#### **Respondent Name**

**Adam Fortney** 

## **Complainant Name**

Angela Robinson

# **Complaint Description**

#### **Angrob206** reported via the portal

(Sat, 26 Aug 2023 at 2:24 PM)

A) Billy Dunn/Joe's Glass Company

C3 report 110147906 (submitted on 5/24/23): On 5/24/23 a \$2,000 contribution from Billy Dunn, with a listed occupation as owner of Joe's Glass Company, appears on the report. The contribution was split with \$1,200 going

to the primary and \$800 going to the general.

C3 report 110147906 (above) was amended to C3 report 110158002 (submitted on 7/10/23): On 5/24/23 the \$800 general contribution from Billy Dunn is no longer listed but a 5/24/23 general contribution of \$800 is listed

from Joe's Glass Company. Billy Dunn is the owner of Joe's Glass Company. The \$800 contribution from Billy Dunn

was reallocated to the contributor's business, Joe's Glass Company.

The race for Snohomish County Sheriff will not require a primary, therefore the general election contribution limit

for an individual and a business is \$1,200 each. On 5/24/23 Billy Dunn contributed \$2,000 and it is believed \$800

of this contribution should have been returned to the contributor. It appears the campaign reallocated \$800 to the contributor's business.

For the PDC: Is the amendment of the contribution from contributor to contributor's business an allowable transaction? If not allowable, is the amendment to the original contribution considered a concealment of contribution under RCW 42.17A.435?

For the Campaign: If amendment is not allowable, can the campaign show a contribution from Joe's Glass Company on 5/24/23?

Links to C3 reports:

C3 report 110147906: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110147906">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110158002</a>: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110158002">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110158002</a>: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110158002">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110158002</a>: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110158002</a>

B) Gregory Jantz/A Center A Place of Hope

C3 report 110137500 (submitted on 3/4/23): On 3/2/23 a \$1,000 contribution from Gregory Jantz, with a listed occupation of self-employed doctor, appears on the report. The contribution was allocated to the primary. C3 report 110139994 (submitted on 3/26/23): On 3/23/23 a \$1,000 contribution from Gregory Jantz, with a listed

occupation of self-employed doctor, appears on the report. The contribution was allocated to the general. C3 report 110137500 (above) was amended to C3 report 110158020 (submitted on 7/10/23): On 3/2/23 the \$1,000 primary contribution from Gregory Jantz is no longer listed but a 3/2/23 general contribution of \$1,000 is

listed from A Center A Place of Hope. It appears the \$1,000 primary contribution from Dr. Gregory Jantz was reallocated to the A Center A Place of Hope as a \$1,000 general contribution. On the homepage of the website for

A Center A Place of Hope appears a video from the founder, Dr. Gregory Jantz (link to website is listed below).

The race for Snohomish County Sheriff will not require a primary, therefore the general election contribution limit

for an individual and a business is \$1,200 each. On 3/2/23 Gregory Jantz contributed \$1,000 and on 3/23/23 Gregory Jantz contributed another \$1,000 for a total of \$2,000. \$800 of these contributions should have been returned to Gregory Jantz. It appears the campaign reallocated \$800 in contributions to an establishment founded

by the contributor.

For the PDC: Is the amendment of the contribution from contributor to an establishment founded by the contributor an allowable transaction? If not allowable, is the amendment to the original contribution considered a

concealment of contribution under RCW 42.17A.435?

For the Campaign: If amendment is not allowable, can the campaign show a contribution from A Center A Place of

Hope on 3/2/23?

Links to C3 reports and Website for A Center A Place of Hope

 $C3\ Report\ 110137500:\ \underline{https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110137500}$ 

C3 Report 110139994: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110139994">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110139994</a>

Amended C3 Report 110158020: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-</a>

report/110158020

A Center A Place of Hope: https://www.aplaceofhope.com/

C) Mark Richardson/Curtis Richardson

C3 report 110129783 (submitted on 12/12/22): On 12/8/22 a \$2,000 contribution from Mark Richardson, with a listed occupation as Law Enforcement for Snohomish County, appears on the report. The contribution was split with \$1,000 going to the primary and \$1,000 going to the general.

C3 report 110147906 (submitted on 5/24/23): On 5/24/23 a \$200 primary contribution from Mark Richardson, with a listed occupation as Law Enforcement for Snohomish County, appears on the report.

C3 report 110149188 (submitted on 6/4/23): On 6/3/23 a total of \$200 in general contributions from Mark Richardson, with a listed occupation as Law Enforcement for Snohomish County, appears on the report.

\*The total contributions received in the reports above from Mark Richardson is \$2,400.

