

Complaint Description

[Bchiafalo](#) (Tue, 24 Jul at 8:17 PM)

Has not filed any PDC reports.

[Bchiafalo](#) replied (Mon, 30 Jul at 2:32 PM)

to : pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Hello Tabitha,

Thank you for your time on the phone today.

I would like to add something to my complaint. On Sunday, I sent a polite short request to the e-mail address listed on David Chan's PDC filing to request access to his financial records as per PDC rules and State Law. What I received back was not the appointment time within 48 hours, but a rant about some paranoid conspiracy. I would like to add whatever appropriate complaint exists within this situation. Please find the entire e-mail thread below, he has never actually responded to my original e-mail, he simply added me to a completely different e-mail thread.

Thank you for protecting Washington's Elections,

P. Bret Chiafalo

bret chiafalo <bchiafalo@yahoo.com>

To:David Chan,Katy Crabtree

Cc:Micah Rowland,Hillary Morales,Tina Podlowski,Rebecca Wolfe,rebecca@wolfeforgoodenergypud.com

Jul 30 at 12:21 AM

Hello David,

First off, and I want to make this very clear. I am doing this as an individual citizen of Snohomish County, of Fire District 1, and of the Snohomish PUD District.

This was not sent from my second Vice chair account. What I say here is as an individual citizen and that alone. Nobody in the party has any knowledge of this request. I have absolutely no knowledge of your issues with vote builder.

When I ran for fire commissioner I was required to file PDC disclosures, as are all people who run for political office in Washington State. You are no exception.

And looking at your PDC page, you have not filed a single report since announcing your campaign. You clearly have a ton of signs out and you can afford mailers, yet no recorded expenditures. Simply as a citizen of the district you are an elected official in and the district that you are running to be an elected official, I find that incredibly concerning.

As I mentioned in the e-mail you have 48 hours from the requested appointment date to set aside some time, up to 2 hours, for me to examine your financial books. That means you can make an appointment as late as Wednesday at 9 am. You need to respond to my request e-mail.

These are not rules I made up. These are rules I had to stick to when I ran for office and which I will have to stick to if I run for office again. These are rules that govern all campaigns in the state of Washington. They are laws. And no matter how well meaning you are it doesn't change the fact that you are breaking the law by not filing PDC reports, and will be breaking the law if you do not set up a meeting with me by Wednesday at 9 am that will last 2 hours.

As a final thought I find it completely unprofessional and unbecoming of an elected official to email this large group of people about a citizen's request under state law to simply look at the records that you are required to keep. How dare you, sir.

To everyone else on this thread, I apologize for Mr. Chan disrupting so many people on a Sunday evening. I will be reaching out to the PDC to determine if this public airing of a request as a private citizen is an acceptable response to a legal, polite and proper request for information.

P. Bret Chiafalo
Concerned Citizen of Snohomish County

On Sun, Jul 29, 2018 at 11:57 PM, David Chan
<david@planprofit.com> wrote:

Katy and all other individuals copied in this e-mail,

When I received this e-mail for the refusal to access the Votebuilder, I was shock. I could only think in the 11th hours, my 22,000 postcards mailer were sitting in the Post Office with nowhere to go. My campaign was completely destroyed.

I sought help from the Chair of my Democrat 21 for some explanations. At the beginning, he just said it was up to the Snohomish County Chair.

Then, I saw the word "censure" of which I know nothing about. I just didn't have time and energy to fight with the Democrat Party anymore.

I just tried to salvage my campaign that Democrat Party is trying to destroy. I wasn't planning to discuss this issue until the Primary is over.

After campaigning all day with a very tired body coming home tonight, I saw the following e-mail:

From: *bret chiafalo <bchiafalo@yahoo.com>*
To: *David Chan <david@planprofit.com>*
Sent: *Sunday, July 29, 2018 4:49 PM*
Subject: *Hello Mr. Chan*

Pursuant to state law, I request access to your campaigns financial records on Monday morning at 9 AM.

Per the current law, you must provide a time within 48 hours (So Wed. morning at the latest).

Thank you,

P. Bret Chiafalo

206-281-8191

I think you guys have just pushing me tooooooo far now. You want to see my financial records by tomorrow morning at 9 am?

Do you want me to stay up all night to prepare the financial records? I just have to respond now.

