

Respondent Name
Retain Sheriff Hatcher
Complainant Name
Kathlen Wierschke
Complaint Description
<p><u>Kathlen Wierschke</u> (Mon, 11 Jan 2021 at 10:23 PM)</p> <p>This letter is to provide information for actions that I believe to be in violation of PDC rules and regulations. These violations have been committed by the group Retain Sheriff Hatcher, which filed with the PDC on 1 December 2020. The purpose of this group is to oppose the current recall effort against Sheriff Hatcher.</p> <p>The first violation deals with soliciting and collecting donations prior to filing with the PDC and which have still not been reported. Figure 1 shows a screenshot from Facebook that was taken on 6 August 2020. In this post, Lisa Thomas solicits funds by asking for "Donations and checks". The account associated with the fundraising is named "Citizens for Sheriff Hatcher" which is not a group that has filed with the PDC. The association between this account and the Retain Sheriff Hatcher group is shown in Figure 2 which is a Facebook post dated August 19th and was posted by Patrick Bauguess, who is the one who is the treasurer on the PDC filing. Figure 3 shows a screenshot of a Facebook post that was taken on 6 August that shows Lisa Thomas donating to a fundraiser for Patrick Bauguess, confirming that he is connected with the fundraiser. Figure 4 then shows that Patrick recognizes that these donations needed to be reported as donations.</p> <p>Another name associated with the Citizens for Sheriff Hatcher fundraising effort is Kevin Morton. Figure 5 shows a Facebook post dated August 16th that was posted by Kevin Morton, an admin for the group, who is further soliciting their fundraising effort. His name is important because later, he is the one involved in their procurement and distribution of signs. Figure 6 shows another Facebook post by Kevin Morton, dated September 20th that shows they were continuing to solicit for funds at the end of September.</p> <p>In addition to soliciting donations, the group has also been selling shirts to raise money. Figure 7 shows a Facebook post from Patrick, dated September 29th where he is selling the shirts. There is no filing for any money raised from the shirts nor expenses for getting the shirts made.</p> <p>Another expense that the group has incurred is in signage. Figure 8 shows a Facebook post dated December 16th where Kevin Morton announces that they are getting signs together for people to put up. Figure 9 shows signs that have been put up after the comment in Figure 8 was posted. Figure 10 – Facebook post from December 26th announcing a rally where shirts and signs will be available. Figure 11 – Facebook post from December 27 showing they are collecting money from shirt sales</p> <p>Other expenditures or in-kind donations that I am aware of include:</p> <p>Banners</p>

Figure 12 – Facebook post dated October 1st showing a banner and individuals wearing the shirts they are selling

Petitions

As Figure 11 shows, the group has printed petitions and they are collecting signatures on those petitions. They have not filed any expenses for the printing of the petitions. Figure 13 further shows that these petitions have been printed and in use since before September 1st.

Website

The group is also running a website <https://supportsheriffhatcher.com/>. This website is not reported and has a place to collect donations. Figure 14 shows a screenshot of the website's donation page, showing the association with the group Citizens for Sheriff Hatcher.

It is my contention that this group has violated PDC rules by soliciting donations and raising funds through the sales of shirts, as well as making expenditures, all without filing a PDC Filing. After filing late, they still have not reported any income or expenditures. It is also my contention that these rules were broken knowingly. Evidence for this is found in Figure 4 where they recognize back in August that they need information from donors to file. It is also evidenced in Figure 15 which shows that another group member Lisa Thomas ran a campaign for election in 2019 in which she filed with the PDC. Lisa Thomas is aware of PDC rules as evidenced by the two reminders that she was given by the group as evidenced above in Figure 4. and also given that another group member, Lisa Thomas, ran her own campaign and filed with the PDC in 2019 as shown in Figure 15. Further evidence of their knowing violation is that Lisa Thomas, who is part of this group has run her own campaign in 2019 and had her own PDC filing (Figure 15) and even received two reminders for violations (Figure 16). This is why I am filing this report.

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

They are willfully hiding the donors who are contributing donations and in-kind services and the expenses used to Retain Sheriff Hatcher. There is no transparency in this campaign.

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

Evidence can be found on their 3 Facebook pages, one page which has been deleted in recent months. Facebook Group: Support your local sheriff Facebook Page: Support Sheriff Hatcher. You can find signs in Benton City on 9th Ave, by Conoco, on Babs Ave across from the Storage unit. Other signs can be found in Richland(Barth Ave), Kennewick, West Richland and Prosser. They collect signatures every Sunday from 1-3pm at John Dam Plaza.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Jon Wierschke-734-845-9114

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.



