Respondent Name(s)

Sandra Kaiser, Marilyn Strickland & Derek Kilmer

Complainant Name(s)

Robert G. Rogers

Complaint Description

Brogers2 reported via the portal (*Thu*, 15 Sep 2022 at 11:57 AM)

Under PDC rules, candidate committees cannot contribute to other candidates, as specified in the attached PDC Contribution Limit schedule. On the attached candidate C3, the candidate received a \$1,000 contribution from "Strickland for Washington", the campaign committee for Marilyn Strickland, federal candidate for US Congress. Inquiry was made to the PDC as to whether federal candidates could contribute to state candidates. The PDC responses are attached. Since the federal committee has a local nexus, my understanding is the committee would need to register at the state level with the PDC as a political committee, filing a C1pc per PDC email. A Committee search was completed for "strickland", results are attached. No committees were found related to "Strickland for Washington". A global search of the PDC page was also completed, with no appropriate records found. Since no political committee was found, this complaint challenges the legality of the candidate accepting the \$1,000 contribution from "Strickland for Washington" which violates PDC rules regarding candidate committees contributing to other candidates.

PDCSearch_Committee_Strickland.pdf 80.9 KB

FECRegistration_StricklandForWashington.pdf 13.73 KB

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

The violations of campaign contributions from other candidate committees allows undue influence of candidates by candidates and their donors in other jurisdictions. In addition, breaking campaign rules by a candidate should be exposed so voters can better determine the integrity and honesty of the candidate

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

- 1. Candidate's C3
- 2. PDC Campaign Contribution Limit Schedule
- 3. Communications with PDC clarifying how a federal candidate can contribute to a state legislative candidate
- 4. FEC documentation of federal candidate and their campaign committee name
- 5. Search of PDC Committee data for political committee

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

None

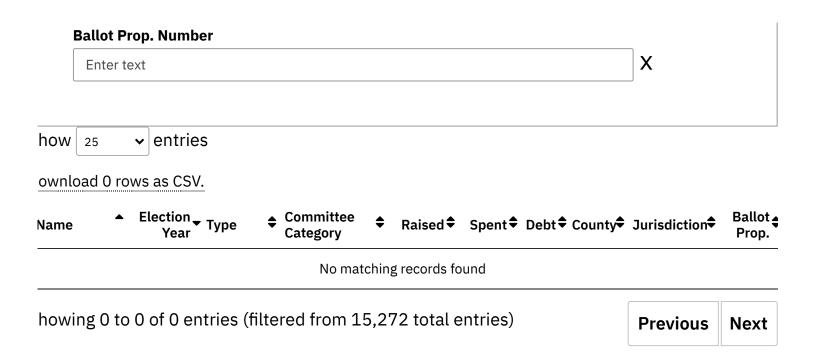
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



PDC staff is working remotely

The PDC remains available for remote assistance, consistent with the governor's emergency proclamations. Please contact us for assistance at (360) 753-1111 or pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

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FEC FORM 2

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

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1.	(a) Name of Candidate (in full)									
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	(b) Address (number and street) 1625 E 72nd St Ste 700-139	⊔ Check if	f address ch	anged		2. Candida H0WA	ite's FEC Iden 10034	tification f	Number	
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	DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE									
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FEC FORM 2 (REV. 02/2009)

From: PDC Support

To: <u>brogers2@comcast.net</u>

Subject: Re: PDC - Get help or information - Bob Rogers **Date:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 2:57:31 PM

Bob,

A federal office holder or candidate may contribute surplus campaign funds to a candidate running in Washington State, but the pre mentioned filing requirements apply.



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Washington State law established email as the PDC's official means of communication as of June 7th, 2018 (RCW 42.17A.055). Filers have a duty to amend their reports within 10 days of any material changes, such as new email addresses. Please ensure your email address is up to date.

To respond, please reply to this email.

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On Wed, 14 Sep at 2:43 PM, Brogers2
 spogers2@comcast.net> wrote:

External Email

Hello Collin.

It appears to be from an active WA congressional candidate committee to a WA leg candidate. Is that allowed?

