

Respondent Name
We Want Accountability
Complainant Name
Don Britain
Complaint Description
<p><u>Don Britain</u> (Fri, 1 Oct 2021 at 6:12 AM)</p> <p>We Want Accountability PAC 2021 failed state "No Candidate authorized this ad and that it is paid for by (name ,address, city and state)" and failed list it's top 5 donors in all radio ads it paid for during the 2021 Kennewick City Council Primary election between 7/21/19 through 8/3/2021. By not listing it's top 5 contributors, We Want Accountability PAC 2021 is not following it's own name title, and is intentionally hiding the names of it's contributors and intentionally deceiving the public of the transparency it deserves.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>The public has the right to know who is contributing to election campaigns in Washington state and that campaign finance disclosure deters corruption, increases public confidence in Washington state elections, raises the level of debate, and strengthens our representative democracy. By not listing the top 5 contributors, We Want Accountability PAC 2021 is not following it's own name title, and is intentionally hiding the names of it's contributors and intentionally deceiving the public of the transparency it deserves. The public deserves the right to know by name who is paying for these advertisements. One of the cornerstones of Washington state's campaign finance disclosure laws is the requirement that political advertisements disclose the sponsor and the sponsor's top five donors. Many political action committees have avoided this important transparency requirement by funneling money from political action committee to political action committee so the top five donors listed are deceptive political action committee names rather than the real donors.</p>
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
<p>I have attached a list of the contributors to the We Want Accountability, PAC 2021, showing contributors who have contributed over \$1000 individually or by entity(ie a family) to include Bob and Shirley Fowler \$2035, Mike and Lara Shemali, Austin Shemali, and Darian Shemali \$2625, and Jerry and Renette Martin \$1000.</p> <p>I have submitted an "Issue(non candidate) Advertisement Form that Jerry Martin, secretary for We Want Accountability PAC 2021, signed and submitted on behalf We Want Accountability PAC 2021 to run these ads. This obviously is not the correct form as the ads are specifically being ran as candidate ads.</p> <p>In addition I have provided We Want Accountability PAC 2021 expenditure report showing payments of \$2384 to Cherry Creek Media and Townsquare Media to run radio ads in the Kennewick City Council primary election.</p> <p>These forms come directly from the PDC filings of We Want Accountability PAC 2021</p>
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
<p>Charlotte Benjamin, Treasurer We Want Accountability PAC 2021 Spokane Valley, WA 99206</p> <p>Jerry Martin, Secretary We Want Accountability PAC 2021 Kennewick, WA, 99337</p> <p>Vincent Rundhaug, Chairman We Want Accountability PAC 2021 Grangeville, ID 83530</p> <p>Washington State PDC</p>
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.

ISSUE (Non-candidate) ADVERTISEMENT
AGREEMENT FORM

I, Jerry Martin, hereby request station time as follows: See **Order** for proposed schedule and charges. See **Invoice** for actual schedule and charges.

Check one:

- Ad "communicates a message relating to any political matter of national importance" by referring to (1) a legally qualified candidate for federal office; (2) an election to federal office; (3) a national legislative issue of public importance (e.g., health care legislation, IRS tax code, etc.); or (4) a political issue that is the subject of controversy or discussion at the national level.
- Ad does NOT communicate a message relating to any political matter of national importance (e.g., relates only to a state or local issue).

ALL QUESTIONS/BLOCKS MUST BE COMPLETED

Station time requested by: <u>We Want Accountability PAC</u>		
Agency name: <u>N/A</u>		
Address: <u>3101 West Canyon Lakes Drive, Kennewick, WA 99337</u>		
Contact: <u>Jerry Martin</u>	Phone number: <u>(509) 586-3349</u>	Email: <u>landrmarketing@charter.net</u>
Name of advertiser/sponsor (list entity's full legal name as disclosed to the Federal Election Commission [for federal committees] with no acronyms; name must match the sponsorship ID in ad):		
Name:		
Address:		
Contact:	Phone number:	Email:
Station is authorized to announce the time as paid for by such person or entity.		
List ALL chief executive officers, members of the executive committee and the board of directors or other governing group(s) of the advertiser/sponsor (Use separate page if necessary):		
By signing below, advertiser/sponsor represents that those listed above are the only executive officers, members of the executive committee and board of directors or other governing group(s).		
If ad refers to a federal candidate(s) or federal election, list ALL of the following:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Name(s) of every candidate referred to:		
Office(s) sought by such candidate(s) (no acronyms or abbreviations):		
Date of election:		
Clearly identify EVERY political matter of national importance referred to in the ad (no acronyms); use separate page if necessary:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

