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Subject: File a Formal Complaint - Conner Edwards

Description:

1) Respondent

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2) Alleged Violations

The respondent named above – Tim Probst – violated RCW 42.17A.700 (2) and PDC regulations (WAC 390-24-010) by failing to timely file his F-1 report by the two week deadline immediately following his public announcement that he would be seeking the 17th District Senate seat.

For the record, Probst became a candidate (per RCW 42.17A.005(7)(b)) for the 17th District Senate position on January 13th, 2016 when he announced publicly that he would be seeking the seat.

RCW 42.17A.700 (2) states:

“Within two weeks of becoming a candidate, every candidate shall file with the commission a statement of financial affairs for the preceding twelve months.”

According to the PDC regulations and state law, Probst violated campaign finance disclosure law by failing to file his F-1 within 2 weeks of becoming a candidate. In order to have been timely, Probst would have had to have turned in his F-1 by the end of business on January 27th, 2016. Nearly four months later, Probst has still not filed the legally required paperwork with the PDC.

The public has a right to inspect Probst’s financial affairs statement for any potential conflict of interest or any other issue that impedes a candidate’s ability to perform their duties faithfully. Probst should file his F-1 immediately.

I encourage the PDC to investigate and enforce its regulations in regard to this matter.

3) Evidence (attached)

a) Newspaper article on Probst announcing his new campaign for State Senate.

b) E-mail exchange with PDC (public record request) showing that Probst had not yet filed a 2016 F-1.

4) Witnesses

N/A

2 Attachments

JPG [probstf1.jpg](#)
(67.3 KB)

PDF [Tim Probst t...](#)
(254 KB)



Conner Edwards <eurus53@gmail.com>

to PDC

Apr 25 (4 days ago) ☆



Thank you so much for getting this to me so quickly. You guys really are incredible!

I'm having some difficulty opening the files on my phone, but I imagine I can open them once I get back to my computer.

I see that the Tim **probst** F1 is labeled 2012. Is that the most recent F1 he has on file with the PDC?

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PDC Support [via](#) freshdesk.com

to me ▾

Apr 25 (4 days ago) ☆



Good afternoon,

Yes, the most recent F1 for Tim **Probst** is the annual F1 that was filed on April 15th of 2012.

Thank you,
Ladelle

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Tim Probst to run for state Senate again

Former rep challenged Don Benton 4 years ago, lost by 76 votes



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"I try to stay out of the partisan bickering and the Olympia gossip mills and just do my job." Rep. Tim Probst D-Vancouver

By **Lauren Dake (/author/ldake)**, Columbian Political Writer

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Clark County voters could see a familiar match-up on their November ballots: Tim Probst versus Don Benton.



In 2012, the two were pitted against each other for the 17th Legislative District Senate seat, with Benton winning by a narrow margin.

This time around, Probst said, voters appear to be ready to approve less-divisive candidates.

With the recent race for the Clark County council chair, Probst noted, both of the two successful candidates ran on unifying platforms.

"I think everybody is tired of the division locally and everyone is ready to rally around unifying leadership instead of divisive leadership," he said.

Probst served as a state representative from 2009 to 2013. In 2012, he gave up his House seat to run against Benton, losing by 76 votes.

Probst considers himself a moderate Democrat, opposed to tax increases and in favor of bolstering the middle class.

"I worked for a Republican governor; I'm a proud Democrat. My Mom is a Democrat; my Dad is a Republican. I don't think people are good or bad because of one party or the other. We need to work together," he said.

Probst attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating with a degree in government and international relations. He worked for Republican Gov. Jim Edgar of Illinois. He is now the director of workforce development strategic initiatives for the Employment Security Department.

One of his proudest achievements while serving in the state Legislature was the creation of the Opportunity Scholarships to help students pay for college. More than 10,000 scholarships have been awarded, and the state's business community has contributed more than \$60 million, according to his campaign.

Probst said he's determined to run a positive campaign.

"I want to be clear: I'm not running against anyone," he said. "I'm putting forward a positive message, and I'm running for unifying the people."

Both Republicans, Democrats and independents will be part of his political campaign staff advising him on the issues, he said.

His two priorities are unifying the people and bolstering the middle class. Probst declined to give more specific campaign platforms and said he will release them in the upcoming weeks.

Benton confirmed that he will seek re-election.

"If you don't like the fact that we haven't raised taxes in four years and reduced college and university tuition, you probably shouldn't vote for me, because my election made those things possible," Benton said.