Bob Rogers

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone Get <u>Outlook for Android</u>

From: PDC Support

To: <u>brogers2@comcast.net</u>

Subject: Re: PDC - Get help or information - Bob Rogers

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 2:09:13 PM

Greetings,

A candidate who has run for federal office may wish to donate surplus funds from a federal campaign to their campaign for state office. The Federal Election Commission regulates federal campaigns, and candidates have been able to donate money from their federal campaign to their state campaign without violating FEC rules. As far as the Public Disclosure Commission is concerned, the transfer of funds should be treated like a donation from a federal PAC to a Washington State candidate's election campaign. Normally, a federal political committee that has an office in Washington State may not report with C5 reports, they need to file a C1pc to register as a Washington State committee. Is the federal candidate in question from Washington State? If it is coming from a federal candidates surplus funds they would need to file a C5. There is a requirement that C5 filers have received 10 dollars from 10 Washington residents in the last 180 days.



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On Wed, 14 Sep at 12:45 PM, Brogers2 comcast.net> wrote:
Candidates committees are not allowed to contribute to other candidates. Does this limitation apply to federal candidates, e.g. can a state candidate accept contributions from a federal candidate's committee? Thank you

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RECIPIENTS

CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

CONTRIBUTORS

	State Party	County and LD Party Committees (Jointly)	Caucus Political Committee	Candidate Committees	Pacs, Unions, Corps and other entities	Individuals
State Party	Not Applicable	No Limit	No Limit	Only from Surplus Funds No Limit	\$5,500 per calendar year (non-exempt) No Limit (exempt)	No Limit
County or LD Party Committee	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	Only from Surplus Funds No Limit	\$5,500 per calendar year (non-exempt) No Limit (exempt)	No Limit
Caucus Political Committee	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	Only from Surplus Funds No Limit	\$1,000 per calendar year	No Limit
State Executive Candidate	\$1.00 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$0.50 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$1.00 per Reg. Voter per cycle	Prohibited	\$2,000 per election	\$2,000 per election
Legislative Candidate	\$1.00 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$0.50 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$1.00 per Reg. Voter per cycle	Prohibited	\$1,000 per election	\$1,000 per election
Judicial Candidate	\$2,000 per election	\$2,000 per election	\$2,000 per election	Prohibited	\$2,000 per election	\$2,000 per election
LOCAL OFFICES: County Office Mayor City Council School Board	\$1.00 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$0.50 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$1.00 per Reg. Voter per cycle	Prohibited	\$1,000 per election	\$1,000 per election
King Co Hospital Dists 1 & 2 and Snohomish Co Hosp Dist 2	\$0.95 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$0.50 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$1.00 per Reg. Voter per cycle	Prohibited	\$1,000 per election	\$1,000 per election
Port Commissioner Candidates*	\$1.00 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$0.50 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$1.00 per Reg. Voter per cycle	Prohibited	\$2,000 per election	\$2,000 per election
PACS	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	Prohibited	No Limit	No Limit

- **Per cycle** means aggregate during the period from January 1 after the date of the previous general election for the office through December 31 after the upcoming general election for the office.
- Per election means per each primary, general, or special election for that office.
- Per calendar year means aggregate during the period from January 1 through December 31 each year.
- Contributions designated for the exempt account of a bona fide political party are NOT subject to limit, except **during the 21 days before the general election** when the \$5,000 maximum applies. See next column.
- During the 21 days before the general election, no contributor may donate over \$50,000 in the aggregate to a candidate for statewide office, or over \$5,000 in the aggregate to a candidate for any other office or to a political committee. This

includes contributions to a party committee, as well as a candidate's personal contributions to his/her own campaign. It does not apply to contributions <u>from</u> the state committee of the WA State Democratic, Republican or Libertarian Party or from a minor party.

The state law prohibiting campaigns from receiving contributions of more than \$5,000 within 21 days of a general election no longer applies to ballot measure committees, pursuant to the federal court ruling in *Family PAC v. McKenna et al.*, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals No. 10-35832 (Dec. 29, 2011). The statute is RCW 42.17A.420 (former RCW 42.17.105(8)).

