Respondent Name

Committee to Elect Gary Edwards

Complainant Name

Joe Hyer

Complaint Description

joe Hyer reported via the portal (Thu, 8 Oct 2020 at 1:44 PM)

The attached mailer from Thurston County Commission Candidate contains several critical errors and omissions that violate sponsor identification requirements in RCW 42.17A.320.

The mailer does include a sponsor ID - unfortunately, it does not include an ADDRESS of any kind. Not even an email address. The RCW is clear, a sponsor ID must contain name and address of the sponsor.

This is not as big an issue if a voter, having received the mailer, could easily search the committee name and find the needed information. The challenge - there is no 'Committee to Elect Gary Edwards' on record anywhere with the PDC that I can find. Even Mr. Edwards own C1 declares his committee as 'Gary Edwards 4 Commissioner' as the committee name. His website does mention paid for by 'committee to elect Gary Edwards' but offers no address. The Contact page refers to the committee as 'Vote Gary Edwards' with an address - but that doesn't match the C1.

Is this an independent expenditure by a PAC called 'Committee to Elect Gary Edwards'? Is it a mailer by the Edwards campaign, with no return or sponsor address at all?

It is impossible to tell - hence it is a clear violation of RCW 42.17A.320

Edwards mailer 2.jpeg 2.14 MB

Edwards Mailer.jpeg 2.59 MB

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

Inadequate sponsor ID makes it impossible for citizens to 'follow the money' and determine who is funding campaigns. This is not transparent, and undermines voter confidence in the election.

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

Copies of mailer received 10/8/20.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Gary Edwards, Gary Edwards 4 Commissioner

Certification (Complainant)

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.

Working for the tizens of Thurston County

Create a balance between economic health and the well-being of our citizens Reduce regulatory roadblocks to revitalize businesses

Adequate treatment for mental health and addiction helping to reduce homelessness

Ensure public safety and support for law enforcement

Gary is an open-minded, problem solver looking to help all businesses. Angela White, OMB





Gary sincerely cares about listening to people in our community.

Debbie Fermon

Gary always says, "Kids are 30% of our population and 100% of our future."

Matt Mounts and Family





Vote by November 3 to Keep Common Sense in the Courthouse

Learn more on the website at www.votegaryedwards.com or follow Gary on Facebook and YouTube

Registered Voter(s) 3503 College St SE Lacey, WA 98503-3527

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