Complaint Description

File a Formal Complaint - Chester L Dow

Cdow1 (Fri, 24 Aug at 7:42 PM)

James Erb

Violation: RCW 42.17A.240

Please accept this letter as a formal complaint to the Public

Disclosure Commission concerning James Erb, a candidate for Whatcom County Prosecutor.

Mr. Erb is in violation of RCW 42.17A.240 – failure to accurately report debts, obligations and in-kind contributions.

Under the provisions of the law, a C4 report detailing expenditures and obligations is required to be filed 21 days before an election where a candidate is on the ballot. This report was filed on July 25th, eight days late, and did not disclose an expenditure for his direct mail, a copy of which arrived in voters households on or about July 19th.

Given that the period of reporting is through July 16th and it takes a minimum of four days to design, print, address and deliver a direct mail piece though the United States Postal Service, it is impossible that Mr. Erb wasn't aware of the mail piece in production on the last day of reporting, July 16th.

On his subsequent C4, which was correctly filed on time on July 31st, there is an expenditure on July 24 for postage of \$6,524.41 to Publishers Mailing Service, a mail house. Presumably, this is for the piece of direct mail that arrived on July 19th. However, there is no expenditure listed for printing of the direct mail piece.

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

Mr. Erb is a candidate for the office of Whatcom County Prosecutor. As such, the public should expect him to first, pay detailed and close attention to all of our laws - including the PDC laws - and second, to meet the very highest standards in adhering to all of our laws.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.

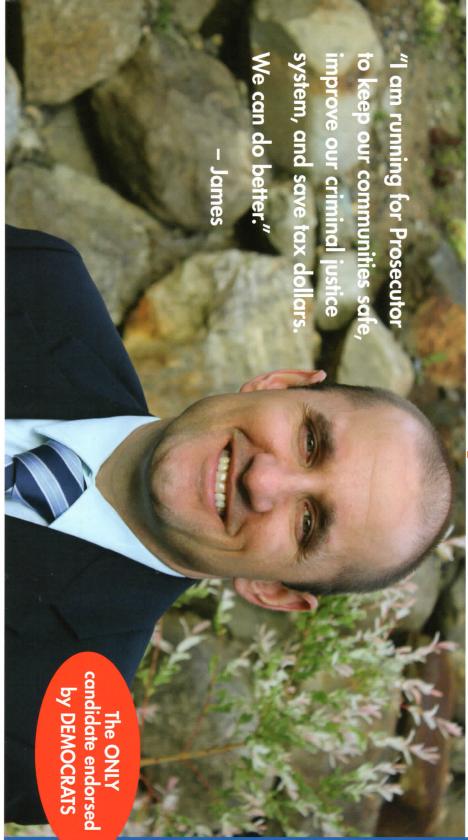
I had hoped to attach to this form a PDF file containing a scan I made of the two-sided 8 1/2" x 11" full-color direct mail piece Mr. Erb mailed to voter households, but was unable to make the link below labelled "Attach a file" work. If having the scanned document would be of use, I could attach it to a separate email and send it to whomever is assigned the case.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

Complaint Certification:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Tim Douglas (former)

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- Prosecutor & Indian Child Welfare Attorney, Nooksack Indian Tribe
- Special Prosecutor, Florida State Attorney's Office for the 10th Judicial Circuit

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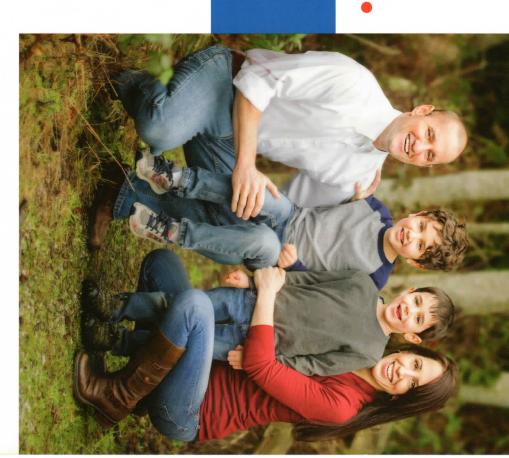
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issues, reduce recidivism rates, opioid crisis, James will fully commit and save tax dollars. experiencing substance abuse drug court to treat people to using the county's therapeutic MONEY – In order to address the

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