

File a Formal Complaint - Mina Mercer

Mina Mercer reported 4 days ago (Thu, 3 Nov at 10:18 AM) via Portal Meta

Mr. Phil Stutzman
Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way #206
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Re: Mail piece by Dick Muri, candidate for State Representative in the 28th District.

Dear Mr. Stutzman:

Please accept this letter as a formal complaint to the Public Disclosure Commission regarding a mail piece produced and mailed to voters by Representative Dick Muri, candidate for State Representative in the 28th District, Position 1.

The attached mailer, which began arriving in mailboxes on November 3rd, 2016, does not state a Party affiliation for Mr. Muri, and thus does not comply with the General Requirements section of the Public Disclosure Commission's handout titled *Political Advertising*, which requires:

Party preference must be included in any form of advertising about a candidate seeking election to a partisan office, regardless of who sponsors the ad.

Furthermore, Mr. Muri's mailer does not comply with RCW 42.17A.320 which states:

For partisan office, if a candidate has expressed a party or independent preference on the declaration of candidacy, that party or independent designation shall be clearly identified in electioneering communications, independent expenditures, or political advertising.

Mr. Muri has a track record of not complying with this law. In the 2016 Primary he sent mail to voters in July that also did not state his Party preference. At that time the PDC worked with Mr. Muri and "Resolved (the case) with Written Warning." The letter to Mr. Muri states that, "If there are future violations of PDC laws or rules, the Commission will consider this Formal Written Warning in deciding on further Commission action." The PDC's letter to Mr. Muri can be found here: https://www.pdc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/compliance_case_files/6560%20Muri%20Warning.pdf.

I respectfully request that an investigation into this unlawful mailer be launched immediately, and that Mr. Muri be disciplined for his failure to comply with campaign finance regulations.

Respectfully,

Mina H. Mercer

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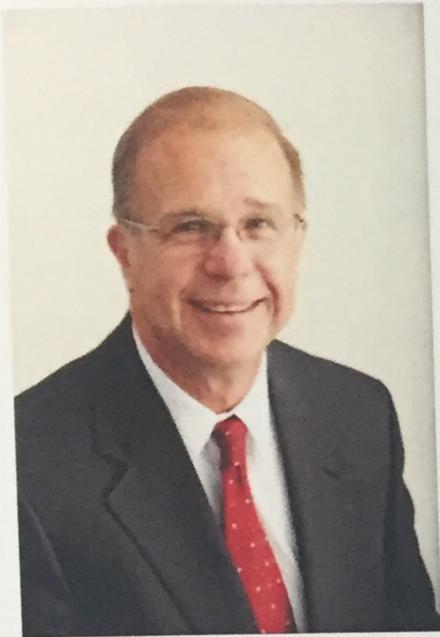
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State Representative Dick Muri



Washington State – 28th Legislative District

2016 Legislative Review

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The last legislative session was a productive one, and there were a number of accomplishments. One in particular is the strongly supported bipartisan operating, capital and transportation budget approved for 2015-2017. However, it was most encouraging that so many of my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, worked together to approve a plan that will provide significant reforms for education funding, strengthen our mental health care system, and improve our transportation system.

Since 2012 we have added 36 percent (\$4.7 billion) to K-12 education funding. This responsible policy-making resulted in a commitment to reduce K-3 class sizes, addressing teacher shortages, expanding full-day kindergarten, saving public charter schools, fully funding teacher COLAs, and providing for a significant increase for materials, supplies and operating costs. We also lowered tuition at our public colleges and universities and made large investments in early learning. It was good to see this kind of measurable progress being made, but there is much work to be done in 2017.

As your state legislator, it is my job to be fiscally responsible with your tax dollars. I am glad to tell you all of this was accomplished without raising taxes. This is good news for all Washingtonians.

While the Legislature only meets a few months a year, I am your state representative year-round. Feel free to contact my office with any questions, concerns, or comments about the Legislature or our state government.

Please remember, the vote is in November, and I look forward to serving you for another two years.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dick Muri". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dick Muri

State Representative – 28th Legislative District

P.S. The 28th District Includes: University Place, Steilacoom, DuPont, Fircrest, Spanaway, Graham, Lakewood, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, McNeil Island, Anderson Island, Ketrion Island, and West Tacoma.

Featured Endorsements

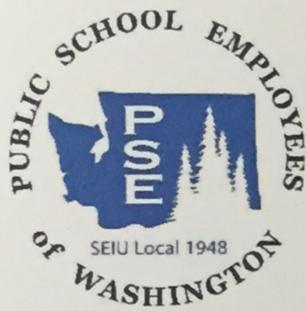


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Why the 2016 Legislative Session was such a success

Many of the decisions we make during the session have statewide impact, and none were bigger this year than the public education issues we tackled.

In the 2012 McCleary case, the state Supreme Court reaffirmed the state's obligation to provide every child with a high-quality education. Since the ruling, lawmakers have increased school funding significantly. More than 47.5 percent of the budget is now dedicated to funding education. As a state legislator and father of two school teachers I am encouraged by these investments in our education.

Much of the new spending addresses increases in student enrollment and materials, supplies and operating costs. It also funds smaller K-3 class sizes and cost of living adjustments for teachers and other school employees.

Our state Supreme Court also struck down the 2012 voter-approved initiative that created the charter school system. The ruling was not about whether charter schools are good for students, it simply focused on whether they are eligible for public funding.

I voted "yes" to Senate Bill 6194, a law that reestablishes the Washington State Charter School Commission and keeps these schools open. Funding will be provided through the Opportunity Pathways account – a constitutionally unrestricted source of lottery revenue.

Improvements for the 28th District include:

Statewide issues make most of the headlines, but as legislators we also keep focus on the concerns of the districts we represent.

I-5, Mounts Road (exit 116) to Thorne Lane (exit 123) – Corridor Improvements

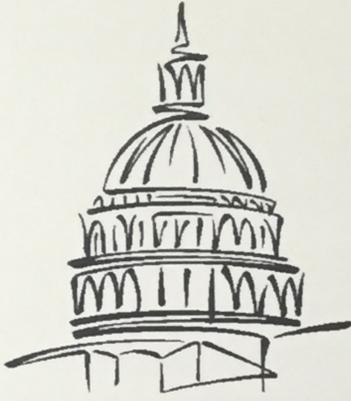
- Rebuild Thorne Lane interchange (exit 123)
- Rebuild Berkeley Street interchange (exit 122)
- Add on lane in both directions of I-5 between Thorne Lane and DuPont-Steilacoom Road
- Build local road connection between Gravelly Lake Drive and Thorne Lane

All improvements are scheduled for completion by 2024.

Funding for Local Projects

- \$450,000 – Child Study and Treatment Center
- \$500,000 – Emergency Management Division (EMDx) UPS replacement
- \$1.95 million – Minor Works Program Projects: Western State Hospital
- \$1.4 million – Western State Hospital improvements
- \$257,000 – Fort Steilacoom parking improvements
- \$1.5 million – Pierce County Health Home

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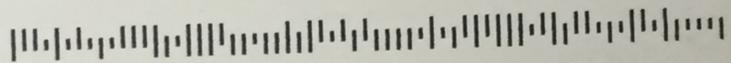


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Rep. Dick Muri | 28th District

"My door is always open and I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for allowing me to serve in Olympia as your 28th District state representative."

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