Benton noted the Republican's majority in the Senate is slim.

"A lot of people like the idea that Republicans blocked some of the crazy ideas of this governor, where the House just rubber stamps them," Benton said. "If you want the Senate to be a rubber stamp for his proposals, you should vote for Tim Probst. But if you like checks and balance in your government, then I would hope you would vote for me."

Brent Ludeman, executive director of the Senate Republican Campaign Committee, said Probst has failed to keep his campaign promises in the past.

"During his time in Olympia, Probst voted the party line more than 93 percent of the time and was a member of liberal Seattle Speaker Frank Chopp's 'kitchen cabinet.' Probst does not stand for the middle class; he voted to slash education funding and to increase college tuition costs. Tim Probst is not who he says he is," Ludeman wrote.

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Bob Verrinder · Chief Executive Officer at Retired

Thank you, Tim!

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Ed Madden · O5H Morse Code Interceptor at US Army Security Agency

Cheers to this advocate of Career and Technical Education! Just hope he eventually understands that the National System of Registered Apprenticeship is not "owned" by organized labor.

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Tim Probst · Founder at The Middle Class Alliance

The outpouring of support from Clark County has been unlike anything I've ever seen. Last night I asked you to help us break 100 endorsements--and you came through with 184. That's unheard of in the first 2 days of a campaign. THANK YOU! Please endorse now at www.ElectTimProbst.com. United we can do anything.

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Jackie Lane · Parsons School of Design, NYC

This is such great news! Tim Probst will be a great senator and give his district the representation they need and deserve. Thank you Tim for running and GO GO GO!

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William Sterr

I am very pleased to see Tim Probst enter the race for 17th District Senator. As indicated by the quotes in Ms Dake's article above, this should be a lively campaign.

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The Faith Action Network will be sponsoring a candidate forum again this election, and we look forward to having Mr. Probst and Mr. Benton answering our questions related to economic and social justice.

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Dale Groetsema · Grandpa at Retired

Amen. Tim represents the opportunity to start cleaning out the Chicago-style politics that have cropped up in Clark County. Don Benton represents the type of politician (backroom antics) that we do not need. Thanks Tim Probst

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Steve McGillis

Go Tim! The time's they are a-changin & you will make an amazing State Senator. You demonstrate your ability to bring people together & work with everyone building coalitions for the greater good of all of us.

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Michele Wollert

The majority of voters are moderate, regardless of party, and members of the dwindling middle class. I can't imagine anyone better than Tim Probst to represent the 17th LD in Olympia. Looking forward to collaborative solutions!

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Tim Probst · Founder at The Middle Class Alliance

Thank you, Clark County, for the huge outpouring of support in these comments. Since we launched this morning, we've already received 85 endorsements on our web page. The personal messages people are posting with their endorsements are fantastic, too. Since some asked, below, the place to endorse or donate is www.ElectTimProbst.com. I invite you to endorse and put us over 100 endorsements in our first day.

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Tim Probst · Founder at The Middle Class Alliance

Here are some of our first day endorsers. If you know these people, you know this is very significant support from Independents, Democrats, and Republicans across our county. Let's unite--regardless of party--and build the middle class. Royce Pollard | David Nierenberg | Jane Jacobsen | Larry Smith | Mike Dalesandro | Sharon Wylie | Kris Greene | Craig Pridemore and many more...

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Dick Rylander · Battle Ground, Washington

Let both (or any other) candidates state their positions on issues so voters can decide. I don't have any allegiance to either Dem's or Repub's...I want a conservative candidate who won't be

intimidated by those who are PC. Let the best person show how they can meet the needs of conservatives.

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John M. Kowalski · Camas, Washington

I'm not sure what "the needs of conservatives" are and how they differ from the needs of anyone else. Are there special needs for conservatives? Are you saying conservatives should have things that others don't? That would sound a lot like special rights or privileges for conservatives, and I think that's been the problem with many conservatives, especially ones in power that think they should treat non-conservatives differently than conservatives.

Weve seen a great deal of that in Clark County recently, where people like David Madore and Thomas Mielke wanted to address ONLY the needs of t... See More

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Dick Rylander · Battle Ground, Washington

John M. Kowalski I'll keep it really simple for you since I know you get flustered easily. Conservatives are common people who want the majority to rule and not the fringes.

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Sam Atkinson · Chambersburg Area Senior High School

Dick Rylander Like right wing corrupt radicals? Or can We finally move beyond Bentons bs.

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