

File a Formal Complaint - Carey Neal Kirby

[Neal Kirby](#) reported (Tue, 12 Dec, 2017 at 8:58 AM) via Portal [Meta](#)

See attached file

I've tried over time getting the Centralia Bond Committee to correct PDC forms concerning a \$100 donation I made, and to pay for campaign materials provided to the campaign by the district. The district, it appears according to PDC, illegal used school district funds and equipment to promote the bond campaign.

Paying for materials

NK

Reply

Mon 1/30, 1:49 PM

Vickie Jackson (valuhrie@aol.com)

Vicki,

The district provided 2,600 copies of "Important Bond Facts" to the campaign for door belling. It seems this makes them campaign materials that we should pay for. The district can't be seen paying for the campaign materials. Then again, I might be wrong. Maybe, because it's the same flyer passed out everywhere, the district can pass it out freely, even 2,600 in one shot to the campaign, without worrying about it.

But I'm concerned and I think it is a question worth asking. Even if not legally required, it might be just a matter of appearances.

Neal

On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 8:26 PM, Neal Kirby <neal.kirby@hotmail.com> wrote:

Lori, hey, got a question for you. I remember giving you a \$100 check for the bond campaign. It was cashed, but didn't show up as a donation on the PDC forms, or at least I can't see it on the forms.

Were you the treasurer? I can't remember. If you know who the treasurer was, that might help. Or if you can help in anyway, I'd appreciate it.

Neal

From: Lori Fast <lorilfast@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Neal Kirby
Subject: Re: check for bond campaign

Hi Neal- Trent and Jami were taking care of the PDC reporting, so you'd probably want to check with them. I was really just acting as a check-signer and keeper of the checkbook:)

Lori

Reply

Sat 10/14, 6:02 AM

Jami Lund (lund.jami@gmail.com)

Jami, I noticed on the PDCs for the bond campaign that my \$100 check was cashed but never recorded on PDC documents. I asked the PDC if I was missing something, but they said they couldn't see it anywhere, either.

I first asked Lori Fast, because that's who I gave the check to. I thought she was the treasurer. She says she just kept the checkbook.

You can see below what she wrote to me.

While yakking with PDC, I also could not find where the district was paid for the flyers it provided the campaign and which I used for door belling. Some told me since they were just fact sheets, and not a flyer per se that encouraged a 'yes' vote, that it was fine for the district to give them to us at no cost to the campaign.

My check made out to "Citizens for Centralia Schools" did get cashed, and maybe it got deposited in the campaign account, but it was never recorded with the PDC.

Can you help me track that down? I don't know the Trent she refers to in Lori's response below.

Neal

From: Jami Lund <lund.jami@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2017 6:29 AM
To: Neal Kirby
Subject: Re: Fw: check for bond campaign

Ah, that was you. PDC contacted us and is asking about our reporting.

I did the PDC reporting, but we had a process with several people involved. I never handled money nor had the bank account info.

I do have one [\\$100 donation](#) from Jan 4 which I never got a name attached to it.

I also had the hamburger feed which generated a pile of contributions, but these were collected as part of the BBQ for hamburgers and reported as a total. It is reported on the same C3 linked above.

Trent Frieberg is the treasurer, I already had the software and familiarity with the forms and timelines.

We'll get the PDC forms corrected.

Jami Lund
(360) 918-3990

Re: Fw: check for bond campaign

NK

Neal Kirby

Reply

Sat 10/14, 6:42 AM

Jami Lund (lund.jami@gmail.com)

All the PDC will care about is that the forms get corrected.

I would check with the PDC to see if the district can legally give flyers to the campaign for door belling at no cost if they are just informational flyers and not actually asking for a "yes" vote. It seems a gray area. But I got them all from Ed, and told Ed and Vicki that the campaign, to keep it hound tooth clean, should pay the district. Whether they had to or not, I'm not sure, but for public perceptions purposes, it seems the campaign should have.

Neal

Below is correspondence between me and PDC, in reverse order

Re: PDC - question

PS

PDC Support <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Reply

Today, 7:53 AM

You

Hi Neal,

If you go to the home page of the PDC website and click the Get Help icon at upper left, you will see that one of the categories is "File a formal complaint".

SINCERELY,
Chip Beatty
360-586-0616

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On Mon, 11 Dec at 5:37 PM , Neal Kirby <neal.kirby@hotmail.com> wrote:

Yes, I would like to file a complaint. How do I go about doing that?

From: PDC Support <pdcsupport@pdc.wa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 11:57 AM
To: neal.kirby@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: PDC - question

Hi Neal,

I contacted the campaign treasurer weeks ago requesting that the campaign file amended/corrected/missing reports. To date this has not been done. If you would like to file a complaint, please do so.

Regarding the "fact" sheet issue. It is never appropriate for the school district to provide this printed material to a campaign committee. What should happen is the committee contracts with someone to print the fact sheet privately or the committee prints them using their own resources.

SINCERELY,
Chip Beatty
360-586-0616

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On Thu, 12 Oct at 3:58 PM , PDC Support <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:
Hi Neal,

If they reported it, which I do not see, then they did it incorrectly. The reports which were filed appear to be inadequate, incorrect and incomplete.

As to the issue of the facts sheets, I will have to do some additional research and get back to you.

SINCERELY,
Chip Beatty
360-586-0616

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On Thu, 12 Oct at 7:49 AM , Neal Kirby <neal.kirby@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I've got a couple of questions.

I donated \$100 by check to the Citizens for Centralia Schools. I wrote the check Dec 19, 2016, and it showed cashed on my checking account Jan 5, 2017.

I've done what I think is a thorough search of the forms, but can't seem to find where it is recorded that I made a donation to the campaign. Can you look over the paper work and tell me if you can find a record of me donating \$100 to the campaign?

I have also looked to find in expenditures where the campaign paid for the materials I used to door bell. I organized all the materials for door belling, and got the materials from the school district office. They were fact sheets and not campaign flyers, per se, in that they didn't advocate a "yes" vote. They were the same materials the district used in speaking engagements explaining to community groups what the bond was about.

I advocated that the campaign cover the district's cost for printing the flyers used in the campaign, but others didn't think it was necessary since it was just the fact sheet and not a typical campaign flyer asking for a yes vote. They felt the district could respond to requests for the fact sheets by the community, including the campaign requesting thousands to door bell. I'm not sure if that is allowed or not.

If you could keep confidential I asked these questions, I'd appreciate it.

Neal Kirby