## **Respondent Names**

Republican Women of Clallam County, Sarah Kincaid, Chair

# **Complainant Name**

Lisa Ann Dekker

## **Complaint Description**

<u>Lisa Ann Dekker</u> reported via the portal (Fri, 13 Aug 2021 at 10:45 AM)

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

Attachment includes impact, evidence, contact information, potential witnesses.

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

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### List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

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#### **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.

#### **PDC Violation Report: Republican Women of Clallam County**

Legal name: Lisa Ann Dekker Email: dekkerla@gmail.com U. S. mail address: 42 Derrick Rd, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Respondent name: Republican Women of Clallam County, PO Box 808, Port Angeles, WA 98362

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Evidence of a continuing committee: The Republican Women of Clallam County meets the definition of a political committee, under RCW 42.17A.005 (41) which states: "'Political committee' means any person (except a candidate or an individual dealing with the candidate's or individual's own funds or property) having the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in support of, or opposition to, any candidate or any ballot proposition."

On their website (rwclallamcounty.org), the Republican Women of Clallam County list their officers (see below) and state that they "work for the election of Republican candidates" and that "RWCC participates in helping to elect Republicans at all levels of government – from local to national." According to PDC records, other political committees have received monetary contributions from RWCC (see below) in every year since 2010. Other committees have also reported expenditures to the benefit of RWCC.

Evidence of contributions: Presumably, the RWCC receives contributions equal to or exceeding their political spending, but since they do not file PDC reports, the evidence is far from complete. During the past five years, only the Clallam County Republicans reported making a contribution to RWCC (\$1750, 2/27/2018, Report #100819848). According to the RWCC website, dues are currently \$40 for Republican women and \$15 for Republican men. The public is entitled to know much more about the source of their funds.

**Evidence of expenditures:** Listed below are contributions from the Republican Women of Clallam County (AKA Repub Women of Clallam County) reported to the PDC by registered candidates and committees. Since 2007, they total at least \$8,641.91. The five-year total is \$3,110 (September 2016 - August 10, 2021). Because RWCC is not transparent, it is impossible to discover whether the RWCC made further contributions to mini-filing campaigns or to the 2020 legislative campaign of Jodi Wilke. (Wilke received a \$600 RWCC contribution in 2018 but did not file reports after 2019.)

RWCC contributions are significant, as they are often among the top fifteen contributors to committees. In 2018, the Republican Women of Clallam County made the fifth largest contribution received by Joel McEntire, a legislative candidate in the 19<sup>th</sup> LD, far from Clallam County.

Contributions received from Republican Women of Clallam County and reported to PDC by registered campaign and party committees								
Contributor name	Filer name	Туре	Contributor city, state	Receipt date	Amount (All cash)	Primary general	Report number	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	Brian L Pruiett	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	10/02/2020	\$500.00	General	101005461	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	Sue W. Forde	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	05/28/2020	\$500.00	Primary	100972757	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	Political Committee	PORT ANGELES WA	10/01/2019	\$10.00	Full Election	100934185	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	Political Committee	PORT ANGELES WA	10/01/2019	\$300.00	Full Election	100934185	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	Joel McEntire	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	10/20/2018	\$300.00	General	100868851	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	Jodi Wilke	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	09/24/2018	\$300.00	General	100860929	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	Jodi Wilke	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	07/22/2018	\$300.00	Primary	100846526	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	Political Committee	PORT ANGELES WA	02/28/2017	\$300.00	Full Election	100750092	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	VRABLE GEORGE T	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	10/18/2016	\$200.00	General	100729896	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	ALGER JOHN D	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	09/26/2016	\$200.00	General	100722930	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	TURISSINI DANILLE A	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	09/24/2016	\$200.00	General	100722445	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	Jim McEntire	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	09/19/2015	\$300.00	General	100658180	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	Jim McEntire	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	07/22/2015	\$250.00	Primary	100649204	
REPUB WOMEN OF CLALLAM CO	Bill Peach	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	09/18/2014	\$150.00	Primary	100608459	
REPUB WOMEN OF CLALLAM CO	GREISAMER THOMAS W	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	09/15/2014	\$250.00	General	100606900	
REPUB WOMEN OF CLALLAM CO	Bill Peach	Candidate	PORT ANGELES	07/01/2014	\$100.00	Primary	100593623	
REPUB WOMEN OF CLALLAM CO	CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	Political Committee	PORT ANGELES WA	06/18/2014	\$300.00	Full Election	100585687	
REPUB WOMEN OF CLALLAM CO	CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	Political Committee	PORT ANGELES WA	10/22/2013	\$38.75	Full Election	100549658	
REPUB WOMEN OF CLALLAM CO	CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	Political Committee	PORT ANGELES WA	10/16/2012	\$1,293.16	Full Election	100495754	
REPUB WOMEN OF CLALLAM CO	GALE STEPHAN G	Candidate	PORT ANGELES	10/03/2012	\$250.00	General	1001284362	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	Jim McEntire	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	10/03/2011	\$1,500.00	Full Election	100430883	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	Jim McEntire	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	08/10/2011	\$500.00	Full Election	100424928	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	DANIEL E. GASE	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	10/09/2010	\$100.00	GENER AL	100382986	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	Jim McEntire	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	10/08/2010	\$100.00	General	100382982	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	KELLY DEBORAH S	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	10/06/2010	\$100.00	General	100383399	
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CLALLAM COUNTY	ROBERT V FORDE	Candidate	PORT ANGELES WA	8/31/2007	\$300.00	Full election	100224050	
					\$8,641.91			

