#### **Respondent Names**

Safe Eastside PAC

## **Complainant Name**

David Carson

### **Complaint Description**

#### Carson4redmond

Thu, 14 Oct at 4:19 PM

- 1. Did not register within the 2 week window of initiating spending for campaign purposes.
- 2. Spending on Domain Registration and hosting (potentially) without reporting the donations or the expenditures. The website does not identify the Political Action Committee nor the Treasurer or other officers.
- 3. Spending on printing services for a mailing likely covering the entire City of Redmond and beyond. Also, the letter identified the website, but not the PAC's name.
- 4. Spending on postage for a mailing likely covering the entire City of Redmond and beyond without any reporting of these expenditures.
- 5. No donor information being reported. Absence of C-4 Reports is evidence of this given they should have reported in September.
- 6. Donor information collected is incomplete (per the website form for donations). They would be out of compliance if they were reporting the donations because they do not collect the required information from donors.

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

C-1 was filed on August 26th with no dollars collected and no donors identified. It's provable that money was spent on August 3rd when the SafeEastside.com domain was registered:

Domain Name: SAFEEASTSIDE.COM

Registry Domain ID: 2631204070\_DOMAIN\_COM-VRSN

Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.google.com Registrar URL: http://domains.google.com Updated Date: 2021-08-04T07:53:02Z Creation Date: 2021-08-03T11:57:33Z

Registry Expiry Date: 2022-08-03T11:57:33Z

Registrar: Google LLC Registrar IANA ID: 895

Also, the donation form used on the website does not collect the required information of PACs for donors.

It's also clear that money for printing and postage was spent on or before September 27th, 2021 for a mailing that was sent far and wide with 1st Class Postage and duplicate mailings per household. Neither the mailing nor the website identifies itself as a product of the Safe Eastside PAC anywhere which is also a violation.

The letter that was sent far and wide was not just an informational piece which might be excused for being a neighborly thing to do, but it actively advocates for 3 candidates who are not endorsed by the current mayor. This is clearly an attempt to influence the election and should be met with swift enforcement. While I realize that the group may be new to advocacy politics, ignorance of the reporting requirements is difficult to plead when the process is so clearly outlined by the PDC's website and materials.

From looking through the filing (ordinarily I would be saying "filings", but there has only been just the C-1 filed and no subsequent fundraising or spending activity identified), so it is clear that this PAC is flouting the law and seems to me does not intend to identify donors and on what they are expending those donor funds before the election.

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

Whois lookup on GoDaddy for the date the site was registered: https://www.godaddy.com/whois

PAC website:

https://safeeastside.com/donate/

# List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

This has been very public in the mailing of residents of Redmond advocating for candidates that are not endorsed by the current mayor. I will attach a picture of front and back of the letter as evidence. I recycled the envelope, but it did use 1st Class postage and I've heard that people even outside the city limits of Redmond have received this letter (I can't say I understand why that is, but it does mean that a lot of money is being expended without any reporting).

### **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.