Response from Larry Mann

1/30/2021

Subj: Formal Complaint against Gerry Austin et. al SSKS Committee Members

Dear Mr. Stutzman:

I am responding to the allegations rendered against me by Gerry and Cammy Austin.

They have falsely accused me of purchasing and placing signs throughout South Kitsap beginning in August of 2020. I would encourage Austin to produce the photos of me placing signs. Additionally, I would encourage Austin to produce the purchase receipts for said signs.

Next Austin falsely accuses me of not filing an independent expenditure report with the PDC. It appears very strongly the Austin's need serious advice from the PDC because I know of no requirement for me to file any sort of report with the PDC to live, pay taxes, and vote in any of this state's elections no matter if its for or against an issue.

Austin makes reference to signs being posted during the February 2017 and the November 2018 elections, which generates the question, who cares? To educate Mr. Austin it is every citizens right of free speech to have those signs made, pay for them, post them on any public right of way and they do not have to put their name on the signs.

Further response from Larry Mann

(Wed, 3 Feb 2021 at 10:01 PM)
To:"PDC Support" <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>

Ref #84488

I am extremely confused. I was told you did not get my response to the case noted. I would like to respond to that case at this time once again as simply as I can.

Austin is doing everything he can to silence current opposition to a school levy. He has entirely too many complaints against his group already to be accusing me. He started out accusing another person or two about these campaign signs. He then accused me of putting them out because I have defeated the district's last three bonds.

I will state this as simply as I can about Austin's complaint against me. I have not in the past put out school opposition signs, have not done any today, nor do I plan to put any out in the future, thus, there is absolutely no reason that requires me to register with the PDC to report collected funds.

The second part of my letter is this. I filed a complaint against Austin and was notified PDC could not open any of the document or photos. My system it appears can send email to the PDC but nothing else. With that said I went to my friends house tonight, he assisted, and I sent my complaint again in hopes it reaches you. It is 10 pages including photos.

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