

Hello:

Please merge these allegations into existing PDC Case # 155771.

Note: this candidate has previously been fined for submitting late lobbyist reports, see link:

<https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/5700/121747%20Scott%20Shaun%20L-2%20Lobbyist%20BAP%20Order%20%28CY%2022%29.pdf> .

1) Impermissible personal use of campaign funds, see RCW 42.17A.445.

See link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110230249>.

The campaign had four separate itemized expenditures to “Jesus Barbershop”, totaling \$333.40. These expenditures all appear to be for haircuts. The PDC has previously noted that haircuts are not an allowable campaign expense, see PDC cases 100348 & 100589.

2) Use of an assumed name for political advertising sponsor ID, RCW 42.17A.320.

On July 17, 2024, a letter was received by voters in the 43rd LD which appeared to be from retiring State Rep. Frank Chopp, urging voters to vote for Shaun Scott in the upcoming August primary. The letter contained a statement that identified the sponsor as “Paid for by a Better Washington, D, 4337 15th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105”.

I looked on the PDC’s website and found several committees that had similar names. Then I looked at Scott’s committee’s registration. I noticed that the address matched his registration.

Based on this fact, I am assuming that the Scott campaign paid for the letter but used an assumed name in the sponsor ID statement. The actual name of Scott’s committee according to the registration is “The Fighting 43rd”. See link:

https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/registration?registration_id=59664.

3) Failure to report debt, see RCW 42.17A.240(8).

See link to Scott’s 21-day C4: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110230249> .

Based on the fact that the Chopp letter was delivered on 7/17/24, the letter would have had to have been paid for and produced on or before 7/15/24, which was a day covered by the 21-day C4 report.

Despite this, there is no expenditure or in-kind contribution or debt that corresponds to this letter’s printing; however, there are other references to expenditures for clearly distinct printed material, such as doorbelling literature. I believe that this letter’s purchase was likely reportable as a debt.

4) Significantly Late C3 Report Disclosing \$1200 Deposit, see RCW 42.17A.235, .240

See link: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110231068> .

This \$1200 PAC contribution should have been filed no later than 6/10/24. Instead, it was not filed until 7/17/24, significantly after the applicable deadline.

In closing, I will also note that – according to available records - this campaign’s treasurer has been paid a monumental \$6990 in the approximately 4 months of the campaign’s existence (registration was filed on 3/14/24). See link: https://pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/candidates/3296669?expenditure_recipient=Plancich#expenditures

By way of comparison, the competing Suarez campaign has been in existence for approximately 2 months (registration filed on 5/23/2024) and utilizes a skilled professional campaign treasurer who was paid only \$1100. See link: https://pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/candidates/3310085?expenditure_recipient=Andy+Lo#expenditures

Also, by way of comparison, the competing Carusello campaign has been in existence for approximately 2 months (registration filed on 5/27/24) and utilizes a skilled professional campaign treasurer who was paid only \$750 for treasury. See link: https://pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/candidates/3311855?expenditure_description=treasury#expenditures .

While I strongly support treasurers being paid exorbitant amounts of money, this exponential difference stood out to me.

I concede it is possible that the treasurer for the Scott campaign is also providing other campaign services like consulting or strategy, but if that is the case it should be noted in the expenditure description field.

A Note From
State Representative Frank Chopp

July 13, 2024

Dear 43rd District Neighbors,

As your representative in Olympia, I have worked to expand health care, fund basic education, create rent-restricted social housing, provide free college and university tuition for all low-income students, help workers organize, protect our air and water, provide a remedy for decades of racial discrimination in homeownership, and enact a prescription for a home to support our chronically homeless neighbors suffering on the street due to a medical condition.

As I begin the next chapter of my community service, I do so with the confidence that our district has a new and passionate advocate with all the qualities to be an effective lawmaker and community leader in Shaun Scott.

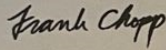
As the Policy Lead at the Statewide Poverty Action Network and champion for anti-poverty programs, Shaun has worked in collaboration with other economic justice advocates, urging the State Legislature to expand social safety net programs, enact strong consumer protections, and fund affordable housing and disability services.

Shaun was part of the coalition that secured the passage of the Working Families Tax Credit as well as the Fair Start for Kids Act with funding for child care and early learning from the state capital gains tax. Last year, Shaun and I worked closely together to pass HB 1474, a groundbreaking law that addressed racial discrimination with homeownership assistance to families redlined from many neighborhoods.

That record of results has earned Shaun one of the broadest coalitions of support including Democrats, labor unions, community organizations, elected leaders, and neighbors across our district and across Washington state.

I respectfully urge you to support Shaun this election for a fair, inclusive, sustainable, and accessible Washington for all.

Sincerely,



Frank Chopp

Remember ballots are due by Tuesday, August 6th!

A personal note from
State Representative Frank Chopp
4337 15th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105

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BROAD SUPPORT FOR SHAUN SCOTT:

"The time is now for elected officials who understand the need for real housing solutions, equitable access to education, urgent climate action, and economic justice. With teamwork, we will do great things for our neighbors and for people across the state. Vote Scott." – **State Representative Nicole Macri**

"Shaun Scott's comprehensive platform for a better Washington shows he's a prepared candidate ready to become an effective State Representative. King County needs all the revenue tools it can use to house the homeless, address our behavioral health crisis, and curb gun violence. As the next Rep. from the 43rd LD, Shaun will be a crucial collaborator in this effort. Let's get him to Olympia." – **King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay**

King County Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda
State Senator Noel Frame, 36th LD
State Representative Julia Reed, 36th LD
State Representative Liz Berry, 36th LD
State Representative Darya Farivar, 46th LD
State Representative Gerry Pollet, 46th LD

43rd LD Democrats
Alliance for Gun Responsibility
American Federation of Teachers WA
Aerospace Machinists Lodge 751
Sailors Union of the Pacific
SEIU 1199NW Nurses
SEIU 775 Home Care Workers
Teamsters Local 117
Transit Riders Union
UAW Local 4121
UFCW 3000 Essential Workers
WA Conservation Action
WA State Labor Council

And many more!
For a complete list, visit betterwashington.org