

Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:21 PM

Hello! My name is Anastasia Corman. I am the Treasurer for the "Re-elect Randy Corman for Renton" campaign. To the best of my knowledge and understanding of the PDC rules, we have not violated any reporting standards. Let me address each part of the complaint:

Complaint: *"According to the PDC Randy Corman has not filed a C3 or C4 report since August of 2020 for his 2021 Renton City Council Campaign."*

Response: Yes, we have not filed any reports since August 2020 because we didn't need to.

The rules say that we need to file reports *"Monthly from the beginning of the campaign through May of the election year. If a campaign has over \$200 in contributions or expenditures during a month, a C-4 report is filed by the 10th of the following month."* Source: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/new-candidates>

Our first donation was in August 2020. We have not received another donation until today. It will be covered in the next end of month report, which is not due yet. As of the date of the complaint, we didn't have more than \$200 in expenditures or contributions in any single month since the start of the campaign, so that's why you didn't see any other C3 or C-4 reports online.

Complaint: *"This is despite the fact that he purchased his cormanforrenton.com URL in 2017 (which he also failed to report in his 2017 campaign) which has not had any monthly charges reported ever, and his website was redesigned this year according to the copyright."*

Response: Randy Corman has not purchased or does not own "cormanforrenton.com". His son, Andy Corman, owns a hosting account that pays to host all of his sites. It is free for Andy to host an additional site. The only part that costs Andy Corman money is the domain name registration, which is \$1.65/month with tax. He chose to donate that cost to the campaign. Even if we estimate a portion of "cormanforrenton.com"'s hosting cost between all of Andy's websites plus the domain name registration, the total cost to Andy is about \$2.24/month. Andy is the Campaign Volunteer, and he decided to donate the cost of the website hosting to the campaign. The rules state that the In-Kind Contributions that are exempt from reporting are the following: *"The first \$50 in the aggregate a volunteer spends out-of-pocket on the campaign is not an in-kind contribution."*

Source: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/publications/candidate-instructions/contributions/kind-contributions>

Randy Corman registered the campaign on August 5, 2020. The website was off-line until April 15th, 2021. During the entire duration of the campaign, Andy Corman has not spent more than \$50 of his own money; therefore, his in-kind contribution is not required to be reported.

Complaint: *"His website was created using wordpress which means he either had to pay someone to create it for him or he had to pay for the platform and design it himself yet there has been no C4 report filed since 08/30/2020."*

Response: It is free to create a website using WordPress.org. It only costs money to host the website or pay for the domain name, but we didn't use WordPress.org for that. We only used their free feature to create the website, and then Andy hosted it through his own account on a different site.

Randy Corman did not pay anyone to create it. His daughter, Katie Jones, helped Randy create it. Katie Jones is a Campaign Volunteer.

Under "Volunteer Services" on the PDC's website the rules state, *"Personal services of the sort that are commonly performed by campaign volunteers are not considered contributions so long as the individual who performs one or more of these activities is not compensated by anyone for the services rendered."*

Source: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/publications/candidate-instructions/contributions>

Katie Jones is a full-time stay-at-home mom. She volunteered her services to the campaign to help Randy create the website.

Complaint: *"Additionally, Randy has an active donate page via the Anedot platform yet he has not filed any C3 reports since 08/25/2020."*

Response: Yes, we have an active Anedot account for accepting donations; however, we have not received any donations since August 2020 until today; therefore, we did not need to file any C3 reports as of the date of the complaint. Today's donation will be reported in the next end of month report, which is not due yet.

I would also like to point out that I am Randy's daughter-in-law and full-time stay-at-home mom, who is NOT a professional accountant or a bookkeeper. I am a Campaign Volunteer who is volunteering her time to help Randy with his campaign.

To the best of my knowledge and understanding of the PDC rules, there haven't been any violations.

If you have any questions or concerns or need further clarifications, please feel free to reach me.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Corman