

Respondent Names

509 Forward and Lisa Brown for Congress

Complainant Name

Steve Freeman

Complaint Description

[Steve Freeman](#) reported via the portal (*Thu, 21 Oct 2021 at 1:50 PM*)

In the attached electioneering political advertisement, the Top 5 contributors fail to list Lisa Brown for Congress.

According to the 509 Forward's PDC cash receipts C3 form, Lisa Brown for Congress made a contribution to the committee on 10/8/2021 in the amount of \$9,500.

On 509 Forward's independent expenditure ads C6 form, it lists an expense for a mailer supporting Naghmana Sherazi for Spokane City Council an Opposing Jonathan Bingle for Spokane City Council dated 10/14/2021.

In addition to failing to disclose Lisa Brown for Congress in the Top 5 contributors disclaimer, as a PAC entity, the sponsors should have also disclosed the Top 3 donors to Lisa Brown for Congress.

According to the PDC website's Political Advertising Guide:

A political committee must include its Top 5 contributors' names when sponsoring an ad about a ballot measure with a cost of at least \$1,000 in the aggregate, or when making an independent expenditure for or against a candidate. If the Top 5 includes any political committees, the sponsor must also list the Top 3 donors to the political committees. The Top 3 donors to PAC contributors must be three individuals or entities other than political committees.*

The sponsor determines the Top 5 and Top 3 lists by considering the largest contributors who gave at least \$1,000 during the 12 months before the ad appears. In the case of a tie among the top contributors, meaning multiple contributors have given the same amount, the political committee sponsor may choose which will be named. *Effective July 28, 2019*

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C6-10942.pdf

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509 Forward Mailer Image.jpg

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

Without disclosure and transparency, Spokane voters have little idea who is trying to influence their vote, making it difficult to make an informed choice for City Council. This specific situation has the appearance of dark money coming into Spokane politics. In this case, it appears perpetrated by political operatives – including an appointed state official who should have a clear understanding of the laws and know better than to take part in these actions. To say nothing of the fact that her husband, top advisor to the very Council President that endorsed Naghmana Sherazi, would benefit from the outcome of this election.

If true, that would be a significant breach of the public trust.

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

Form C6 – 509 Forward – accessed 10/15/2021

Form C3 – 509 Forward – accessed 10/11/2021

FEC Statement of Candidacy Form – Lisa Brown for Congress – Filed 05/23/2019

509 Forward Contributors List (screenshot, PDC.WA.GOV)

Attached Mailer

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Josie Olsen

Blue Wave Politics

401 2nd Ave S Ste 303

Seattle, WA 98104

206-682-7328

Lisa J. Brown

Director of Washington State Department of Commerce

lisabrown.wa@gmail.com

Lisa Brown for Congress Treasurer

Jay Peterson

Partner/Compliance

Blue Wave Political Partners

401 2nd Ave S Ste 303

Seattle, WA 98104

jay@bluewavepolitics.com

Luke Baumgarten, Principal
Treatment, LLC
509-720-7060

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.

509 Forward, 2021

All contributions made to this campaign or committee by contributor name.

[Copy to clipboard](#) [Download as CSV](#)

DATE	NAME	CITY	STATE	TYPE	ELECTION	EMPLOYER	OCCUPATION	AMOUNT	REPORT
	<input type="text" value="Type to filter"/>	<input type="text" value="Type to filter"/>	<input type="text" value="Sel"/>			<input type="text" value="Type to filter"/>	<input type="text" value="Type to filter"/>		
08/20/2021	SAWYER SUSAN	Spokane	WA	Cash	Full Election	Not Employed	NOT EMPLOYED	\$10,000.00	C3
08/17/2021	LECLAIRE JERRY	Spokane	WA	Cash	Full Election	Not Employed	RETIRED	\$10,000.00	C3
10/08/2021	LISA BROWN FOR CONGRESS	Seattle	WA	Cash	Full Election			\$9,500.00	C3
08/25/2021	GRAY KELSEY	Spokane	WA	Cash	Full Election	Not Employed	NOT EMPLOYED	\$5,000.00	C3
09/17/2021	SIEMS WILLIAM	Spokane	WA	Cash	Full Election	Washington State University	FACULTY	\$1,000.00	C3



Reporting Form for: (check one)

