

Respondent Name
Washington State Republican Party
Complainant Name
M. Sue Lockett-John
Complaint Description
<u>Sue L. John</u> (Fri, 11 Nov 2022 at 11:57 AM) The WA State Republican Party's October 2022 "Community News" campaign mailer made unauthorized use of the Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH Food Bank (GHP FISH) logo in the sidebar adjoining the article "Hutchins Helps Food Bank Find a Permanent Location." GHP FISH did not grant permission for this use, which might be misinterpreted as an implied endorsement. The State GOP was informed of our objection via a certified letter mailed Nov. 1, 2022. I am filling this complaint as a representative of the GHP FISH Board of Directors. <u>Sue L. John</u> (Wed, 16 Nov 2022 at 2:25 PM) Hi Tabitha, Here is the additional information you requested. 1 (b): The harm done to our non-profit organization through the unauthorized use of our logo is the potential for people to mistakenly believe GHP FISH has endorsed the candidate; if the IRS shared that incorrect impression, it could imperil our 501(c)3 status, and thus derail our entire mission of serving the community. I have copied the relevant portion of the code below. The Restriction of Political Campaign Intervention by Section 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organizations Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov) Under the Internal Revenue Code, all section 501(c)(3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political campaign funds or public statements of position (verbal or written) made on behalf of the organization in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity. Violating this prohibition may result in denial or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes. 2. The additional photos are attached. Thank you for following up. Sue Sue Lockett John Communication Coordinator Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH Cell: 206-919-9677 Food Bank: 253-858-6179 www.ghpFISH.org
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
The unauthorized use of our logo could potentially create the mistaken impression that the candidate was endorsed by GHP FISH Food Bank. We do not and will not endorse any political candidate.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
The blue sidebar containing the logo (see arrow) used without our permission. It is on page 2 of the Oct. 2022 "Community News", Vol 1, Number 1 campaign mailer addressed to "Postal Customer". A photo is attached.
List of potential witnesses
Sue Lockett John, Communication Coordinator and board member of Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH Food Bank Ron Coen, President Board of Directors, GHP FISH Food Bank
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.

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Young grew up on the streets of the Salishan areas which are high income areas in Tacoma. He was segregated by race and

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As a legislator, he has focused on educational opportunities for children. Young knew he needed to get a quality education if he was going to break the vicious cycle of poverty in his life. He hopes to provide the same opportunities for others in the state.



Rep. Caldier Helped Save Constituent During COVID Shut Down

Michelle Caldier is what being a representative is all about. Rep. Caldier was able to help a constituent's husband get a vital surgery during the pandemic. The constituent expressed gratitude following a letter to the editor to Rep. Caldier.

On February 24, Michelle Caldier saved my husband's life. James, received a kidney transplant at Virginia Mason Hospital. His peritoneal dialysis set were left in place. He needed to have surgery before his kidney failed. This is commendable. He was scheduled for an elective surgery on August 4th. We need to keep this hard working lady representing us in the primary election on August 4th.

I was totally devastated and worried James' life was in jeopardy. After pleading with Virginia Mason, they refused to perform the surgery. I notified Caldier's office. Without hesitation, she called Virginia Mason Hospital on James' behalf, and James had his surgery!

Without that phone call, I believe James would have lost his life.

Again, I can't thank Michelle Caldier enough for making that life saving phone call. She is again running for office in the primary election on August 4th. We need to keep this hard working lady representing us in the primary election on August 4th.



"When the Governor suspended elective surgeries, Martha Mioni's husband couldn't get the care he needed after a kidney transplant. I called his nephrologist and got seen. I am so grateful for the words in her letter to the Editor."

"She saved my husband's life by getting involved with his dilemma. He received his necessary general surgery because of Michelle Caldier."

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Michelle Caldier and Spencer Hutchins in front of the newly built FISH Food Bank.

"One of the things that I am most proud of, is my involvement with the food bank," says Hutchins "I was on the Gig Harbor City Council when the food bank came to us with the desire to find a permanent home."

The FISH Food Bank had outgrown the old location that was located in a rented space in the Eagles building on Burnham Drive. The location was becoming too difficult to maintain and provided no room for expansion. They needed a permanent home. They approached the Gig Harbor City Council to help them find a location. The council took the opportunity and focused on helping it receive a permanent home and the

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Rep. Caldier Cosponsors Bill that Passed Unanimously by House

an effort to reduce homelessness and provide help for those in need of affordable shelter. Rep. Michelle Caldier (R) cosponsored a bill with colleagues from across the state to allow for home sharing. The bill was approved unanimously by the House in their session.

the program would be a home sharing

either homeless or at the brink of homelessness," she said. "The cost per person to get them housed is only one-thousand dollars on average per person. This is in comparison to other more costly programs, such as tiny buildings purchased in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood by the state Department of Commerce to house homeless people, which cost more than three-hundred thousand dollars per studio unit. This is a far more cost-efficient program that would help provide shelter for the

