

File a Formal Complaint - Carolyn Merrival

Lakotalegends reported 5 months ago (Mon, 19 Sep, 2016 at 3:55 PM) via Portal Meta

Dear Commissioners,

Mark Lindquist (Pierce County Prosecutor) engages in a pattern of circumventing the maximum donation cap by not reporting in-kind donations. Specifically, in this current campaign (2018) he has had three large events, yet has insufficient in-kind donations, nor does he have expenditures to cover the costs of those events. These problems exist in his 2010 and 2014 campaigns as well.

Most recently, in July of this year he had a Family-Friendly Summer Celebration (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1122217094495032/>). There are no expenditures or donations for venue or entertainment.

- An article in the Tacoma Weekly, should have been reported as a donation since its only function was to give Lindquist free advertising. <http://www.tacomaweekly.com/news/article/lindquist-builds-war-chest-for-any-challenges>
- The event was at the Point Ruston Grand Plaza yet there is no in-kind donation reported for the venue. I have not been able to get a quote for an event there, although I have repeatedly requested this information.
- This event included a performance by Peter Buck of REM. He flew in for the performance, yet there is no listed value for his in-kind donation. Peter Buck has already given \$2000 and is maxed out for donations.
- It is unclear what the value is of Peter Buck doing a private function, but The Beatniks also performed. They charge \$5000 for a 3-hour performance. It is unclear as to whether the members of the Beatniks have given cash donations in addition to the performance. There is no indication of an in-kind donation for the band's performance.
- Lindquist has listed a personal expenditure for this event. This appears to be out of character, and I request that such expenditures be examined carefully.

According to the Seattle Weekly article and Facebook posts, Alex Hayes is acting as Lindquist's campaign consultant. Alex is paid by others to do consulting (Mainstream Republicans) and was paid \$7500 as a consultant in Lindquist's 2010 campaign. Yet his services are not identified as an expenditure or in-kind donation during 2014 or 2018.

On April 4, 2014 Lindquist had a large campaign

kickoff. <https://www.facebook.com/events/520304844749805>

- The Tacoma Weekly again ran a front page ad for the event, and it was not reported as an in-kind donation. <http://www.tacomaweekly.com/news/article/lindquist-announces-campaign-kickoff-event/>
- This kickoff was held at the Temple Theater. There are no in-kind donations or expenditures for venue.
- There are small expenditures for food and drink, however they appear to be insufficient to cover the costs of an event of that size.
- Peter Buck and the Beatniks played at the event. Molly Ringwald appeared. Peter Buck also contributed \$250 on 11/2/2012.

On June 5, 2010 Lindquist had a similar, large campaign kickoff. <http://blog.thenewstribune.com/politics/2010/06/03/lindquist-to-hold-campaign-kick-off/>

- This kickoff was held at the old Heidelberg Brewery. There are no in-kind donations or expenditures listed for venue.

- Peter Buck and the Beatniks played at the event. There are in-kind donations for the Beatniks, but none for Peter Buck. Peter Buck also contributed \$1600 on 4/1/2010.

In July of 2015 Lindquist held a Books and Spirits Auction Fundraiser

<http://www.kingsbookstore.com/event/bookspiritsauction> and

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1589548381312242/> . The event was held at King's

Books. This was the 7th Annual Books and Spirits Auction, yet there are only a

smattering number of auction item listings as in-kind donations.

- There are no filings for the value of the venue, the food or the drinks. King's Books does not specifically charge for the space, but if there is a fundraiser they take 20%. There is no indication that Lindquist paid King's Books nor reported that as an in-kind donation for any of the seven events.

- There are no auction items listed for many of the events, although many items were auctioned off.

Mark Lindquist's campaign website: <http://marklindquist.org/wp/> clearly shows activity for this latest (2018) campaign. He still lists the endorsements from 2010. Many people have asked him to remove their name from his endorsement lists (Jerry Horne, Harold Moss and others).

We would ask that sanctions be imposed on Mark Lindquist and that he repay any amounts which exceed the appropriate limits.

From:< LindaZopfi@aol.com>

Date: Sep 2, 2016 7:21 AM

Subject: the Beatniks - potential Campaign Event

To: <mcfnord@gmail.com>

Cc:

Good Morning John

I am the agent for the Beatniks and your email was forwarded along to me.

Normally we'd need to know the location/venue and date to be certain I give you an accurate price quote, but I'll say that typically their fee is \$5000 for up to 3 hrs and \$6000 for up to 4 hrs assuming that the event will be held in the greater Seattle/Tacoma area, is less than 500 guests and that there is adequate electrical and staging provided at the venue. The band would provide a sound system and lighting for that fee.

We look forward to hearing back from you, and thanks for thinking of the Beatniks!

Best,
Linda

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From: "King's Books Events" <events@kingsbookstore.com>

To: "Carolyn Merrival" <lakotalegends@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 7:14:50 PM

Subject: Re: Event Venue Rental

Hello,

We generally don't charge for the use of our space. However, when people take in money, we usually take a 20% cut. So that makes fundraisers a little tricky. Sometimes we waive that fee, depending on what the fundraiser is for. Sorry we don't have a more specific answer. Cheers.

-sweet pea

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On Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 11:38 AM, Carolyn Merrival <lakotalegends@comcast.net> wrote:

I am gathering some information on venues for a small fundraiser. Details are not set yet but please let me know how much you charge to rent out your space. Thank you.