Instructions on Page 3

- INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES** (Occurring at any time) — **\$100 or more**
 INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE ADS (Appearing within 21 days of an election) — **\$1,000 or more**
 ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS, Except Contributions (Appearing within 60 days of an election) — **\$1,000 or more**

1. Name and complete postal mailing address of sponsor: 509 FORWARD PO BOX 853 SPOKANE, WA 99210	E-mail
	JOSIE@BLUEWAVEPOLIT
	Telephone
	2066827328

2. Itemize expenditures of more than \$100 associated with the independent expenditure or electioneering communication.

Date Made	Date First Presented/ Mailed	Name and Address of Vendor or Recipient	Description of Expenditure (e.g., direct mail or newspaper, TV or radio ad)	Amount or Value (*See Below)
10/12/21	10/14/21	PAPERMILL PRINTING 14 W INDIANA SPOKANE, WA 99205	POSTCARDS (3672)	3,727.57
08/19/21	10/14/21	TREATMENT LLC 304 W PACIFIC AVE SPOKANE, WA 99201	GRAPHIC DESIGN - RETAINER	1,000.00
Expenditures \$100 or less not itemized above				\$ 0.00

	Total this report	\$ 4,727.57
Amount or Value	Total independent expenditures and electioneering communications made during this election campaign. Include amounts shown in this report and previously submitted C-6 reports.	\$ 4,727.57

*If no reasonable estimate can be made of value, describe activity, services, property or right furnished precisely and attach copy of item produced or distributed.

3. List of candidate(s) or ballot proposition(s) identified in the advertising.					Show portion of current expense attributable to each candidate or proposition	Show total C-6 expenses related to each candidate/ proposition during election campaign
Candidate/Proposition	Office/District/ Proposition No.	Party	Check Support or Oppose			
BINGLE, JONATHAN	CITY COUNCIL MEMBER/CITY OF SPOKANE	NON PARTISAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$ 2,363.79	\$ 2,363.79
SHERAZI, NAGHMANA	CITY COUNCIL MEMBER/CITY OF SPOKANE	NON PARTISAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 2,363.78	\$ 2,363.78
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$	\$
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$	\$

Filer Name:

4. If reporting an Electioneering Communication, it is necessary to disclose information concerning the source of funding for the communication. Select the description that applies:

- a) ___ An individual using only personal funds.
- b) ___ An individual using personal funds and/or funds received from others.
- c) ___ A business, union, group, association, organization, or other person using only general treasury funds.
- d) ___ A business, union, group, association, organization, or other person using general treasury funds and/or funds received from others.
- e) **x** A political committee filing C-3 and C-4 reports. (RCW 42.17A.205 - .240)
- f) ___ A political committee filing C-5 reports. (RCW 42.17A.250)
- g) ___ Other

If (b), (d), (f), or (g) applies, complete section 5 below. If (e) applies, also complete section 5 if the committee received funds that were requested or designated for the communication.

5. Sources giving in excess of \$250 for the electioneering communication:

Date Received	Source's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	For individuals, Employer's Name, City and State	Amount
			\$
		Occupation	
			\$
		Occupation	
			\$
		Occupation	
			\$
		Occupation	
			\$
		Occupation	
		Sub-Total	\$ 0.00
	Continued on attached sheet <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount from attached pages	\$ 0.00
		TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	\$ 0.00

Sponsor of Independent Expenditure or Electioneering Communication			
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this expenditure was not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's authorized committee, or an agent of a candidate nor does it otherwise constitute a contribution under RCW 42.17A.005. I further certify that the above information is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.	Signature	Printed Name JOSIE OLSEN	
	Street address 401 2ND AVE S STE 303		
	City/State/Zip SEATTLE WA 98104		
	Date Signed 10/15/21	Place Signed (city and county) SEATTLE KING	
	*RCW 9A.72.040 provides that "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement, which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."		

FEC FORM 1

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Office Use Only

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) (Check if name is changed) Example: If typing, type over the lines.