Benton County...



Patrick Bauguess

Oct 1 ·

Don't forget.... photo shoot tonight at 6pm Howard Amon park near the boat launch. Support Your Local Sheriff



9

1 Comment



Like



Comment



Patrick Bauguess

Sep 29 ·

Who wants a shirt? \$20



10

13 Comments



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Lisa Thomas





Benton County...



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Kevin Morton shared a fundraiser.

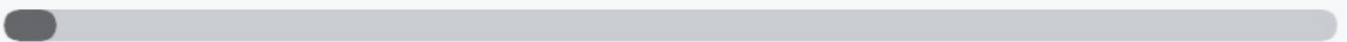


Admin · Aug 16 · 



Citizens for Sheriff Hatcher

\$1,353 raised of \$30,000



23 people donated.



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Kevin Morton shared a group.



Admin · Aug 16 · 



Replies



Matthew J. Bishop

Is there a fund to help the prosecution?

2 wks

Like

Reply



Patrick Bauguess

That is the info Above

2 wks

Like

Reply



Patrick Bauguess

We need name address and phone. If the donation is over \$100.00 We need employer information. I may have to deal with this as a campaign donation.

2 wks

Like

Reply



George T. Penn

Matthew J. Bishop, lol no. We are working on funds for his defense.

2 wks

Like

Reply



Matthew J. Bishop

Okay....no ty. **#lattinforsheriff**



Write a reply...





Benton County...



19

5 Comments



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Kevin Morton shared a post. ...

Admin · Sep 20 ·



Kevin Morton ► Support Your Local Sheriff

Admin · Sep 20 ·

Remember to help support our Sheriff

Still no charges against him all Allegations.

Donate if you can

Citizens for Sheriff Hatcher

PO Box 7079

Kennewick, Wa 99336

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL**SHERIFF**



Benton County...



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3 Comments



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Patrick Bauguess



Aug 19 • [Public]

I noticed we have 271 members. Has everyone made a donation? Please donate what you can. If over 100.00 we need employer info as well. Donations go to Citizens for Sheriff Hatcher PO box 7079 Kennewick WA 99336



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4 Comments



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Andrew Horak



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EVERYONE



Please go the KEPR's Facebook page and show your support for the



Done

1 of 4

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 Share



Lisa Thomas donated to a fundraiser for **Patrick Bauguess**.

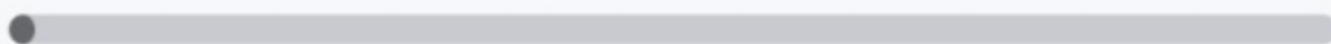


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Citizens for Sheriff Hatcher

\$300 raised of \$60,000



6 people donated.

Donate



Lisa Thomas



3h · 

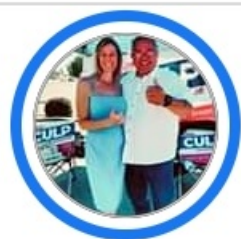
Protect our Republic, please donate



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← Support Sheriff Jerry Hatcher



Lisa Thomas

2h



There is a most serious battle going on right now for our Constitutional Republic in Washington State. Defund the police, is ALSO: Recall the Sheriff.

Our Sheriff was recently elected TWICE by The People of Benton County. The Government is trying to recall him and remove your Rights. Help support his defense so he can continue to defend you.

Donations and checks can be sent to:

"Citizens for Sheriff Hatcher" OBJ

P.O. Box 7079

Kennewick, Wa

99336

A defense fund account has also been set up at Banner Bank, "Citizens for Sheriff Hatcher".

Please donate. It doesn't have to be much, but it helps to show that the citizens WANT TO KEEP their sheriff, we don't want a communist government takeover- we want to keep our Constitution.

A hearing is scheduled next week, he has retained his own defense council, all donations go toward his recall defense.

Another automated donation site will be up in the next 24 hours. Thank you.

Here are some references: [https://www.](https://www.facebook.com/Jerryhatcherforsheriff/)

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Enforcement Cases

Included here are cases from October 2015 to the present. You can search across all fields by using the search box below. Click "Advanced search" to reveal a menu for more detailed filtering. You can download the results of your search by using the "csv" and "copy" buttons at the bottom of the list. To see case documents, click the case number. Or search across all case documents using the [compliance case document search](#).

For information about resolved campaign finance lawsuits brought under RCW 42.17A by the Attorney General, see the [AGO's website](#).