*limits applied only to port districts with more than 200,000 registered voters prior to July 28, 2019

Contribution Limits to Candidates Subject to Limits

A candidate subject to limits is prohibited from accepting aggregate contributions exceeding the following amounts:

Source of Contribution	to State Executive and Port Commissioner* candidates	to Legislative, County Office, Mayor, City Council, or School Director candidates and select Hospital Comm'r candidates**
Individual	\$2,000 ¹	\$1,000 ¹
Union or Business	\$2,000 ¹	\$1,000 ¹
Political Action Committee	\$2,000 ¹	\$1,000 ¹
State Party Central Committee	\$1 per voter ^{2,5}	\$1 per voter ^{2,5}
Legislative District Comm	50¢ per voter ^{3,4,5}	50¢ per voter ^{3,4,5}
County Party Central Comm	50¢ per voter ^{3,4,5}	50¢ per voter ^{3,4,5}
Legislative Caucus Comm	\$1 per voter ^{2.5}	\$1 per voter ^{2,5}
*limits applied only to port distric	ts with more than 200,000 re	egistered voters prior to July 28, 2019
**only in hospital districts with po	opulations greater than 150,9	999

¹ This is a per election limit; each primary, general and special election is considered a separate election. This limit does not apply to the candidate using personal funds to give to his or her own campaign. The limit does apply to the candidate's spouse.

To be eligible to receive primary election contributions, a candidate's name must be on the ballot or the candidate has to have filed a write-in declaration for the primary election. A candidate who will **not have a primary election** must refund any contributions received in excess of the general election limit. Refunds must be made within 2 weeks of the election administrator's determination that there will be no primary.

Primary election contributions must be made on or before the date of the primary unless a candidate lost the primary <u>and</u> has debt to retire. Contributors may continue to make contributions to a candidate who loses the primary election and has insufficient funds to pay debts outstanding until the debt is retired or 30 days after the primary, whichever comes first.

General election contributions must be made no later than December 31 of the election year.

During the 21 days before the <u>general election</u>, no candidate for legislative office or local office may contribute to his or her own campaign more than \$5,000 in the aggregate, and no candidate for state executive office or Supreme Court justice may contribute to his or her own campaign more than \$50,000 in the aggregate.

- 2 The limit amount of \$1 times the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction (as of the last general election) is for the entire election cycle. The election cycle is from January 1 after the last election for the office or the start of the candidate's campaign -- whichever is later -- through December 31 of the election year in which election is sought. Contributions must be made no later than December 31 of the election year.
- 3 During the election cycle (defined in #2 above), <u>all</u> county central committees and legislative district committees in the state share a combined limit to each candidate of \$.50 times the number of registered voters statewide as of the last general election. (However, during the 21 days before the general election, neither a county central committee nor a legislative district committee may give a state executive office candidate more than \$50,000 in the aggregate.) Contributions must be made on or before December 31 of the election year.
- 4 A county central and legislative district committee may only contribute to a candidate if voters residing in the city, county or legislative district are entitled to elect the candidate to the office sought. During the election cycle (defined in #2 above), a legislative district committee, in conjunction with all county central committees in that district, share a combined per candidate limit of \$.50 times the number of registered voters in the legislative district as of the last general election. (However, during the 21 days before the general, neither a county central committee nor a legislative district committee may give a city, county or legislative candidate more than \$5,000 in the aggregate.) Contributions must be made on or before December 31 of the election year.
- 5 The limit amount is for the entire election cycle. The election cycle is from January 1 after the last election for the office or the start of the candidate's campaign -- whichever is later -- through December 31 of the year in which election is sought. (However, during the 21 days before the general, a caucus political committee may not give a state executive candidate more than \$50,000 in the aggregate or a city, county or legislative candidate more than \$5,000 in the aggregate.) Contributions must be made on or before December 31 of the election year.



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CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

C3

Sandra Kaiser Friends of Sandy Kaiser PO Box 100 Shelton, WA 98594 STATE REPRESENTATIVE LEG DISTRICT 35 - HOUSE Deposit date: 2022-09-08 Report number: 110111668 Submitted date: 2022-09-11

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received		Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous	None	None
		reported	reported
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include	None	\$2,000.00
	candidate loans in 1c)	reported	
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	None	
		reported	
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	None	
		reported	
2022-09-06	e. Small contributions \$25 or less not itemized 4 persons giving	\$85.00	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$10,790.00

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and itemized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS OVER \$25

