

Phil Stutzman

From: Jon Ammons on behalf of PDC
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 9:38 AM
To: Phil Stutzman
Subject: Marjorie Rhodes Compliance Inquiry RE: Seattle Districts Now Sponsored By Faye Garneau

Importance: High

Hi Phil,

Please note the below email.

Thank you,

Jon Ammons
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-----Original Message-----

From: Marjorie Rhodes [<mailto:choicesnotdistricts@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:54 PM
To: PDC
Subject:

To Public Disclosure Commission;

Hello, I am the chairperson for "Choices Not Districts" and our opponents are "Seattle Districts Now Sponsored By Faye Garneau" - a Seattle ballot issue (Charter Amendment 19).

Our opponents have distributed flyers, placed yard signs and sent out mailings in which they have truncated their title to just "Seattle Districts Now." Seattle Ethics and Elections referred me to you for such complaints. Unfortunately, we did not know early on that this truncated title is illegal.

Though it is likely too late to undo the damage this has caused to our side, our opponents certainly should face a hefty fine for this. They have legal council and plenty of money on their side, and there is no excuse for them not to know better. They have prejudiced the campaign.

I believe this matter has already been brought to your attention, but as the chairperson, I think it is probably my duty to contact you about this.

The Districts Now campaign has engaged in blatant falsehoods throughout their campaign, though I realize that politicians, too, are infamous for doing this; but to tell people (mailing received Oct 31) "You elect your OWN Councilmember!" goes a little too far. So does the flyer they have been circulating, claiming, ". . . your neighborhood will be specifically represented on our City Council."
Seattle has hundreds of neighborhoods and nine council members.

Respectfully;

Marjorie Rhodes, Choices Not Districts
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should pay a penalty for this.

Please reply.

Respectfully;

Marjorie Rhodes, Chair, Choices Not Districts

Herm Ross, Treasurer, Choices Not Districts

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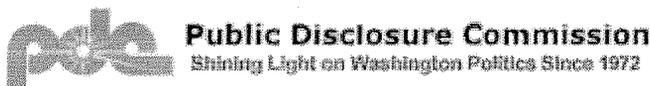
From: Jon Ammons
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2013 8:21 AM
To: Phil Stutzman
Subject: Marjorie Rhodes Complaint RE: Seattle Districts Now, Sponsored by Faye Garneau
Importance: High

Hi Phil,

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From: Marjorie Rhodes [<mailto:choicesnotdistricts@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 6:09 PM
To: PDC
Cc: Grow, Polly
Subject: Seattle Districts Now/Garneau; complaint

Washington State Public Disclosure Commission;

I am writing to you regarding illegal conduct by a Seattle ballot measure committee, *Seattle Districts Now, Sponsored by Faye Garneau*, ballot title: "Charter Amendment 19."

I have been informed that if an individual bankrolls 80% or more of a ballot issue, this individual's name is required to appear in the name of the campaign committee. I have just read your rules under the title: *Political Committees and Sponsors*, but the instructions are not clear to me. Ms. Garneau, who bankrolled this campaign, was still concealing her financial involvement when I (Marjorie Rhodes) debated her at the Northwest District Council meeting on August 28th in Seattle's Greenwood Senior Center, in which she was asked who was funding their campaign. She did not disclose her name as the source of their funding, instead telling the council that it was a "grassroots" campaign.

On September 25, the *Seattle Districts Now* campaign finally refiled with Seattle Ethics and Elections under the new title, *Seattle Districts Now, Sponsored by Faye Garneau*, but they did not comply 60 days prior to the election, per the renaming rule, and they also continued to campaign under their former title, *Seattle Districts Now* on their campaign materials including their yard signs which they began displaying in October. It was approximately March 19, 2013 that Ms. Garneau became the sponsor under the 80% rule.

Though it is unlikely that an election could be overturned based upon illegal campaign strategies, since they were in violation of disclosure laws with their committee name and campaign materials, we believe that they should pay a penalty for this.

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Please reply.

Respectfully;

Marjorie Rhodes, Chair, Choices Not Districts

Herm Ross, Treasurer, Choices Not Districts

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