12FE4M5

Lisa Brown for Congress

ADDRESS (number and street)

PO Box 154

(Check if address is changed)

Spokane

CITY ▲

WA

STATE ▲

99210

ZIP CODE ▲

COMMITTEE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

(Check if address is changed)

compliance@bluewavepolitics.com

Optional Second E-Mail Address

COMMITTEE'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS (URL)

(Check if address is changed)

lisabrownforcongress.com

2. DATE

MM / DD / YYYY
08 / 31 / 2017

3. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ▶

C C00654400

4. IS THIS STATEMENT

NEW (N)

OR

AMENDED (A)

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer Petterson, Jay, , ,

Signature of Treasurer

Petterson, Jay, , ,

[Electronically Filed]

Date

MM / DD / YYYY
05 / 23 / 2019

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g. ANY CHANGE IN INFORMATION SHOULD BE REPORTED WITHIN 10 DAYS.

Office Use Only				
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For further information contact:
Federal Election Commission
Toll Free 800-424-9530
Local 202-694-1100

FEC FORM 1
(Revised 06/2012)

5. TYPE OF COMMITTEE

Candidate Committee:

- (a) This committee is a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
- (b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)

Name of Candidate Brown, Lisa, , ,

Candidate Party Affiliation DEM Office Sought: House Senate President State WA District 05

- (c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate, and is NOT an authorized committee.

Name of Candidate _____

Party Committee:

- (d) This committee is a _____ (National, State or subordinate) committee of the _____ (Democratic, Republican, etc.) Party.

Political Action Committee (PAC):

- (e) This committee is a separate segregated fund. (Identify connected organization on line 6.) Its connected organization is a:
 - Corporation Corporation w/o Capital Stock Labor Organization
 - Membership Organization Trade Association Cooperative
 - In addition, this committee is a Lobbyist/Registrant PAC.
- (f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate, and is NOT a separate segregated fund or party committee. (i.e., nonconnected committee)
 - In addition, this committee is a Lobbyist/Registrant PAC.
 - In addition, this committee is a Leadership PAC. (Identify sponsor on line 6.)

Joint Fundraising Representative:

- (g) This committee collects contributions, pays fundraising expenses and disburses net proceeds for two or more political committees/organizations, at least one of which is an authorized committee of a federal candidate.
- (h) This committee collects contributions, pays fundraising expenses and disburses net proceeds for two or more political committees/organizations, none of which is an authorized committee of a federal candidate.

Committees Participating in Joint Fundraiser

1. _____ FEC ID number C _____
2. _____ FEC ID number C _____
3. _____ FEC ID number C _____
4. _____ FEC ID number C _____

Write or Type Committee Name

Lisa Brown for Congress

6. Name of Any Connected Organization, Affiliated Committee, Joint Fundraising Representative, or Leadership PAC Sponsor

Brown Victory Fund

Mailing Address

119 1st Ave S

Ste 320

Seattle

WA

98104

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Relationship: Connected Organization Affiliated Committee Joint Fundraising Representative Leadership PAC Sponsor

7. Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number -- optional) and position of the person in possession of committee books and records.

Full Name Petterson, Jay, , ,

Mailing Address

119 1st Ave S

Suite 320

Seattle

WA

98104

Title or Position

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Treasurer

Telephone number 206 - 682 - 7328

8. Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number -- optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

Full Name of Treasurer Petterson, Jay, , ,

Mailing Address

119 1st Ave S

Suite 320

Seattle

WA

98104

Title or Position Treasurer

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Telephone number 206 - 682 - 7328

Full Name of Designated Agent

[Empty grid for Full Name of Designated Agent]

Mailing Address

[Empty grid for Mailing Address line 1]

[Empty grid for Mailing Address line 2]

[Empty grid for Mailing Address line 3]

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Title or Position

[Empty grid for Title or Position]

Telephone number

[Empty grid for Telephone number]

9. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.

Washington Trust Bank

[Grid for Washington Trust Bank name]

Mailing Address

717 W Sprague Ave

[Empty grid for Mailing Address line 2]

Spokane WA 99201

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.