RADIO COMMERCIAL SCRIPT

Client: We Want Accountability Political Action Committee

Title: Candidate for Kennewick City Council

Flight Dates: ~~7/20/21 (1 spot)~~, 7/21/21 (1 spot), 7/22/21 (1 spot), 7/23/21 (1 spot), 7/24/21 (1 spot), 7/25/21 (1 spot), 7/26/21 (1 spot), 7/27/21 (1 spot), 7/28/21 (1 spot), 7/29/21 (1 spot), 7/30/21 (1 spot), 7/31/21 (1 spot), 8/1/21 (1 spot), 8/2/21 (1 spot), and 8/3/21 (1 spot) = total of ~~15~~ ads

Length: 30 sec

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GRETL CRAWFORD IS RUNNING FOR KENNEWICK CITY COUNCIL AGAINST MAYOR DON BRITAIN. DO YOU KNOW THAT DON BRITAIN WAS FIRED FROM HIS JOB WITH THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES BECAUSE OF AN INAPPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP WITH A FEMALE CLIENT? DO YOU KNOW THAT AN ETHICS COMPLAINT WAS FILED AGAINST DON BRITAIN? IS THIS THE KIND OF PERSON YOU WANT TO BE YOUR MAYOR? IF NOT, VOTE FOR GRETL CRAWFORD FOR CITY COUNCIL. PAID FOR BY WE WANT ACCOUNTABILITY PAC.

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KENNEWICK MAYOR DON BRITAIN SAYS HE'S AGAINST HIGHER TAXES,
BUT DON'T TAKE HIS WORD FOR IT. THE MAYOR VOTED LAST NOVEMBER
17 TO RAISE THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY BY THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE
AMOUNT. BUT THREE CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS BLOCKED THE
TAX INCREASE. SAY NO TO TAX INCREASES AND TO THE MAYOR. SAY
YES TO RE-ELECTING BILL MCKAY AND JOHN TRUMBO. VOTE FOR GRET
CRAWFORD WHO IS RUNNING AGAINST DON BRITAIN. PAID FOR BY WE
WANT ACCOUNTABILITY PAC.

RADIO COMMERCIAL SCRIPT

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Title: Candidate for Kennewick City Council

Flight Dates: ~~7/20/21 (1 spot)~~, 7/21/21 (1 spot), 7/22/21 (1 spot), 7/23/21 (1 spot), 7/24/21 (1 spot), 7/25/21 (1 spot), 7/26/21 (1 spot), 7/27/21 (1 spot), 7/28/21 (1 spot), 7/29/21 (1 spot), 7/30/21 (1 spot), 7/31/21 (1 spot), 8/1/21 (1 spot), 8/2/21 (1 spot), and 8/3/21 (1 spot) = total of 14 ads

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RESTORE POSITIVE AND CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP TO KENNEWICK.
KEEP INCUMBENTS BILL MCKAY AND JOHN TRUMBO, AND REJECT
KENNEWICK'S MAYOR BY VOTING FOR GRETL CRAWFORD FOR CITY
COUNCIL ON AUGUST 3. ENOUGH OF THE POLITICAL INFIGHTING AND
NONSENSE AT CITY HALL. DON'T LET MARIJUANA MONEY AND UNION
BACKERS PULL THE STRINGS AGAIN. VOTE FOR INTEGRITY AND
TRANSPARENCY AT CITY HALL. VOTE FOR MCKAY, TRUMBO, AND
CRAWFORD. PAID FOR BY WE WANT ACCOUNTABILITY PAC.

