

To Whom it May Concern,

This is In response to the claim [162567](#) filed on 11/19/2024 filed against the 21<sup>st</sup> Legislative Democrats for failure to file expenditure reports correctly.

We acknowledge three mistakes were made in reporting this “in kind contribution” and ask for leniency due to several mitigating factors.

The contributor was Washington State Democratic Central Committee PO Box 4027, Seattle, WA 98194, and the items received were 25 Yard Signs. The number of yard signs was not included in the “in kind contribution”.

Two, when the reporting happened, the treasurer was unable to select a general or primary campaign and was left to believe that this was not required. A screen shot of the 21<sup>st</sup> LD’s ability to not make this selection is below. Notice how the election category is grayed out. This toggle is not working and is currently not working, so an update of the “in kind contribution” would still be inaccurate.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs open. The active tab is titled "Campaign Finance" and displays the ORCA 1.501 interface. The main heading is "2024 - 21ST LEGISLATIVE DEMOCRATS - VICTORY FUND". Below this, there is a section for "In-kind contribution" with a search bar and a "+ NEW CONTRIBUTION" button. The form fields are as follows:

- Contributor name: Washington State Democratic Central Committee
- Category or account: Campaign merchandise/paraphernalia
- Contribution date: 10/08/2024
- Fair market value: \$ 624.84
- Choose election: (grayed out)
- Itemize (optional): ☒
- Description: Yard Signs
- Provide description of goods: (empty field)
- Memo: (empty field)

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Three, when we received the original invoicing for the signs, at that time, we had not received vendor information. This led our treasurer to interpret that the printing of materials was done in house. Vendor information was given at a much later date on 10/10/2024, and the email thread was not given the appropriate attention so that a correction could be made.

The requirement that a secondary vendor be listed is confusing at best, because there is no field or category for secondary vendor on the Orca Screen. Where should this information be stated? Because this category is not explicitly listed, it is easy for the requirement to not

be included in the contribution entry; especially considering the lack of clarity and inexperience by volunteer treasurers.

I would like to formally request that this information be included in future forms. This would help treasurers in all districts if it stated more obviously that this information is required and a field is there to fill out.

Secondary Vendor is Capital City Press 2975 37th Ave SW, Tumwater, WA 98512-8243 (360) 943-3556.

Please advise if additional information or action is required to complete this claim resolution. Our understanding is that the recommended process includes this email response, and submitting the amended forms to correct the record.

Orca entries are pending PDC agreement with this resolution plan; please reply to confirm this correction strategy meets your approval.

Thank you for your consideration and support as we navigate the PDC resolution process.