
by **Robert Parker** on **Thu, 22 Feb at 10:04 AM** via **Portal**

Comment on Commission meeting agenda item - Robert Parker

I would like to publicly thank staff member Tabatha for the outstanding assistance over the past year helping me to understand more of and clarify the campaign finance regulations. Each time I have reached out for help she has been very professional, thorough and kind. She has also help explain when a complaint I was in the process of filing may not be appropriate due to one regulation or another that I was unfamiliar with.

It does frustrate me to observe some campaigns held to a different standard than others in the handling of complaints. Recently, there was a complaint that had over 100 allegations that were found valid where a 4 warning was issued. That make a mockery of the laws and regulations we are all supposed to follow. Basically, right now it has so easy to run a campaign without following the regulations that it may become the new preferred method. No real repercussions means run any way a campaign prefers as if you get caught the only thing most times that happens is the campaign has to file what they originally should have been filing all along. That creates a competitive advantage to campaigns breaking the regulations as they can run their finances out of public view until caught.

Thank you for considering my public comment.
