

<b>Respondent Names</b>
Zach Zappone
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Steve Freeman
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p><a href="#">Steve Freeman</a> Sun, 3 Oct at 1:33 PM</p> <p>See attached. Thank you.</p>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
Mr. Zappone is using Spokane Public Schools and students in his campaign videos for Spokane City Council. This may imply an unfair endorsement of his campaign. I would respectfully ask these, and any other campaign materials using schools and classrooms be removed.
<b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>
<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wC-AISdTgCf0NheXqeu7HdSkHlaQieJs">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wC-AISdTgCf0NheXqeu7HdSkHlaQieJs</a>
<b>List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them</b>
Anyone who has viewed Mr. Zappone's website and viewed his Media Kit.
<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.

## Complaint

Re: Zach Zappone, Candidate for Spokane City Council, Potential Violations of RCW 42.17A.555

Zach Zappone is or has been an employee of Spokane Public Schools, District 81.

Mr. Zappone appears to have filmed part of a campaign video(s) on school premises. Other imagery appearing in his campaign materials appear to show school-aged children. If these are indeed public facilities or pupils from his classroom, it may further imply an improper endorsement of his campaign.

(campaign video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdJmMcdfXP8> with screenshots below)

PDC guidelines published online for school districts state that school employees/teachers: *Shall not use work hours or public resources to promote or defeat a candidate or ballot measure (such as gathering signatures, distributing campaign materials, arranging speaking engagements, coordinating phone banks, or fundraising).*

Source: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/guidelines-school-districts>

This is just one example of the inappropriate use of public facilities and/or use of images of school age children for his campaign and if you go to his website, you will see others on his "Media Kit" tab. Here is a link to the site: (<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wC-AISdTgCf0NheXgeu7HdSkHlaQieJs>) Not only using public facilities in support of Mr. Zappone's campaign, but using students in his videos undermines the public trust in our institutions, and interferes with the nonpartisan nature of our education system.

I kindly request you investigate these allegations and take appropriate action, including referring this matter to other relevant authorities for review.

Respectfully,

*Steve Freeman*

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I'm an educator, public health worker, and proud North Central High School alum just like my grandpa.



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As a teacher, I did everything I could