Bank of America

[Grid for Bank of America name]

Mailing Address

230 SW 152nd St

[Empty grid for Mailing Address line 2]

Seattle WA 98166

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Optional Supplemental Information
for Lines 5(g) or (h), 6, 8 and/or 9

5(g) or (h). **Joint Fundraising Participant:**

1.	<input type="text"/>	FEC ID number	<input type="text" value="C"/>
2.	<input type="text"/>	FEC ID number	<input type="text" value="C"/>
3.	<input type="text"/>	FEC ID number	<input type="text" value="C"/>
4.	<input type="text"/>	FEC ID number	<input type="text" value="C"/>

6. **Name of Any Connected Organization, Affiliated Committee, Joint Fundraising Representative, or Leadership PAC Sponsor**

Friends of Lisa and Sean

Mailing Address

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Relationship: Connected Organization Affiliated Committee Joint Fundraising Representative Leadership PAC Sponsor

8. **Designated Agent:** Identify by name, address (phone number – optional)

Full Name
Mailing Address

 -
TITLE OR POSITION ▼ CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲
 Telephone Number - -

9. **Banks or Other Depositories:** List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank,
Depository, etc.

Mailing Address

 -
CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲

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4.	<input type="text"/>	FEC ID number	<input type="text" value="C"/>

6. **Name of Any Connected Organization, Affiliated Committee, Joint Fundraising Representative, or Leadership PAC Sponsor**

DIGIDEMS COMMITTEE

Mailing Address

Relationship:

Connected Organization Affiliated Committee Joint Fundraising Representative Leadership PAC Sponsor

8. **Designated Agent:** Identify by name, address (phone number – optional)

Full Name

Mailing Address

TITLE OR POSITION

Telephone Number --

9. **Banks or Other Depositories:** List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.

Mailing Address

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4.	<input type="text"/>	FEC ID number	<input type="text" value="C"/>

6. **Name of Any Connected Organization, Affiliated Committee, Joint Fundraising Representative, or Leadership PAC Sponsor**

FLIP WA BLUE 2018

Mailing Address

 -

Relationship: Connected Organization Affiliated Committee Joint Fundraising Representative Leadership PAC Sponsor

CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲

8. **Designated Agent:** Identify by name, address (phone number – optional)

Full Name

Mailing Address

TITLE OR POSITION ▼ CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲

Telephone Number - -

9. **Banks or Other Depositories:** List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.

Mailing Address

CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲

Optional Supplemental Information for Lines 5(g) or (h), 6, 8 and/or 9

5(g) or (h). Joint Fundraising Participant:

1.	<input type="text"/>	FEC ID number	<input type="text" value="C"/>
2.	<input type="text"/>	FEC ID number	<input type="text" value="C"/>
3.	<input type="text"/>	FEC ID number	<input type="text" value="C"/>
4.	<input type="text"/>	FEC ID number	<input type="text" value="C"/>

6. Name of Any Connected Organization, Affiliated Committee, Joint Fundraising Representative, or Leadership PAC Sponsor

RED TO BLUE VICTORY FUND

Mailing Address

Relationship: CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲
 Connected Organization Affiliated Committee Joint Fundraising Representative Leadership PAC Sponsor

8. Designated Agent: Identify by name, address (phone number – optional)

Full Name
Mailing Address

 CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲
TITLE OR POSITION ▼ Telephone Number --

9. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.
Mailing Address

 CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲

**CASH RECEIPTS
 MONETARY
 CONTRIBUTIONS**

C3
 (1/02)

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE USE

110053318

10-11-2021

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.)
509 Forward

Mailing Address
PO Box 853

City **Spokane, WA** Zip + 4 **99210** Office Sought (candidates) Election Date **2021**

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date Received		Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous		
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c).....		
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements. Attach Schedule L		
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other). Attach explanation		
	e. Small contributions \$25.00 or less not itemized and number of persons giving _____ (persons)		

2. CONTRIBUTIONS OVER \$25.00

Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	Contributions of more than \$100: Employer's Name, City and State	P R I	G E N	Amount	Aggregate* Total
10/08/21	LISA BROWN FOR CONGRESS 401 2nd Ave S Ste 303 Seattle, WA 98104				\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional pages are attached	Sub-total			\$9,500.00	*See reverse for details.
		Amount from attached pages			\$0.00	

3. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT
 Sum of parts 1 and 2 above. Enter this amount in line 1, Schedule A to C4.

