

Whatcom County Republican Party Mon, 18 Oct 2021

To: "PDC Support"

As Treasurer for the Whatcom County Republican Party I take full responsibility for the accuracy and any errors that may have occurred in preparing the required reports. As a volunteer I perform these duties without pay and keep a busy schedule between employment , community, and family responsibilities. Everyone that knows me can attest to my integrity. Having served as finance clerk for my church congregation for over five years I had perfect or near perfect audits every six months. Any errors can be attributed to simply being overly busy and distracted. To end the 2020 year the party reorganized and elected a new slate of officers. I was the only returning officer and some of our accounting processes have been refined to eliminate the type of errors found at the close of 2020. I will respond to the allegations by Mr. Raas in the following paragraphs.

(1.) I mistakenly entered the checks written to Lithtex Printing in the amount of \$8,024.80 twice. These were reported as Independent Expenditures using the online portal and then entered into ORCA, causing a duplicate entry. There were no additional contributions to the party beyond what has been reported. I have not audited the books for 2020 therefore cannot speak to the additional discrepancies found by Mr. Raas other than to say that they were caused by overreporting and not underreporting.

(2-5.) Were all caused by a bug in the ORCA software that I found when entering the auction reports following our Lincoln Day Dinner fundraiser. These errors were reported to the PDC and since the duplicate reports did not show up in my ORCA portal the PDC had to delete them for me. All donors of silent auction items had their contributions multiplied by a factor of six. I contacted the PDC about this issue on May 24, 2021 and it was resolved on June 3, 2021. I have attached copies of the email correspondence with the PDC for the record.

Regards,

Russell Dzialo, Treasurer

Whatcom County Republican Party

Re: PDC - Auction reports filed multiple times

PDC Support <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: russ.dzialo@gmail.com

Thu, Jun 3, 2021 at 9:09 AM

Russ Dzialo,

The extra C3 reports with auction reports for the Whatcom County Republican Party have been deleted from the Public Disclosure Commission's database. The contribution total for 2021 and the aggregate contributions for individual donors should now show correctly. Our IT department is now aware of the technical problems that you had submitting a long auction report--thank you for bringing this issue to our attention.

--Scott Haley
Filer Assistance Specialist

Washington State law established email as the PDC's official means of communication as of June 7th, 2018 (RCW 42.17A.055). Filers have a duty to amend their reports within 10 days of any material changes, such as new email addresses. Please ensure your email address is up to date.

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On Thu, 27 May at 2:49 PM , Russ Dzialo <russ.dzialo@gmail.com> wrote:


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Report C3

On Thu, May 27, 2021 at 2:16 PM PDC Support <cdc@cdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Russ Dzialo,

I think you may have sent me the wrong document numbers for 11001632, and

1101633. Did you mean those two to have a double 6 in them instead of a single six?

Documents 110016629, 110016630 , and 110016631 don't show as having been submitted by the ORCA campaign that you sent to me. Did you submit these documents and then restore the campaign from a backup made before you submitted this documents? That could cause your ORCA campaign to not show that these documents were submitted. Another way that this could happen is if you used the clear filing history function in ORCA, which the system advises filers not to do unless instructed to do so by the Public Disclosure Commission. Please let me know if you did either of these things, and what the correct document numbers are for the last two documents in the list that you sent me.

Thank you,

--Scott Haley
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On Mon, 24 May at 7:45 PM , Russ Dzialo <russ.dzialo@gmail.com> wrote:

Report numbers 110016629, 110016630, 110016631, 11001632, and 1101633 need to be deleted. They don't show up on my end. When I went to file the auction report I got an error message. I separated the report into 3 reports and filed those. These four are extra reports that are overstating our contributions and the aggregate totals of our donors.

On Mon, May 24, 2021 at 2:54 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Russ Dzialo,

Please create a backup of your ORCA campaign and send attach it to a reply to this message.

To make a backup, open ORCA and click the icon for "Backup Campaign Data." An ORCA backup is a .zip file. It will prompt you for a name for your backup file. We recommend that you use the name of the campaign and the date that you made the backup, without slash marks, something like Whatcom Co Repub 5-24-2021 That window has a file directory on it so that you can tell the software where to put your backup. Attach the backup to a reply to this message. I recommend that you store a copy of the backup somewhere other than the computer that you use to run ORCA and that you make new backups regularly and store them in a place where you could access them if something happened to your computer.

Thank you,

--Scott Haley
Filer Assistance Specialist

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