

## File a Formal Complaint - Sara Holahan

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Matthew Miller selected MINI-Reporting on his C1 candidate registration form. This sets a limit of \$5000 for both contributions and expenditures.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> Sara Holahan made an appointment with Matthew Miller to inspect his campaign books of account as per RCW 42.17A.235 (4)(a).

On November 7<sup>th</sup> Sara Holahan, accompanied by Wilhelmus Houppermans, inspected the books of account of the Miller campaign.

### **Violation of RCW 42.17A.240. Failure to account for contributions and expenditures.**

At the inspection Matthew Miller only provided a summary of contributions created by his committee. Four members of the Allen family were listed as having contributed \$500 each. There were nine other contributors listed.

No individual records were provided. No copies of checks were provided. The only bank statement provided was one that showed deposit totals and the date they occurred. The source of contributions could not be verified.

The treasurer was not present in this meeting to certify that the accounting was correct. The accounting of expenditures did not include the cost of 48"x 36" campaign signs printed on aluminum composite boards. Matthew Miller stated these were not an expenditure by his campaign. Voters would not be able to distinguish the aluminum signs from the 24"x18" Matthew Miller yard signs and logo in campaign brochures.

### **Violation of WAC 390-16-105. The Miller campaign exceeded the total contribution and expenditure limits.**

The Miller campaign reported contributions of \$4650 and expenditures for \$4169. These included the expense for 24"x18" yard signs. The committee did not report expenses for printing additional 48"x36" yard signs printed on an aluminum composite material. The material cost for five of these signs mounted on 8 foot tall 4x4 posts exceeds \$1100. Professional services to install these signs would require approximately two work hours for installation and again two hours for removal of a sign. At 20 hours and \$25 hourly wage this service would be a reportable value of \$500.

Some of these signs were placed on properties controlled by Thomas Allen. One was on property owned by Lloyd Watson. The property on 1501 O Avenue was sold to Thomas Allen on September 25<sup>th</sup>, but the signs were already up at least a week before.

The expenditure of \$4169 plus extra signs exceeds the limit of \$5000 set by WAC 390-16-105 for a campaign filing MINI Reporting.

The source of these expenses benefitting the Miller campaign should have been reported. With the cost of these signs added to the reported \$4650 in contributions, the campaign received in excess of the \$5000 limit.