Officers of the Republican Women of Clallam County 2016-2022 (Source: rwclallamcounty.org)

Labeled "2021-2022":

President: Sarah Kincaid

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Anne Stiles

Labeled, "2020-2021":

President: Sarah Kincaid

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Sue Forde

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Christiana Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Virginia Sheppard

Secretary: Sue Forde Secretary: Lois Perry
Treasurer: Virginia Sheppard Treasurer: Cheryl Cuccia

2018-2019 2016-2017

President: Sarah Kincaid President: Anne Stiles

1st Vice President: Anne Stiles1st Vice President: Anita Ready2nd Vice President: Virginia Shephard2nd Vice President: Susan Brautigam

Secretary: Martha Ireland (Secretary since 1997). Secretary: Martha Ireland

Treasurer: Robin Booker Treasurer: Robin Booker

### **Contact information for RWCC officers and other witnesses**

(Sources: voter files, SOS.wa.gov candidate filings, internet sources)

Name	Address	Email/phone	Role
Sarah Kincaid	150 Goldenrod Lane,	kincaid@olypen.com	RWCC Chair
	Sequim, WA 98382	Sarah@RWClallamCounty.org	Current city councilor
			Current candidate
Virginia Sheppard	2716 Kitchen Dick Rd,	360-461-9979	RWCC Current treasurer?
	Sequim, WA 98382.	vlsleB@msn.com	Current candidate
Sue Forde	PO Box 3457, Sequim WA,	sue98382@gmail.com	RWCC officer
	98382	sueforde@gmail.com	CCR: Current Chair.
		360-681-3023	Candidate, 2020, reported
		360-408-1912	contribution.
Cheryl Cuccia	193 Thompson Farm Ln	(805) 345-7031	RWCC Current treasurer?
	Sequim, WA 98382		
Anne Stiles	14 Barberry Lane, Sequim,	360-683-7080,	Former RWCC Chair
	Wa 98382	annestiles@gmail.com	Officer 2014-2018, perhaps
			current.
Martha Ireland	20 Spath Rd Sequim, WA		RWCC secretary, 1997-2019;
	98382		Former county commissioner;
			former officer Clallam
			Republicans
Christiana Smith	31 Aero Pl Sequim, WA		RWCC current officer
	98382		
Lois Perry	215 Stellar Ridge Ln	lomayr@gmail.com	RWCC Current officer
	Sequim, WA 98382	(360) 683-5079	
Susan Brautigam	10 Juniper Mobile Est		RWCC former officer
	Sequim, WA 98382		
Robin Bookter (listed	2718 Kitchen Dick Rd	robinakil@msn.com	RWCC former officer (Treasurer)
as Booker)	Sequim, WA 98382		

Anita Ready	101 Joslin Rd Spc 9	anitalready@hotmail.com	RWCC former officer	
	Sequim, WA 98382	360-808-2986		
Clallam County	PO Box 808, Port Angeles,	360-417-3035	Committee has contributed to	
Republican party, Sue	98362		RWCC and received funds from	
Forde, Chair (above)			RWCC.	
Kaj Ahlburg,	4513 Mount Pleasant			
Treasurer	Road, Port Angeles, WA 98362	360-565-1146		
Brian Pruiett	251 Atterberry Rd	(360) 797-4711	Candidate, 2020, reported RWCC	
	Sequim, WA 98382		contribution	
Jodi Wilke,	730 Gise St, Port	360-301-9460	Candidate, 2018 and 2020,	
	Townsend, WA 98368		reported RWCC contribution	
			2018	
Danille Turissini	40 Puget Loop, Port	(360) 437-5006	Candidate, 2016,	
	Ludlow, WA 98365		reported RWCC contribution	
Jim McEntire	232 Woodland Dr,	mcentire1@wavecable.com	Candidate, 2010, 2011, 2015,	
	Sequim, WA 98382	(360) 477-4103	reported RWCC contributions	
Joel McEntire	370 Jacobson Rd	Current legislator	Candidate, 2018, reported	
	Cathlamet, WA 98612		contribution.	
George Vrable	Not a registered voter.		Candidate, 2016,	
			reported RWCC contribution	
John D. Alger	Not a registered voter.		Candidate 2016,	
			reported RWCC contribution	