, 15 Oct 2020 at 10:27 AM)

Dear Public Disclosure Commission,

I write today to submit a complaint against an unregistered campaign committee associated with a mailer opposing City of Bellingham Proposition 2020-14. I have enclosed a photo of the mailer, which appears to have been sent via bulk mail to residential addresses throughout Bellingham. Postage alone for this mailing, while was received throughout Bellingham on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, should total well over \$1,000.

I allege the following violations:

1. The unregistered committee has failed to timely complete committee registration. In doing so, the committee has violated RCW 42.17A.205.
2. The unregistered committee has failed to timely report their monetary contributions (C-3 reports) and expenditures/summary (C-4 reports) as required by law. In doing so, the committee has violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240.
3. The unregistered committee has failed to properly indicate sponsorship information on their political mailer. In doing so, the committee has violated RCW 42.17A.320.

The mailer was sent anonymously, signed only "Samish Resident", and is associated with the mailing address: 2950 Newmarket St Ste 101 #264, Bellingham, WA 98226-3872. This address appears to be a private mailbox.

We request the PDC's assistance in investigating this matter, and if possible, ask the PDC to issue notice to the associated mailing address to prevent further egregious campaign finance violations.

Best regards,
Brian Estes

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

Voters in the City of Bellingham have the right to know what group is behind political advertising, who their donors are, and what the group stands for. Failure to disclose this information violates the transparency and accountability inherent in our political system so fundamental to a democratic society.

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

Copy of mailer I received on October 14, 2020

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Ben Anderstone, ben@progressivestrategiesnw.com

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.