When Rebecca asked me to withdraw my campaign, I politely refused. This is a non-partisan race. While I respect Rebecca's desire to run as an environmentalist and has done a lot of work setting up her campaign, I personally do not think this position will fit her. After all, PUD is a \$ 600,000,000 plus business with a lot of complex financial and operations issues. In my humble opinion, it will be difficult for anyone who does not have any business and board oversight experience to fit in this job. It appears my decision has caused a lot of problems for County and State Democrats because everyone else is rally behind her except me. By denying me the access to Votebuilder can definitely help Rebecca.

I was told by my Chair of Democrat 21, Micah Rowland, that I was censored last year by the Snohomish County and Washington State Democrats. Here are my questions to Hillary Moralez, Chair of Snohomish County and Tina Podlodowski, Chair of Washington State Democrats:

1. Is this "censure list" a secret list? How come I didn't know about it?
2. I always thought we believe in "due process" in this country (**Notice and opportunity to be heard are fundamental to due process of law**).
How come I was never invited to stand in front of the County or State Democrats to be heard?
3. What does this "censure" means? Micah said it is just a slap on the wrist. However, I do not believe "not allowing to access" the Votebuilder is not a slap on the wrist.
4. How long is the term? Is this a life sentence?
5. Does it mean I can only run as independent for any public office from now on since I will not get any support from the Democrats?
6. I am trying to help Democrat 21 to set up a diversity program. Should I withdraw from that committee now?

I respectfully ask for the official answers to the above questions for a more clarity on this "censure". I also apologize that I may have made some grammatical or spelling mistakes and even the syntax of my sentences may not be accurate. I am a proud immigrant since 1972 but still English is not my native language.

Sincerely,

David Chan
Candidate for Snohomish County PUD
206-696-0600

From: Katy Crabtree <katy@wa-democrats.org>
To: David Chan <david@planprofit.com>
Cc: "info@democrats.org" <info@democrats.org>; Bill Monto <bill.monto@gmail.com>; Micah Rowland <micahrowland@outlook.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 2:49 PM

Subject: Re: Need "VAN Committee" for my campaign

Hi David & Bill,

Unfortunately, we can't get to know every candidate that requests Votebuilder so we rely on our local parties to be our eyes and ears on the ground, and we try to trust the judgement of their elected leaders. From my conversations with the chair of the Snohomish County Democrats she mentioned the action the body took to censure you last year.

I'm sorry that we aren't able to help you at this time. I will mention that there are similar tools not provided by the State Party that you might look into. I know that Nationbuilder is popular with some campaigns.

Best,

Katy C

On Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 4:11 PM, David Chan <david@planprofit.com> wrote:

Katy,

Thank you for the follow up. Please keep the check and do not refund to me. That will be my donation to the Washington State Democrats.

I have a difficult time contacting the Chair of Snohomish County Democrats. I can only copy my Chair at Democrat 21 and Tina Podlodowski using the Washington State Democrats e-mail here.

I hope you can relay my request to the Chair of Snohomish County Democrats.

I do respectfully ask the reason for not granting me the access to the Votebuilder. This will help me to avoid this kind of refusal in the future.

Katy, I really appreciate all your work so far and I am looking forward to be working with you in the future again.

Sincerely,

David Chan
Candidate for the Snohomish County PUD
206-696-0600

From: Katy Crabtree <katy@wa-democrats.org>

To: David Chan <david@planprofit.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 3:37 PM

Subject: Re: Need "VAN Committee" for my campaign

Hi David,

Thanks for your patience while I was getting in touch with the chair of the Snohomish County Democrats.

After several conversations with the Chair, It has been recommended that Votebuilder access for your campaign not be granted. I'm aware you already have dropped off your check and we will have your refund in the mail by the end of the day tomorrow. We try to get as many candidates into Votebuilder as possible but also work closely with our local parties on the ground and try to respect their wishes.

Best,

Katy C

On Mon, Jul 16, 2018 at 11:15 AM, David Chan <david@planprofit.com> wrote:

Kate,

I hope you are doing well. Do you mind update me the status of my data ?

I have been a Democrat for a long time and I have someone reached out the Snohomish County Chair for me.

I really appreciate if I can the data today, Monday, July 16, 2018 so that we can make my mail drop on schedule.

I am waiting for your reply.