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Contributions over \$100 Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
2022-09-06	35th LD Democrats		\$250.00	General
	PO Box 3212 Belfair, WA 98528			\$1,100.00
2022-09-06	35th LD Democrats		\$850.00	General
	PO Box 3212 Belfair, WA 98528			\$1,100.00
2022-09-06	Butkus Pete A	Butkus Consulting	\$250.00	General
	290 East Fern Creek Road Shelton,	Sammamish WA		\$250.00
	WA 98584	Occupation: Vice President		
2022-09-06	Carmichael John P	The Evergreen State College	\$100.00	General
	4120 Rainwood Dr NW Olympia, WA	Olympia WA		\$100.00
	98502	Occupation: Public		
		Administrator		
2022-09-06	Cox Carolyn H		\$50.00	General
	4672 Darlington Lane Southeast			\$50.00
	Lacey, WA 98513			
2022-09-06	Credit Union Leg Action Fund/NW		\$1,000.00	General
	Credit Union Assn			\$1,000.00
	18000 International Boulevard #350			
	SeaTac, WA 98188			

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Contributions over \$100 Employer and address	Amount	Aggregat tota
2022-09-06	Eldridge Lester W		\$40.00	Genera
	5531 Devonshire Street Southeast Olympia, WA 98501		·	\$40.0
2022-09-06	Eldridge Mary E		\$40.00	Genera
	5531 Devonshire Street Southeast Olympia, WA 98501			\$40.0
2022-09-06	Evans Amy	Kidder Mathews	\$100.00	Genera
2022 07 00	3620 Country Club Drive NW Olympia,	Tumwater WA	\$100.00	\$100.0
	WA 98512	Occupation: Real Estate		ψ100.0
2022-09-06	Farrell Phyllis	Coodpanolii Nodi Zotate	\$25.00	Genera
2022 07 00	7600 Redstart Drive Southeast		Ψ20.00	\$25.0
	Olympia, WA 98513			Ψ20.0
2022-09-06	Finn Frederick W	West Bay Commercial LLC	\$500.00	Genera
	1107 West Bay Drive Unit 400	Olympia WA		\$500.0
	Olympia, WA 98502	Occupation: Commercial Real Estate		
2022-09-06	Gallagher Catherine		\$25.00	Genera
	240 South 7th Street Shelton, WA 98584			\$25.0
2022-09-06	Gallagher Ross E		\$25.00	Gener
	240 South 7th Street Shelton, WA 98584			\$25.0
2022-09-06	Hall John H		\$100.00	Genera
	10445 Mullen Road Southeast			\$100.0
	Olympia, WA 98513			
2022-09-06	Lancaster Timothy	Retired Occupation: Retired	\$300.00	Genera
	6022 Illinois Lane Southeast Unit C			\$300.0
	Lacey, WA 98513			
2022-09-06	Mills Emmett		\$50.00	Genera
	249 Northwest 31st Street Corvallis, OR 97330			\$50.0
2022-09-06	Munson Barbara A		\$50.00	Genera
	1841 52nd Way Southeast Olympia, WA 98501			\$50.0
2022-09-06	Partlow Michael	Evergreen State College	\$100.00	Genera
	4120 Rainwood Drive Northwest	Olympia WA		\$100.0
	Olympia, WA 98502	Occupation: Director, Network Services and D		
2022-09-06	People For Derek Kilmer		\$1,000.00	Genera
	PO Box 1381 Tacoma, WA 98402			\$1,000.0
2022-09-06	Pickles Linda	Retired Occupation: Retired	\$100.00	Genera
	91 East Soderberg Road Allyn, WA 98524			\$100.0
2022-09-06	Pickles William R	Retired Occupation: Retired	\$100.00	Genera
	91 East Soderberg Road Allyn, WA 98524			\$100.0

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Contributions over \$100 Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
2022-09-06	Strickland For Washington		\$1,000.00	General
	401 2nd Avenue South Suite 303			\$1,000.00
	Seattle, WA 98104			
2022-09-06	Sypnicki Greg	Retired Occupation: Retired	\$100.00	General
	201 Southeast Kamilche Shores Road			\$210.00
	Shelton, WA 98584			
2022-09-06	Thurston County Democrats		\$1,500.00	General
	PO Box 164 Olympia, WA 98507			\$1,500.00
2022-09-06	Trope Gloria B		\$50.00	General
	4525 Briggs Drive Southeast Unit 103			\$50.00
	Olympia, WA 98501			
2022-09-07	Mason County Democratic Central		\$3,000.00	General
	Committee			\$3,000.00
	P. O. BOX 1272 Shelton, WA 98584			
Date of deposit	I certify this report is true and complete to	the best of my knowledge		
2022-09-08	Treasurer's signature and date Jason Bennett - 2022-09-11			