

Please consult PDC instruction manuals when completing this report. Reporting requirements are contained in and governed by RCW 42.17A and WAC 390.

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**POLITICAL COMMITTEE
REGISTRATION**

Who Must File – Persons, committees, organizations or groups that receive contributions or make expenditures in support of or opposition to: candidates in jurisdictions of 5,000 or more registered voters as of the last general election; statewide ballot issues; or local ballot issues in jurisdictions with 1,000 or more registered voters as of the last general election.

When To File – Within 2 weeks of organizing a committee or first expecting to receive contributions or make expenditures, whichever occurs first. **(Committees that organize within three weeks of an election must file within three business days of forming or of expecting to receive contributions or make expenditures.)**

Amend the C-1pc form within 10 calendar days of any material change to the registration information furnished previously. See “Sponsor” section below for further instructions.* For single election-year only committees, a material change includes providing or modifying the list of candidates the committee is supporting or opposing.

Continuing political committees using Mini Reporting are required to file a C-1pc annually each January. Reports are considered filed as of the postmark date or date hand-delivered to PDC.

File the initial C-1pc and any necessary amendments with the PDC. Keep copies with of the committee’s records.

Committee Name – Do not use the exact name of another active political committee – no two active committees may have the same name. Do not abbreviate in the committee name.

“Sponsor” of a Political Committee – Sponsor of a political committee includes any person, except a committee authorized by a candidate or by a public official against whom recall charges have been filed to whom any of the following applies:

- the committee receives 80% or more of its contributions either from the person or from the person’s members, officers, employees, or shareholders;
- the person collects contributions for the committee by use of payroll deductions or dues from its members, officers, or employees.

“Person” is defined in RCW 42.17A.005(36).

* A political committee shall include a known sponsor in its name when filing the initial C-1pc. In accordance with WAC 390-16-011A(6), the political committee must amend its registration 60 days before an election in which it participates if the political committee has a different sponsor at that time. See WAC 390-16-011A(6)(a) and (b) for information on calculating the 80% threshold for this amendment. Interim amendments are not required to show changes to a sponsor’s status.

“Officer” of a Political Committee – Officer of a political committee includes the following persons:

- any person designated as an officer on the C-1pc registration statement, and
- any person who alone or in conjunction with other persons makes, directs, or authorizes contribution, expenditure, strategic or policy decisions on behalf of the committee. [WAC 390-05-245]

Persons who perform “Ministerial Functions” for two or more campaigns – A person may perform ministerial functions for a candidate and a political committee without jeopardizing that political committee’s eligibility to make independent expenditures or electioneering communications regarding that candidate as long as:

- the person performs solely ministerial functions for both the candidate and the political committee;
- the person is identified on both the candidate’s and political committee’s registration statements as a person performing ministerial functions for the campaign; and
- the person does not share information from or about one of the campaigns with the other campaign, or does not use information from or about one of the campaigns to assist the other campaign. [See RCW 42.17A.005 (13)(b)(ix) and WAC 390-05-243 for more detailed information.]

“Ministerial functions” means activities carried out as part of the duties of an administrative office without exercise of personal judgment or discretion. RCW 42.17A.005(33). Also see WAC 390-05-243 for a non-exclusive list of ministerial functions and a definition of administrative office. Typically, persons performing ministerial functions may, under the supervision of a candidate or committee officer, file PDC reports, make deposits, pay bills and maintain campaign finance records. However, if a person performs functions for both a candidate and a political committee and those functions for one or both campaigns entail duties beyond those deemed ministerial, any expenditure by the committee benefiting the candidate may be a contribution, rather than an independent expenditure or electioneering communication. [RCW 42.17A.005(33) and WACs 390-05-243 and 390-05-210]

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