

<b>Respondent Name</b>
Burien United
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Michael Fertakis
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p>Michael Fertakis (Thu, 22 Jul 2021 at 11:25 AM)</p> <p>There is a group that has formed in Burien called Burien United that is advocating for several Burien City Council candidates including Martin Barrett, Alex Simkus, Mark Dorsey, and Stephanie Mora. They have created a Facebook group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BurienUnited">https://www.facebook.com/BurienUnited</a> that is explicitly telling folks to vote/support the aforementioned candidates (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/BurienUnited/photos/a.106746195026873/111297624571730/">https://www.facebook.com/BurienUnited/photos/a.106746195026873/111297624571730/</a>) and have clearly spent time and money creating graphics for their organization, as well as sending emails explicitly calling for people to vote for their preferred candidates. This flies directly in the face of Washington State Campaign Finance Law and as such they need to either file with the pdc or cease their spending.</p>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
Does not allow the public to know who is funding the committee, how the committee is spending its money, or who is in charge of the committee.
<b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>
<p>1. Burien United facebook page</p> <p>2. Burien United Email</p> <p>3. Burien United Graphic</p>
<b>List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them</b>
<b>Certification (Complainant)</b>
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.



# WHY THESE CANDIDATES?



Martin



Stephanie



Mark



Alex



Over the last few weeks, our Burien-United Group has met with many of the candidates to hear why they were running for City Council. We were uniformly impressed with **Martin Barrett, Mark Dorsey, Alex Simkus & Stephanie Mora** and their genuine concern for our city. They are all long-term Burien residents, are fully invested in our community and truly want what is best for our burgeoning city. They have no other motivation to run for political office other than serving and improving our community.

All three have a firm grasp of the problems our city faces and will work diligently towards finding real solutions. We are confident that their vision will build a better Burien. Please see links up above to each of them. **Thank you!**



# WHO WE ARE



**Burien United is a grassroots group of Burien citizens concerned about our city's future.**

**We are democrats, republicans & independent voters consisting of a diverse demographic from every part of the city. We have joined forces because our current city council has cast votes that put our city's safety & vitality at risk. We want to put Burien back on solid ground.**

**Please Join Us Because Together We Will Build**  
**a Better Burien, One Vote at a Time.**



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

You are receiving this email because you **live in Burien, work or own a business here** or are **otherwise invested by shopping or dining in our community**. Burien United is a nonpartisan, grassroots group of concerned citizens who have joined forces because we are very worried about our city's future, given recent the recent votes of our City Council. The goal of this correspondence is to keep you informed of our upcoming City Council elections and to engage you with the issues at hand.

Last year, **while all of us were concentrating on staying safe**, stressed about the health and well being of our families and worried about our job security, **Burien's City Council quietly voted to approve two major projects, DESC and ESFs**. Both of these undertakings will forever change the landscape of our community and reshape Burien into King County's dumping ground. Burien's homelessness and crime are complex problems, and we need to solve these issues in Burien before we consider inheriting King County's. **We must have a City Council who will transparently focus on the needs of our community, and listen to our voices while addressing these issues**. As you are probably already aware, our current City Council has approved:

**#1. DESC** (Downtown Emergency Services Center)

A 95-unit residential homeless shelter to be placed near 150th and Ambaum, very close to the downtown retail core. This property will house homeless from all over King County, not just Burien's homeless population. Drug use will be allowed in this facility. **DESC will essentially warehouse these individuals in need, with no support services, job training or rehabilitation offered**. This project & the associated crime have the potential to drive out restaurants & businesses, permanently destroying our downtown while at the same time not paying any taxes to our city.

**#2. ESF** (Enhanced Services Facilities)

An ESF was originally proposed to go in by St. Francis in 2019 and the community successfully stopped that proposal. **Despite the outcry, the City Council still voted in 2020 to permit ESFs in any area of Burien including all residential neighborhoods**. Per the City of Burien's website "Enhanced Services Facilities are licensed residential facilities that provide a community placement option for individuals whose complicated personal care and behavioral challenges do not rise to a level that requires an institutional setting." **The Department of Corrections and other agencies are now exploring placing multiple facilities in Burien**. There are no restrictions to location in our community, while cities like Des Moines and Shoreline have limited where ESF's can be placed. Facilities near schools, daycares, and in any residential neighborhood are allowed.

To fight this current trajectory, we must vote for a new Burien City Council that will prioritize our city's safety and vibrancy. We need a City Council that represents *us* and protects *our* interests. Please consider voting for these candidates (and donating if you are able) as they have Burien's best interest at heart.

**Martin Barrett Position #1 Mark Dorsey Position #2 Alex Simkus Position #5 Stephanie Mora #7**

You will be receiving more information about the issues & candidates up to the general November election. If you use social media, consider following us on FB or Instagram.

**Forward our emails to others in the community to increase awareness of this KEY election.**

Be involved as democracy dies in the darkness & our city urgently needs your help. Together, we will build a better Burien. Thank you, your neighbors at **BURIEN UNITED**.