

Respondent Name
Sound Publishing
Complainant Name
Steve Finley
Complaint Description
Steve Finley <i>(Wed, 27 Oct 2021 at 1:04 PM)</i> A PDF of the anonymous ad.
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
An anonymous campaign ad appeared on page 9 of the October 27, 2021 edition of the Mercer Island Reporter. With the election only six days away, the public may never know who paid for this ad before the election.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
I have repeatedly reached out by phone to the advertising manager and their advertising office, and via email on their website to request to inspect the records related to this ad and no one has called me back to either supply the records or give me a time and place to inspect them.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
Rudy Alcott advertising manager. Everett, WA 98203.
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.

Massive donation for school district programs



The Mercer Island Schools Foundation recently presented a donation of \$829,715 to the Mercer Island School District at a school board meeting. This gift represents the proceeds from the 2020-21 fall and spring campaigns and will benefit programs serving students across the district.

Islanders unleash homecoming spirit



Mercer Island High School students participate in a modified homecoming parade on Oct. 15 that rolled down 92nd Avenue Southeast and Southeast 42nd Street into the football stadium prior to the Islanders' game versus Juanita. In 3A KingCo action, Juanita beat MI, 38-6. Vince Catano scored on a 1-yard pass from Spencer Kornblum for the Islanders.

LW defeats Mercer Island in football action

BY RECORD STAFF

Lake Washington defeated Mercer Island, 28-13, in 3A KingCo football action on Oct. 22 in Kirkland. LW led 14-7 at halftime

and built a 28-7 advantage in the fourth quarter.

For MI, in the second quarter Vince Catano scored on a 1-yard run and Samir Lumba tackled on the PAT. In the fourth, Garrett Rogan

tallied on an 8-yard pass from Eli Fahey and the kick was no good.

MI (1-4 in league and 3-5 overall) will next play Newport at home at 7 p.m. on Oct. 29.

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THIS IS A CRITICAL MESSAGE TO ALL ISLANDERS

Our Mercer Island Firefighters are the best; they are kind, caring, trained to the maximum and respond as fast as anyone could want. We already know the amazing things they do for us; the picnics, the potlucks, etc. We know and love them for it. That issue is done. We do not need to be constantly reminded of their commitment to the community.

This message is about a union president (who is a Mercer Island Fire Fighter and thus receives the raises too) who is constantly fighting for higher pay for the fire fighters and himself.

Posted on the app Next Door, by others to my surprise, are these facts:

The cost of the 29 firefighters here is \$5,000,000 annually. It was \$4,000,000 a few years ago.

They average in wages and benefits \$200,000+ annually.

Seven of the top ten city employees are fire fighters.

A veiled threat in their letter of October 21, 2021 in the Reporter states,

"No amount of negativity, false accusations, or paid newspaper claims will stop our firefighters from doing the right thing." (Nothing is false, the negativity is because they tried to scam us, the ad is to point this out.) The fact that they actually thought about this is very weird.

This is a good segue into the illegal and unethical things done by the Union President and the Union representative from the Mercer Island Fire House on 78th.

TO MAKE IT SIMPLE FOLLOW THE BELOW:

SECRET NON-PROFIT STARTED 8.4.2021
"Mercer Island Professional Firefighters"

- Purpose of this Non-Profit started by the Union Rep:
- Funnel secret cash contributions to three candidates: Akyuz, Becker and Weinberg.
- Collected \$3,000.00 secretly and gave it to Akyuz, Becker and Weinberg. There is no mention of Union in this non-profit.
- it ILLEGALLY collected campaign contributions out of the M.I. Fire station, knowing it was an illegal \$3,000.

UNION REPRESENTING M.I. FIRE FIGHTERS

"Mercer Island Firefighters Union"

- There is no mention of the Union in the non-profit.
 - Union wanted to hide where the money to the candidates was coming from.
 - If the money was from Union members, the Union could have given the money to the candidates from the Union.
 - In the past seven council campaigns the "Union" has contributed a total of \$1,400 to candidates.
- WHY THIS ONE \$3,000?

Negotiations for a new contract with the firefighters start six months after this election. Look at the wages now!!!!

This has been exposed. The PDC is going to punish this illegal and unethical behavior.

AKYUZ, BECKER AND WIENBERG TOOK ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A SECRET, ILLEGAL, UNETHICAL NON-PROFIT FRONTING FOR THE UNION AND HAVE NOT GIVEN THE SECRET CASH BACK KNOWING THIS NOW.

WHY? THEY ARE DESPERATE TO GET ELECTED. ONE TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY HERE, THE OTHER TO CHANGE US TO SEATTLE'S WAYS.

FINALLY, IF ANY CANDIDATE HAD STATED THEY WANT TO GET RID OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS I WOULD NOT SUPPORT THEM. I STILL WOULD HAVE RUN THESE ADS. ILLEGAL IS ILLEGAL. CHEATING IS CHEATING.

WE DO NOT FALL FOR THAT HERE ON M.I.—WE ARE WAY TOO SMART.

KATE IS NOW LYING AND SAYING LISA WANTS TO GET RID OF THE DEPARTMENT. DESPERATION ABOUNDS. NO LISA DOESN'T. SHE IS CAREFUL ABOUT OUR MONEY.

VIVA MERCER ISLAND — A WONDERFUL, PEACEFUL, FRIENDLY PARADISE.