

[Andrew Saturn](#) (Fri, 26 Oct at 7:01 PM)

to : pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

First, I would like to apologize to the staff at the PDC for Mr. Hyer's continued abuse of the reporting system. As Mr. Hyer openly admitted in his response to my response, his consulting firm, Percival Consulting, are contracted by my opponent, Linda Oosterman, to run her campaign.

Unfortunately, it appears that Mr. Hyer and Ms. Westbrook, two of the principal figures at Percival (perhaps who he is referring to when he says "the royal we"), have conceded defeat in terms of campaign strategy, and are resorting to spending Ms. Oosterman's \$2,000 (which is reported as a debt to Mr. Hyer's firm here: <http://web.pdc.wa.gov/rptimg/default.aspx?batchnumber=100866432>) on harassing me and wasting the PDC's time.

In other words, Mr. Hyer is simply lobbing baseless accusations in an attempt to use the PDC complaint process as a form of campaigning when all of his other strategies have failed. This is not the intended purpose of the PDC, and I would hope no candidate or campaign would make the mistake of hiring Percival Consulting after seeing this.

Because he didn't cite RCW, I'm not sure which of the many things Mr. Hyer has said are formal complaints, and which are simply his gripes and frustrations, so I'll respond to each item.

Mr. Hyer is claiming that I did not correctly report Facebook advertising spending. My understanding is that Facebook charges for ads after 30 days, or after you spend \$500 (whichever comes first). They do not send an itemized bill, but bill a lump sum for all ad activity. In stakeholder communication with the PDC, I explained how this is why candidates can't "split" the cost of a Facebook ad. The advertising platform of Facebook is a service, not a per-item purchase like a newspaper or radio ad. And as Mr. Hyer demonstrated in his own complaint, Facebook allows users to see all of the ads currently running (or previously run) for a campaign. I believe Mr. Hyer's real complaint is that he can't see exactly how much my campaign spent on specific posts. Unless I am mistaken, there is no PDC rule that you must provide your opponent with a copy of your campaign's advertising strategy. Our Facebook ad expenses are all reported correctly.

Mr. Hyer is claiming I did not report my filing fee. This was reported on 5/16/2018. It doesn't appear on the PDC's expenses tab for my campaign summary, but you have to dig deeper than the first page. The C4 for this expense (which was paid to the Secretary of State, not the County Treasurer) is located here: <http://web.pdc.wa.gov/rptimg/default.aspx?batchnumber=100854942>

Mr. Hyer is (again) claiming that I made a false statement about my opponent. Mr. Hyer is claiming the on-air debate scheduled for 10/18/18 on "Parallel University with Kim Dobson," which was not sponsored by KAOS FM, did not exist and/or that his client, Linda Oosterman, was not invited. Ms. Oosterman was sent an invite ahead of time (see attached), and chose to not respond. As Mr. Hyer stated, he called KAOS FM's station manager almost immediately after the scheduled debate had ended to complain for "equal time" even though he also admits to being aware of the debate before it began. Ms. Oosterman has not responded to a single email sent to her by me, my campaign, or anyone I know, either during this election, or prior to it. I believe Ms. Oosterman should check to see if there is a technical issue with her email. This is not the first event where my opponent no-showed, canceled, or showed up extremely late to a forum or debate. I don't believe that pointing out my opponent's apparent disregard for her constituents and voters is a violation of PDC rules. Additionally, in 1987, the FCC's "Fairness Doctrine" was revoked by President Reagan's administration. There is no legal obligation for radio stations to offer fair time to political candidates.

Now the gripes/frustrations... Mr. Hyer complains that I didn't provide a point-by-point response to the following items of his original frivolous complaint. I did not respond because they were not violations of RCW or PDC rules. However, since he has now shared them again with the PDC, I will respond.