\$9,500.00

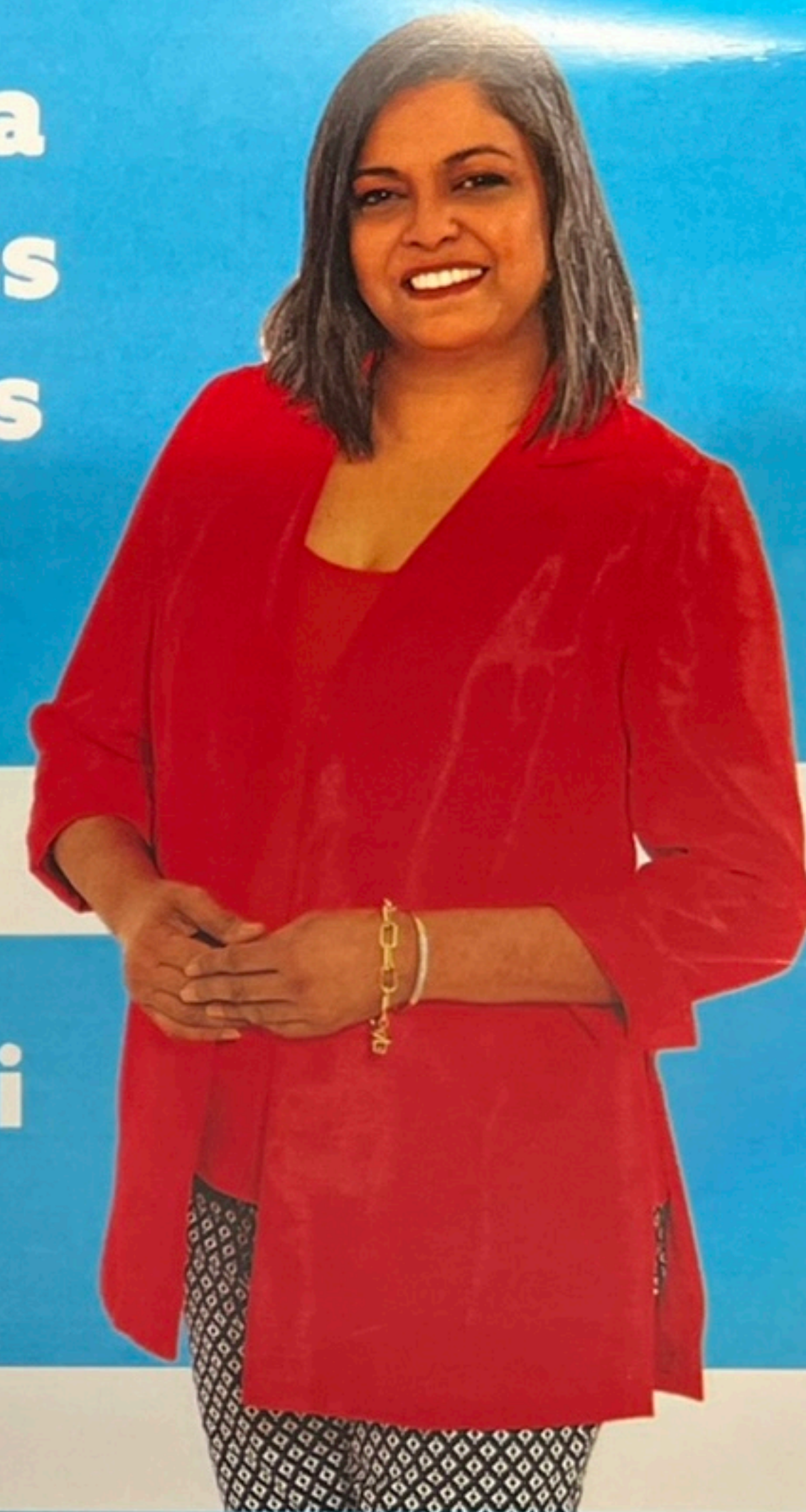
4. Date of Deposit **10/08/21**

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.: **(206)682-7328**

I certify that this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge

Treasurer's Signature **Josie Olsen** Date **10-11-2021**

We deserve an advocate like Naghmana Sherazi to stand up for working families and make sure that NE Spokane gets its fair share of resources.



**Vote Naghmana Sherazi
by November 2nd.**

No candidate authorized this ad. It is paid for by 509 Forward PAC (PO Box 853, Spokane, WA 99210).
Top five contributors: Susan Sawyer, Jerry LeClaire, Kelsey Gray, Fred Schruppf, Golieda Jansen

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