

Respondent Name
Larry Mann
Complainant Name
Gerry Austin
Complaint Description
<p><u>Gerry and Cammy</u> (Sun, 24 Jan 2021 at 11:16 AM)</p> <p>Mr. Larry Mann has purchased and placed signs throughout South Kitsap, beginning in August of 2020, encouraging voters to vote NO on Bonds and Levies. Mr. Mann has not filed an independent expenditure with the PDC, has places these signs prior to discussion and approval of the current levy measure by the SKSD board, and has included language implying that bonds are also on the ballot.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
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List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
<p>Two styles of signs have been placed throughout the south Kitsap area for the past 5 months. Black signs with small lettering encouraging voters "No more bond, no more levies, no more waste". These signs began appearing in August of 2020. Total number of signs is estimated to be greater than 20. As these signs typically cost \$5 or more to produce, this expenditure exceeds \$50 and is thus reportable as an independent expenditure. Beginning in October of 2020, blue signs which state "SKSD schools No New Taxes, NO Bonds, NO Levy's" began appearing. Quantity of these signs is estimated to exceed \$40.</p> <p>Mr. Dave Kimball, from "Citizens Supporting South Kitsap School District" denied that his group has been responsible for these signs.</p> <p>I believe Mr. Larry Mann is responsible for these signs based on an e-mail inquiry he made to Kitsap County Commishioner Charlotte Garrido, Edward Wolfe, Robert Gelder, Mayor Rob Putaansuu of the City of Port Orchard, and SKSD Director Eric Gattenby, where he inquired if either entity has "ordered the removal of signs opposing the SKSD Levy. He asked these elected officials for an explanation as to why only signs supporting the Levy remain. I find is curious that Mr. Mann is concerned about this matter, as no other individual or entity has claimed responsibility for the placement of these signs.</p> <p>Previously, in both the February 2017 and November 2018 election, similar signs, of a different design were also seen throughout the area. The person responsible for placement failed to file reports or identify themselves during these elections as well.</p>
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
<p>Rob Putaansuu - City of Port Orchard, Charlotte Garrido - Kitsap County, Edward Wolfe - Kitsap County, Robert Gelder - Kitsap County, Eric Gattenby - SKSD Director,</p>
Certification (Complainant)
<p>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.</p>