Mr. Hyer complains that I point out Puget Sound Energy's involvement in my opponent's current campaign (and her prior campaign). While it is true that the PAC was called "Alliance to Protect Thurston Power," the vast majority of their over \$660,000.00 (about 95% of it) came directly from Puget Sound Energy, with the remainder coming from other fossil fuel companies. This PAC, in 2012, spent at least \$8,993.80 on mailers for my opponent (viewable here: <http://web.pdc.wa.gov/rptimg/default.aspx?batchnumber=C6-3966>), which was more than her entire campaign had raised from donors. This doesn't include the anti-public-power ads they bought. This is a strange coincidence when you consider that my opponent's then-opponent, like me, was in favor of public power. It gets even more strange when you consider that both in 2012 and in this year's election, my opponent has received direct contributions from senior executives for Puget Sound Energy's lobbying firm, as well as from the registered lobbyist for Puget Sound Energy, Kelsey Hulse, who has also spoken on behalf of my opponent (as documented in photos on the Thurston County Young Democrats Facebook page). Puget Sound Energy is owned by a foreign investment bank, and gets 60% of their energy by burning fracked gas, coal, and diesel fuel. My opponent, Linda Oosterman, is opposed to public power. It doesn't take a genius or a lawyer to connect the dots here. For Mr. Hyer to call this a "false statement" is absurd. There is no way to claim maliciousness in someone shortening "Alliance to Protect Thurston Power, a PAC funded primarily by Puget Sound Energy, spent more in support of my opponent than every single one of her contributors combined." I'm simply saving time and getting to the point: Via their PAC, Puget Sound Energy financially supported the election of my opponent. This is yet another example of Mr. Hyer being frustrated that things simply aren't going his way. There is no PDC rule that says I can't mention all of the fossil fuel companies financially backing my opponent.

Mr. Hyer complains that I "made an ad hominem attack" by pointing out that my opponent doesn't know the legal definition of "rural" (when my opponent claimed Rochester isn't rural). To my knowledge, this isn't a PDC violation.

Mr. Hyer complains that I pointed out my opponent's ties to certain individuals and organizations. He again seems to demand that I provide him with my campaign strategy. To my knowledge, not providing campaign strategy to your opponent isn't a PDC violation.

Mr. Hyer complains that I pointed out my opponent's financial sponsors. To my knowledge, this isn't a PDC violation. I also never claimed my opponent was "like some kind of professional athlete," but perhaps it would be easier for voters if my opponent would wear patches for the fossil fuel companies that have backed her campaign. Forcing politicians to wear sponsorship patches isn't a new idea. Maybe this is something for the PDC to consider at their next meeting? :)

I again apologize for the workers at the PDC who have to deal with this. Please consider any sort of warning, sanctions, or fines for Mr. Hyer's actions and perjury for filing on behalf of his client, my opponent, Linda Oosterman. This sort of thing should not be tolerated.

Thanks,

Andrew Saturn
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Live interview and debate 10-18-18 12:35 to 1 pm on KAOS 89.3 fm

3 messages

Parallel University Radio Show <parralleluniversity@yahoo.com>

Wed, Oct 17, 2018 at 1:02 PM

To: Andrew Saturn <saturn@gmail.com>, "OostermanLinda@gmail.com" <OostermanLinda@gmail.com>

Hello Press Representative for the 2018 TC PUD candidates ,Sorry for the short notice but my calendar schedule is packed and this invite is a fill in for a cancellation . This is a live 24 minute interview and debate invitation for both PUD Candidates on Thursday 10-18-18 12:30 to 1 pm Pacific on KAOS 89.3 fm . My name is Kim Dobson , a public affairs host at KAOS 89.3 fm at the Evergreen State College . I am required by FCC Law as non profit radio station to reach out to all candidates in each race air time . I have been interviewing guests for 17 years at KAOS 89.3 fm . My program is progressive :

My Mission: To create a air space on the FM and Internet to cover stories and guests ignored by major media on Progressive Politics / Organic Agriculture/ science /Climate Change / Alternative Energy /Anti-War Movement / Anti-Nuclear Movement / Ecology / and more ! Providing air time to progressive voices ignored by mainstream media with the intention of furthering the cause of Peace ;Environmental and Civil rights .

I will be asking hard questions about your voting record in Governmental office ,Legislation you have supported ,your donations /PAC support in your PDC reports both past and current election cycles and your Philosophy . If you are interested in getting air time on my program please respond to my email . Thank You , yours ; Kim Dobson , Host

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Wed, Oct 17, 2018 at 5:39 PM

To: Parallel University Radio Show <parralleluniversity@yahoo.com>

I will be there!

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Thu, Oct 18, 2018 at 10:09 AM

To: Andrew Saturn <saturn@gmail.com>

Thanks Andrew - See You at KAOS :)

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