

Respondent Name
Barry Buchanan
Complainant Name
Patricia Mullett
Complaint Description
Patriciamullettwa reported via the portal (Tue, 29 Jul 2025 at 8:14 PM) I am filing this complaint to report a potential violation of Washington State’s political advertising laws by Barry Buchanan, a candidate for Whatcom County Council. Based on a photograph I have of the candidate’s campaign yard sign, it appears to lack the required sponsor identification, as mandated by RCW 42.17A.320 and WAC 390-18-030. The sign in question is located at the intersection of I-5 and Guide Meridian, just north of the Bellingham Country Club. I have attached a photograph of the sign for your reference. Relevant Statutes and Rules: • RCW 42.17A.320: Requires all political advertising, including yard signs, to include the sponsor’s name and address. • WAC 390-18-030: Specifies that sponsor identification on political advertising must be displayed in at least 10-point type or 10% of the largest font size used, whichever is greater, and must be set apart from any other printed matter.
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
Attached is a photograph of Barry Buchanan's campaign yard sign, which does not display the required sponsor identification. This sign is located at the intersection of I-5 and Guide Meridian, just north of the Bellingham Country Club.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
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.

