

Respondent Names
Paul Brian Noble
Complainant Name
David Green
Complaint Description
David Green Mon, 29 Aug 2022 at 9:42 AM See attached .pdf document.
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
See attached .pdf document.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
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.

Complaint against Paul Brian Noble (Spokane County Commissioner, District 4)

Mr. Noble has embedded a YouTube video (https://youtu.be/yIZBS6Dju_A) on his campaign website (<https://www.electnoble.com/>)

In the YouTube video, Mr. Noble (who is not an incumbent Spokane County Commissioner) assumes the cloak of incumbency, by saying:

- “We’re responsible for the three branches of county government....”
- “We sit on a lot of boards....”
- “We work with the Sheriff’s office....”

Arguably, the phrasing of Mr. Noble’s statements are a violation of RCW 42.17A.335, which prohibits political advertising or an election communication that falsely represents that a candidate is the incumbent for the office sought when in fact the candidate is not the incumbent.

Several portions of the candidate website also imply incumbency as they do not clearly indicate that the candidate is not an incumbent county commissioner. Here is but one example:

PAUL "BRIAN" NOBLE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 4

- **Brian will ...**
 - Lead in providing the legislative and administrative services to Spokane County
 - Identify and clarify the needs of the citizens
 - Ensure the county responds to the needs of the people
 - Stand on the Washington State Constitution and the Constitution of the United States
 - Embrace freedom
 - Limit government overreach
 - Empower law and order
 - Encourage justice and safety for all
- **Brian's History ...**
 - Born in 1974 and Raised in Grandview Washington
 - Originally moved to Spokane in 1992
 - Lived in North Idaho
 - Community Leader for 25+ years (Pastor, Sheriff's Chaplain)
 - Published author of several books on conflict resolution
 - Currently Executive Pastor at Valley Assembly
 - Currently CEO of Peacemaker Ministries
- **Brian's Family ...**
 - Has been married for 25 years
 - 4 Children
 - 1 Grandchild
- **Brian's Hobbies ...**
 - Biking and walking with my family on the Centennial Trail
 - Shooting at Sharp Shooting Indoor Range and Gun Shop
 - Family time and playing games
 - Skiing Mount Spokane

The video also violates the Sponsor ID requirements of Washington law as neither the sponsor’s name “Committee to Elect Brian Noble”) and party preference (“Republican”) are mentioned in the video (as required by the Sponsor ID Placement and Size requirements) per RCW 42.17A.320. The video, as shown on YouTube, is a standalone electioneering communication and cannot rely on the Sponsor ID on the candidate website.