For more information about how the PDC handles complaints alleging violations of RCW 42.17A and what the different case statuses mean, see our [enforcement guide](#). For a glimpse at how long it is taking to close cases, see the [case resolution chart](#).

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Search:

CASE #	OPENED	COMPLAINANT	RESPONDENT	SUBJECT	AREAS OF LAW	STATUS
54966	07/19/2019	Michele Levenite	Lisa Thomas	Thomas, Lisa: Alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.700 & .240 for failure to timely & accurately file statement of financial affairs (F-1 report) & accurately report expenditures (EY '19) (Jul '19)	RCW 42.17A.240, RCW 42.17A.710, 42.17A.700	Case Closed with Reminder
51796	05/24/2019	Carly Coburn	Lisa Thomas	Thomas, Lisa: Alleged Violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to file C-1 Candidate Registration Report within two weeks of declaring candidacy.		Case Closed with Reminder

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Donations



Citizens for Sheriff Hatcher
PO Box 7079
Kennewick, WA. 99336

Accusations Menu

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- #5 Intimidation
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- #8 Falsified Record

Support The Sheriff

Lisa Thomas, 2019

[Overview](#)[Contributions](#)[Expenditures](#)[Loans](#)[Pledges](#)[Independent Expenditures](#)[Debt](#)[Reports](#)

Registration: [May 22, 2019 \(C1 report\)](#)

Office: CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Primary Election Status: None reported.

General Election Status: Lost in general

Election Status: None reported.

Campaign status: Candidate declared

Jurisdiction: CITY OF RICHLAND

Party: None reported.

Address:

P.O. Box 2368

Richland, WA, 99352

Phone: 509-375-7999

Email: lisathomasforcitycouncil@gmail.com

Campaign starting balance: \$0.00

Contributions: \$9,130.76

Loans: \$0.00

Total: \$9,130.76

Expenditures: \$11,130.76

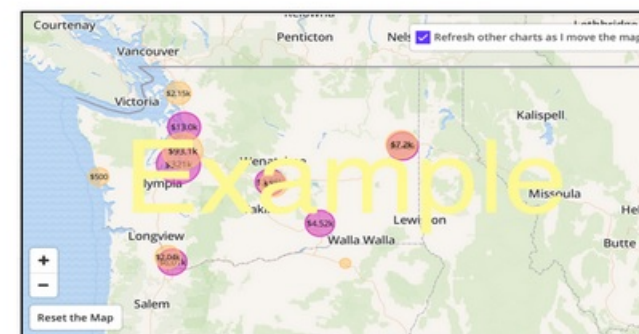
Independent (3rd party) expenditures

For: \$0.00

Against: \$0.00

Pledges: \$0.00

Show me the money



Click the map to explore contributions to this candidate and others.



Support Your...



CITIZENS FOR BENTON COUNTY

PO Box 7079

Kennewick Wa. 99336



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2 Shares • Seen by 

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Kevin Morton

5h • 

Copies of the "STOP THE RECALL" petition are available to sign or take your own copy let me know if you need one. Also I believe a table will be at John Dam Plaza most weekends.



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Rebecca Ulbricht updated the description.

10h • 

Benton County Citizens interested in finding and disclosing the truth



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Mary Roxanne Luna ▶ **Support Your Local Sheriff**



1h •

Bombing Range and Van Giesen

3 signatures and 3 tee-shirts sold already in 1 hour and 15 min. Come down and sign or hold a sign.



4

1 Comment • 2 Shares



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Mary Roxanne Luna

Two of us are out here. Coffee would be nice.

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Reply



Patrick Bauguess

OCT 1 AT 8:01 PM

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2 Comments

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Conn Clark ▶ Restore Benton County



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A rally to support Sheriff Hatcher is Happening Sunday Dec. 27th at Flat Top Park in West Richland. It will Run from 11am until whenever. Shirts and Signs will be available for supporters.



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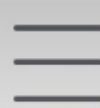


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Active 16 minutes ago



1 mutual friend



Add Friend

Remove



Add

See All >

**Kevin Morton** ▶ **Support Your Local Sheriff**

55m •

******ATTENTION******

We are very close to having signs ready to deliver. If you would like one please email :
Name - Address - Phone # to
sheriffhatcher@gmx.com and someone will
contact you for delivery. Thanks very much for
your SUPPORT!

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
SHERIFF



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7 Comments • 7 Shares



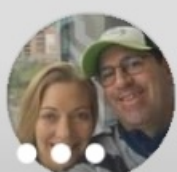
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**Wendy Robbins**
Email sent!

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