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From: Paul George [pgeorge@yakima.net]
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 11:28 AM
To: Phil Stutzman
Subject: Complaint from Yakima

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Director of Compliance
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711 Capitol Way Room 206
PO Box 40908
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Complaint Against:

Citizens for Two-Thirds Committee
123 East Yakima Ave. Suite 210
Yakima, WA 98901

I hereby complain that the above-named Committee is exceeding the mini reporting limits while registered under the mini reporting option that sets a \$5,000 limit on total campaign expenditures and places a \$500 cap on contributions from a single source.

I assert that the Two-Thirds Committee treasurer is required to regularly report campaign contributions and expenditures to the PDC.

This is based on the following provision in a PDC document of March 2013 - "Starting Off on the Right Foot" - that states:

"A political committee is exempt from reporting if its sole purpose is to support or oppose a local ballot measure in a town or district that had fewer than 1,000 registered voters as of the last general election."

Full disclosure strengthens the right of Yakima voters to know who is financing this initiative that would drastically change the City Charter by giving veto power over certain public business decisions to a minority of three of the seven elected council members thereby replacing majority rule established in July 1959 when Council-Manager governance took over City Hall after an overwhelming vote of the people.

According to City Hall, nearly 92,000 people reside within the corporate limits and according to the County Auditor's office 39,385 Yakima city residents were registered to vote in the last general election.

The Two-Thirds Committee states it has about 30 volunteer signature gatherers working to sign up 4,400 city voters by mid-July in order to qualify the initiative for the November ballot.

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June 26, 2013

TO: Phil Stutzman
PDC Compliance Director

FROM: Paul George

RE: More Information on Citizens for Two-Thirds Committee

Enclosed is a hard copy of my complaint of 6/21/2013 against the above-named Committee along with an op-ed by Bruce Smith, publisher of the Yakima Valley Business Times, the driving sponsor and secretary of the campaign to change Yakima's City Charter. A full-page ad in the Times is also included.

I am also sending along the front-page story on the issue carried in the Yakima Herald-Republic Saturday, June 22, 2013.

May I point out that Smith and Ben Shoal, the other major sponsor and committee vice chair, do not reside in the City of Yakima and are therefore ineligible to either sign one of their own petitions or to vote on the issue should it qualify for the November election.

Both are registered to vote in the county. Smith lives in Terrace Heights that contains the East Valley School District and Shoal's home is in the Highland School District.

I hope this information is helpful.



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