

Respondent Name
Our Olympic Communities Enterprise Washington
Complainant Name
Sandra Giachino
Complaint Description
<p>Sandra Giachino (Mon, 2 Nov 2020 at 2:35 PM)</p> <p>Because this complaint is based on publicly available information from the PDC website, I believe everything in this complaint is true & correct.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>The public was deprived of full information about contributions received and expenses paid by the Political Action Committee (PAC) Our Olympic Communities Enterprise Washington (OOCEW). OOCEW failed to report how they paid a debt of \$9100.00 that they reported throughout 2019. This debt 'disappeared' in 2020. There is no mention of it in 2020 PD reports filed by OOCEW to date. There is no 2020 report that accounts for how the debt (an expense to OOCEW) was resolved or who contributed money to OOCEW to pay the debt. The \$9100.00 debt was incurred in the 2018 election cycle when OOCEW used political advertising to oppose and/or support candidates in the 5th, 19th, 26th, 30th and 36th Legislative Districts. Many expenses and details from this 2018 election cycle were reported to the PDC between 185 & 290 days late and 178 days after the 2018 General Election. It must be noted that OOCEW has in the recent past received warnings and penalties from the WA PDC about not reporting expenses and contributions. In September 2018 a formal written warning was made in response to PDC Case #39180. In 2020 OOCEW received a total civil penalty of \$14,000.00 for PDC case #47998 concerning failure to file timely Expenditure reports in 2018 that should have disclosed expenditures of \$151,772.81. \$7000.00 of this penalty was suspended, conditional that OOCEW not commit further violations of RCW 42.17 or WAC 390 within four years & that they comply with ALL PDC reporting requirements.</p> <p>To see this pattern of PDC reporting violations continuing in 2020, despite PDC warnings & penalties is cause for public concern. The voting public has been deprived of access to expense & contribution information. OOCEW is in clear violation of the PDC's condition in case #47998 requiring them to comply with all OPDC reporting requirements or be responsible for the waived half of the \$14,000.00 penalty. They are in violation of their 2018 warning to completely report all contribution & expense information.</p> <p>OOCEW's current political activities should be halted because of this PACS's record of not reporting, late reporting & inattention to the details of PDC rules. In light of OOCEW's previous warnings and penalty, the violation of PDC rules discussed in this complaint should not be dismissed as a remediable or minor violation or as an error appropriate to address by technical correction.</p>
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
All evidence pertaining to these violations of PDC rules are publicly available in OOCEW reports posted on the WA PDC website. Full details about PDC Case #s 47998 & 39180 are also available on the PDC website.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

n/a

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.