RADIO COMMERCIAL SCRIPT

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Title: Candidate for Kennewick City Council 4

HAVE YOU NOTICED WHERE THE MONEY IS COMING FROM IN KENNEWICK CITY COUNCIL RACES? MAYOR PRO-TEM STEVE LEE HAS DONATED \$1,000 TO A UNION-BACKED OPPONENT TRYING TO UNSEAT INCUMBENT JOHN TRUMBO. AND COUNCILMAN CHUCK TORELLI HAS DONATED \$1,000 TO HIS BUDDY ON THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION WHO IS TRYING TO UNSEAT INCUMBENT BILL MCKAY. POLITICS AT CITY HALL IS WELL-FINANCED. VOTE FOR INTEGRITY. VOTE FOR TRUMBO AND MCKAY. VOTE FOR GRETL CRAWFORD. PAID FOR BY WE WANT ACCOUNTABILITY PAC.

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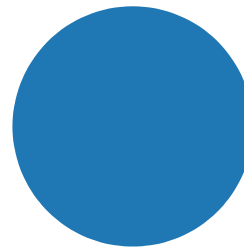
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Itemized expenditures: \$ 3,210.28

Non-itemized expenditures: \$

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Expenditures by itemized/non-itemized



Click chart to display dollar amounts.

Most recent expenditures



Non-itemized expenditures will have as the recipient "EXPENSES OF \$50 OR LESS". In-kind expenditures will list the contributor in the recipient column.

RECIPIENT	TYPE	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REPORT
BENJAMIN CHARLOTTE MS	EXPENSE	08/11/2021	July Acct'ng & Filing	\$250.00	C4



RECIPIENT	TYPE	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REPORT
TOWN SQUARE MEDIA	EXPENSE	07/23/2021	Radio Advertising	\$704.00	C4
CHERRY CREEK MEDIA	EXPENSE	07/21/2021	Radio Advertising	\$1,680.00	C4
BENJAMIN CHARLOTTE MS	EXPENSE	07/02/2021	June Acct'ng & Filing	\$250.00	C4
EXPENSES OF \$50 OR LESS	EXPENSE	04/01/2021		\$42.28	C4
BENJAMIN CHARLOTTE MS	EXPENSE	03/04/2021	Feb Acct'ng & Filing	\$250.00	C4
FOWLER SHIRLEY MS	EXPENSE	02/03/2021	Refund Requested	\$670.00	C4
EXPENSES OF \$50 OR LESS	EXPENSE	02/01/2021		\$34.00	C4
FOWLER SHIRLEY MS	EXPENSE	01/28/2021	Refund Requested	\$-670.00	C4

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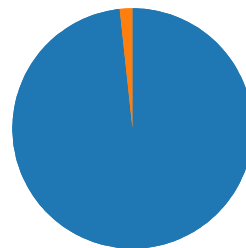
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Cash contributions: \$5,790.00

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Contributions by contributor category



Individual: \$5,690

Click chart to display dollar amounts.

Contributor name contains

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Top 45 contributors to this campaign

Amounts shown are aggregate totals of cash and in-kind contributions.

NAME

CITY

STATE

**CASH/IN-
KIND**

AMOUNT



NAME	CITY	STATE	CASH/IN-KIND	AMOUNT
FOWLER SHIRLEY MS	Kennewick	WA	Cash	\$1,340.00
FOWLER ROBERT MR	Kennewick	WA	Cash	\$695.00
SHEMALI DARIAN MR	Kennewick	WA	Cash	\$675.00
SHEMALI LARA MS	Kennewick	WA	Cash	\$650.00
SHEMALI MIKE MR	Kennewick	WA	Cash	\$650.00
SHEMALI AUSTIN MR	Kennewick	WA	Cash	\$650.00
MARTIN RENETTE MS	Kennewick	WA	Cash	\$500.00
WINTER ROBERT MR	Richland	WA	Cash	\$500.00
MARTIN JERRY MR	Kennewick	WA	Cash	\$500.00
ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS			Cash	\$100.00
BAKER DIANE MS	Kennewick	WA	Cash	\$100.00
NELSON JEAN MS	West Richland	WA	Cash	\$50.00
NELSON CHARLES MR	West Richland	WA	Cash	\$50.00
CORRECTION TO CONTRIBUTIONS	Kennewick	WA	Cash	\$-670.00

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