

## Response from The Leadership Council

Describe the relationship between The Leadership Council and SRCC. Does the Leadership Council have its own offices or staff, or does it share with SRCC?

The Leadership Council pays for administrative expenses of SRCC including its staff. Justin Matheson assisted with administrative matters related to fundraising only and had no strategic involvement or decision making.

Who are the principal decision-makers for The Leadership Council? Please describe the involvement of Senator Schoesler and Peter Graves with the Committee's day-to-day operations and the duties performed by each for The Leadership Council.

Senator Schoesler was the primary decision maker, Peter Graves did not have involvement with The Leadership Council in 2018.

Please describe the services provided by Axiom Strategies to the Leadership Council June 1 through December 31, 2018.

Administrative matters related to fundraising only.

Was Justin Matheson the Axiom Strategies employee/representative/contractor that worked with the Leadership Council in 2018? If yes, please describe Mr. Matheson's duties or services provided to

Yes however Justin Matheson assists with administrative matters related to fundraising only and had no strategic involvement or decision making. .

Was Justin Matheson involved with any of the services Axiom Strategies provided to The Leadership Council during calendar year 2018?

Yes however Justin Matheson assists with administrative matters related to fundraising only and had no strategic involvement or decision making. .

Did the Leadership Council and its principal decision makers have any discussions with officers or principal decision-makers of SRCC about forming WA Forward?

No.

Who made the decision to establish WA Forward?

Mark Schoesler and John Braun

Did The Leadership Council ever coordinate, consult, or communicate information concerning any of the activities undertaken by WA Forward to the SRCC?

No.

Was there also a firewall established in 2018 between the SRCC and The Leadership Council? If yes, please describe the firewall.

Yes, as Justin Matheson indicated in his email to your office of 9/6/2018

"The complaint alleges incorrectly that Senator Braun serves on both the Senate Republican Campaign Committee (SRCC) and the WA Forward committee. This is not the case and has not been the case since well prior to the expenditures at issue in the complaint.

Senator Schoelser and Senator Braun separated from SRCC in May of 2018 and we established a firewall between SRCC and them. At our June meeting it was formally ratified that Schoelser and Braun were fully separated from SRCC and screened from any and all candidate coordination. At this same meeting Senator O'Ban's new role as Chair of the SRCC was ratified as was Sen. Hans Zeiger's addition to the SRCC.

Unfortunately, when Senator Braun left the SRCC committee an amended C-1 was not immediately filed reflecting his removal from the leadership of the SRCC. Senator Braun hasn't been involved with any activities of the SRCC since May and only remained on the outdated C-1 because of an administrative mistake. Upon realizing this mistake the C-1 was immediately amended to reflect Senator Braun's withdrawal from the SRCC. At all times relevant in the complaint the SRCC has been screened off from all activities of WA Forward and will continue to do so under our existing structure.

Did The Leadership Council provide information to WA Forward to conduct either its independent expenditures and/or electioneering communications activities during the 2018 election? How did WA Forward obtain that information?

Leadership Council didn't provide any electioneering communication concerning either targeting or messaging to WA Forward. The question misapprehends the nature of Leadership Council which provided funding to WA Forward not information.

It does not appear that WA Forward disclosed any expenditures were made or incurred or in-kind contributions received, for the overhead costs required to have been reported to run a political committee. Did the Leadership Council pay for or provide the overhead for the costs to run a political committee and engage in its activities?

The only overhead was for treasurer/compliance which WA Forward paid for itself, all expenses were used for advocacy and paid directly to DMM.