Thanks,

David Chan
Democrat 21, PCO
Candidate for Snohomish County PUD, Position 2

From: Katy Crabtree <katy@wa-democrats.org>

To: Bill Monto <bill.monto@gmail.com>

Cc: David Chan <david@planprofit.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 8:39 AM

Subject: Re: Need "VAN Committee" for my campaign

Hi David & Bill,

I'm sorry I am out of the office today for an unexpected family emergency.

When there are no listed local party endorsements, we reach out the local party chair to make sure they don't have any objections with us granting access . I reached out to the chair of Snohomish County Dems yesterday and I'm just waiting to hear back from her. If I don't hear back today I'll reach out again tomorrow morning when I get back to the office to try to get you set up before the weekend.

Best,

Katy C

On Wed, Jul 11, 2018 at 10:14 PM, Bill Monto <bill.monto@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Katy-

I hope you are well. I know that David was able to get down there today to drop off a check for votebuilder access. I just wanted to follow up about getting an account for his campaign? Thanks for your help!
bill

On Wed, Jul 11, 2018 at 3:27 PM, Katy Crabtree <katy@wa-democrats.org> wrote:

Yes that would be great.

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Katy Crabtree
Data Coordinator
Washington State Democrats
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(206) 583-0664 x 117

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 11, 2018, at 3:17 PM, David Chan <david@planprofit.com> wrote:

I do not have an invoice yet. Should I just go ahead to give the \$ 100 cashier check to the WA State Democrat Seattle office ?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 11, 2018, at 11:25 AM, Katy Crabtree <katy@wa-democrats.org> wrote:

Hi David,

We cannot accept cash but we can accept a cashiers check with a written statement that the \$100 is from campaign funds.

Thanks,

Katy C

On Wed, Jul 11, 2018 at 10:38 AM, David Chan <david@planprofit.com> wrote:

Katy,

Thank you for this quick response. I will fill out the form immediately. In the interest of time, can I just come down to the Washington Democrat office in Seattle and just pay cash ?

Thanks,

David Chan

From: Katy Crabtree <katy@wa-democrats.org>
To: David Chan <david@planprofit.com>
Cc: Bill Monto <bill.monto@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 10:32 AM
Subject: Re: Need "VAN Committee" for my campaign

Hi David,

I can help get your campaign set up with Votebuilder. All of your requested data points are within Votebuilder.

Attached are the two forms we need you to fill out and return. Once we get those back (digital is best), if everything is in order, we'll send you an invoice detailing the cost of Votebuilder access. This year, we're asking for \$100 for access and the State Party will cover the rest of the cost as an in-kind contribution to your campaign.

Once you have the invoice we'll just need a campaign check (no personal checks or credit/debit cards) for the amount due. Once we have the check we'll get you your own Votebuilder committee and set you up with some accounts.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions at all about that process.

Best,

Katy C

On Wed, Jul 11, 2018 at 10:19 AM, David Chan <david@planprofit.com> wrote:

Katy,

I just realized that my e-mail last week got the wrong e-mail address and did not reach you. I hope this one will.

I am a PCO of Hiway Precinct and also a member of Democrat 21. I am a candidate for the Snohomish County PUD Commissioner for District 2 that is the South Snohomish County for cities such as Edmonds, Lynnwood...etct + unincorporated area. I am in the August primary.

I will like to purchase the voter contact information such as address and phone number in this area. I am copying Bill Monto, my campaign consultant in this e-mail as he can communicate you the exact data we are looking for.

We are planning to have mail drop and robot calls and these data is critical. I am sorry that due to my mistake and get this delay.

I really appreciate if you can assist me to get these data within the next couple of days.

Thanks,

David Chan

Candidate for Sonohomish County PUD - District 2

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On Tuesday, July 24, 2018, 8:17:57 PM PDT, PDC Support <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov> wrote:

Thank you for contacting the Public Disclosure Commission.

We have received your complaint, and a member of the compliance and enforcement team will be in touch with you shortly.

You can update your complaint by replying to this email.

Washington Public Disclosure Commission

<http://www.pdc.wa.gov>

1.360.753.1111

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

The Public has no ability to know where the candidate is getting his campaign money.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.

The information can all be found on the PDC website as there have been NO reports filed since him declaring in June.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

Complaint Certification:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.