

I am writing in response to the solicitation for public comment on the use of previous campaign funds.

I am not expressing a preference between Option 1 and Option 2. However, the reality is that adopting Option 2 would make the work of campaign treasurers more difficult, as it requires us to itemize each contribution being transferred as opposed to transferring it as a lump sum.

The Commission should also clarify that we should not have to reach out to the donor authorizing the transfer to re-request the information they have previously provided (such as address, employer, occupation, employer city, employer state).

If Option 2 is adopted, the Commission should look for ways to streamline and simplify RCW 42.17A and WAC 390 to help compensate for the additional burden being imposed. Repealing the requirement that we disclose the CITY and STATE where a contributor's employer is located would help mitigate that additional work, would bring us in line with other states' campaign finance laws (and the federal campaign finance law), and would have no negative consequences for the voting public. This requirement serves no legitimate purpose whatsoever and should be repealed.

Best,

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Professional Campaign Treasurer

P.S. The Commissioners should urge agency staff to stream the upcoming special meeting on YouTube, since there will likely be significant attention to this meeting. From ~2016 to 2022, PDC meetings were successfully streamed on YouTube. Then, in April of 2022, inexplicably and without public discussion, the agency switched to TVW.

While they have an admirable mission, TVW is an inferior streaming platform in nearly every respect when compared to YouTube. When something is streaming on TVW you can't "skip back" and hear what someone just said like you can with YouTube: you have to wait for the recording to post which can take hours at best and sometimes the recording won't be posted until the next day. YouTube also provides users with notifications when the PDC goes live, TVW does not. YouTube is used by more people and is much easier to access/view on a mobile device: TVW is particularly horrible for this. In fact, if you have an iPhone (as approximately 50% of the population does) I would challenge you to go to the App Store and try to download the TVW app. You will notice that it **will not even open**. When you go to TVW's website during a live meeting, the PDC is not even featured prominently on the website, it is buried behind every other meeting / hearing being streamed.

Switching from YouTube to TVW was a massive step backwards from this agency that results in *fewer* people watching the meetings. The agency should use this opportunity to reverse that wrong decision.