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Washington State Public Disclosure Commission  
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To whom it may concern:

I am filing a complaint with you against a local political action committee called Respect Asotin County. They have promoted and placed a measure on the November 6, 2012 ballot named Asotin County Proposition 1 which calls for a vote on a home rule charter.

They have not filed with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission as a political action committee.

I believe they have violated:

**RCW 42.17A.205**

**Statement of organization by political committees.**

(1) Every political committee shall file a statement of organization with the commission. The statement must be filed within two weeks after organization or within two weeks after the date the committee first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in any election campaign, whichever is earlier. A political committee organized within the last three weeks before an election and having the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures during and for that election campaign shall file a statement of organization within three business days after its organization or when it first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in the election campaign.

I believe that Respect Asotin County had every expectation of receiving contributions and making expenditures during this election in promoting Asotin County Proposition 1 for a home rule charter.

The attached documentation will show that money has been spent on flyers, yard signs, and TV ads to promote Proposition 1, the Respect Asotin County ballot measure.

Please advise me as to the veracity of this complaint.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter, which I believe is a violation of the Washington State Public Disclosure Law by Respect Asotin County.

Sincerely,



Monika Lawrence  
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Clarkston, WA 99403  
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**WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
COMPLAINT FORM**

*(See instructions on the last page.)*

**Description of Complaint**

**1. RESPONDENT:**

Identify who you are filing a complaint against and provide all contact information you have for them. Give names and titles, if any, for individuals, and the full name of any organization. Please note that the PDC does not enforce federal campaign finance laws or local ordinances.

Example #1: Joe Public, Mayor of My Town,

123 Main Street, Your Town, State, Phone: 555-123-4567, Email: unknown

Example #2: The Political Action Group (instead of P.A.G.), 123 Main Street, Your Town, State,

Phone: 555-123-4567, Email: pag@pag.org

Respect Asotin County (RAC)  
Rick Rogers Chair of RAC  
2909 Grandview Dr., Clarkston, WA, 99403  
509-254-1139  
[rrogers@clearwire.net](mailto:rrogers@clearwire.net)

**2. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS:**

Explain how and when you believe the people/entities you are filing a complaint against violated RCW 42.17/RCW 42.17A or Title 390 WAC. Be as detailed as possible about dates, times, places and acts. If you can, cite which specific laws or rules you believe were violated. Attach additional pages if needed. (Note that the RCW 42.17 citation applies to conduct before 2012 and the RCW 42.17A citation applies to conduct on or after January 1, 2012.)

My search of the Washington State Public Disclosure database did not show Respect Asotin County listed as a committee promoting the local Proposition 1 ballot measure for a Home Rule Charter. I spoke with individuals at the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission by phone on two occasions to verify this information.

Respect Asotin County (RAC) gathered enough signatures to place Proposition 1 on the ballot. It has been confirmed by me that they delivered the signatures to the Asotin County Auditor.

At a public meeting conducted by RAC on 9-18-12 informational flyers were distributed in favor of the home rule charter. (See attachments) I attended the meeting. There was a yard sign outside stating; "Vote Yes Asotin County Proposition #1." (See attached photo) We were told to expect more signs around the county soon. During the question and answer period I asked how Respect Asotin County was funding the promotion of Proposition 1. The answer was "RAC members and a yard sale." I was asked if I wanted to make a contribution. I declined but at least one individual stood up during the meeting and declared that he would like to make a contribution.

Subsequent to the 9-18-12 meeting many yard signs have appeared all over Asotin County. Ads have appeared on KLEW TV, based in Lewiston but serving Clarkston and surrounding communities, urging passage of Proposition 1.

**Evidence and Witnesses**

**3. EVIDENCE:**

**List the documents or other evidence you have that support your complaint, if any, and attach copies to this form. If you do not have copies, provide any information you have about where you believe the documents or evidence can be found and how to obtain it. Attach additional pages if needed.**

*Example:       Emails between Joe public and Candidate X, attached OR  
                  Joe Public has emails from Candidate X which describe an illegal campaign donation,  
                  and Joe Public's phone number is 555-123-4567.*

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Flyers distributed at the public meeting by Respect Asotin County on 9-18-12

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Yard signs all over Asotin County promoting Proposition 1

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Ads on KLEW TV promoting Proposition 1 – contact number for KLEW 208-746-2636,

**4. WITNESSES:**

**List the names and contact information, if known, of any witnesses or other persons who have knowledge of facts that support your complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.**

*Example: Jane Public was present when Candidate X spoke to me about the illegal contribution. Jane Public's address is 123 Main Street, Your Town, USA 12345, and her phone number is 555-123-4567.*

KLEW TV was present and filming the Respect Asotin County meeting on 9-18-12  
contact number for KLEW 208-746-2636,

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Certification

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In signing this complaint:

- I have provided all information, documents and other evidence of which I am aware;
- If I become aware of additional information, documents or evidence related to my complaint, I will promptly provide it to the PDC; and,
- I am providing the PDC current information on how to contact me, and will promptly update that information if it changes.

Your name (print or type) Monika Lawrence

Street address 1302 13th St, #6

City, state and zip code Clarkston, WA 99403

Telephone number (including area code) 509-758-3336

E-mail address (optional) monikal@cableone.net

Oath

Required for complaints against elected officials or candidates for elective office:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this complaint is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.\*

Your signature Monika Lawrence

Date signed 10-23-12

Place signed (city and county)

Clarkston  
City

Casotin  
County

Attachments

Check here if you are attaching copies of documentary evidence or extra pages explaining your complaint.

\*RCW 9A.72.040 says that "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."