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Tabatha,

Thanks for your message.

Our law firm represents the Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors (TPCAR).

The premise of the entire complaint against TPCAR is an obvious (and likely intentional) misinterpretation of an internal TPCAR communication.

TPCAR's staff was primarily interested in a city council sponsored alternative to Tacoma Measure 1. This interest ended when the measure was stricken from the ballot by a superior court judge on August 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Only after this court decision did TPCAR even begin to consider an active position on Tacoma Measure 1. The allegation that TPCAR staff was working prior to this time in opposition to Tacoma Measure 1 is false.

The No on Tacoma Measure 1 campaign (NOTMOC) was formed on September 26, 2023. No funds were received or pledged prior to that time. At no point has TPCAR received any campaign checks to oppose Tacoma Measure 1. TPCAR and NOTMOC are separate entities.

No contributions were made until NOTMOC was registered on 9/26. In the initial C4 filing contributions were earmarked as pledges by the treasurer due to cash not actually being in-hand. The pledges are not "purported to be received 10/16", that date was merely the filing deadline for the reporting period of Sept 1 thru October 16, as the complaint itself points out on page 3. The contribution was requested in the form of an invoice to NAR on October 5, 2023. The contribution was accurately reported as a pledge on the October 16, 2023, C4 for NOTMOC.

The balance of the complaint is conjecture and specious arguments about alleged "dark money". The citizens of Tacoma have, at all times, known who has contributed to NOTMOC and all contributions and pledges have been timely and accurately reported.

I believe this resolves the matter but, if not, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you.

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