C3 report 110129783 (above) was amended to C3 report 110157905 (submitted on 7/10/23): On 12/8/22 the primary contribution from Mark Richardson is no longer listed but a 12/8/22 general contribution of \$1,000 is listed for a Curtis Richardson, with a listed occupation as Law Enforcement for [Citry] of Everett with an address of

216 86 th Ave SE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258. C3 report 110157905 was then amended to C3 report 110160518 (submitted on 7/19/23) which now shows Curtis Richardson with a new occupation of Management for Kroger and a new address of 13705 60 th St SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012. It should be noted here the address of 13705 60 th St

SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012 is invalid. Also, the Lake Stevens address (216 816 th Ave SE) originally used for Curtis Richardson was also used with a different contributor, Craig Richardson (see the next section 3B).

C3 report 110147906 was amended to C3 report 110158002 (submitted on 7/10/23): On 5/24/23 the \$200 primary contribution from Mark Richardson is no longer listed but a 5/24/23 general contribution of \$200 is listed

for a Curtis Richardson with a listed occupation as Management for Kroger with an address of 13705 60 th St SE, Mill

Creek WA 98012.

\*The transactions for Curtis Richardson show two different employers and different addresses, with one of the

addresses being invalid. This is addressed below in the questions for the campaign.

The race for Snohomish County Sheriff will not require a primary, therefore the general election contribution limit

for an individual and a business is \$1,200 each. Prior to the amendments listed above, Mark Richardson contributed \$2,400. \$1,200 of these contributions should have been returned to Mark Richardson. It appears the

campaign reallocated \$1,200 in contributions to another individual, Curtis Richardson.

For the PDC: Is the amendment of the contribution from one contributor to another contributor an allowable transaction? If not allowable, is the amendment to the original contribution considered a concealment of contribution under RCW 42.17A.435?

For the Campaign: If amendments are not allowable, can the campaign show a contribution from Curtis Richardson on 12/8/22 and 5/24/23? For the amended reports listed above, Curtis Richardson shows two different employers with two different home addresses. Was the amended C3 report 110160518 submitted on 7/19/23 a correction to update the employer and address? If so, the address listed on amendments 110158002 and 110160518 of 13705 60 th St SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012, is an invalid address. What is the correct address?

#### Links to C3 reports

C3 report 110129783: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110129783">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110129783</a>

C3 report 110147906: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110147906">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110147906</a>

C3 report 110149188: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110149188">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110149188</a>

Amended C3 report 110157905: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110157905">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110157905</a>

Amended C3 report 110160518: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110160518">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110160518</a>

Amended C3 report 110158002: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110158002">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110158002</a>

### D) Debra Richardson/Craig Richardson

C3 report 110132070 (submitted on 1/9/23): On 12/17/22 a \$2,000 contribution from Debra Richardson, with a listed occupation as Records Clerk for the City of Everett, appears on the report. The contribution was split with \$1,000 going to the primary and \$1,000 going to the general.

C3 report 110132070 (above) was amended to C3 report 110157929 (submitted on 7/10/23): On 12/17/22 the primary contribution from Debra Richardson is no longer listed but a 12/17/22 general contribution of \$1,000 is

listed for a Craig Richardson, with a listed occupation as Law Enforcement for City of Everett with an address of 216 86 th Ave SE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258.

\*For the Craig Richardson contribution on 12/17/22: The same Lake Stevens address and the same occupation was also listed in ONE of the contributions from Curtis Richardson in above complaint (3A). This is addressed below in the questions for the campaign.

Links to C3 reports

C3 report 110132070: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110132070">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110157929</a>: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110157929">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110157929</a>:

The race for Snohomish County Sheriff will not require a primary, therefore the general election contribution limit

for an individual and a business is \$1,200 each. Prior to the amendment listed above, Debra Richardson

contributed \$2,000. \$800 of these contributions should have been returned to Debra Richardson. It appears the campaign reallocated \$1,000 in contributions to another individual, Craig Richardson.

For the PDC: Is the amendment of the contribution from one contributor to another contributor an allowable transaction? If not allowable, is the amendment to the original contribution considered a concealment of contribution under RCW 42.17A.435?

For the Campaign: If amendments are not allowable, can the campaign show a contribution from Craig Richardson

on 12/17/22?

For the Campaign 3A & Damp; 3B: The Lake Stevens address listed for Craig Richardson was also used in one of the

amended contributions to Curtis Richardson. Then the Curtis Richardson contribution which showed the Lake Stevens address was amended to an invalid Mill Creek address. Amendments to change the contributor's information were made several months after the original contribution. It seems to be a cover-up of names/employers and contributions. Regarding the "Richardson" contributions, is there an explanation for all these amendments in changing of names, addresses and employers?

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

This complaint is alleging the Adam Fortney for Sheriff Campaign is concealing contributions in efforts to retain contributions received over the allowable contribution limit. If the transactions in the description below are true and the Fortney campaign substituted names on contributions already received, it gives the perception to the public that Sheriff Adam Fortney is above the law and doesn't have to follow the established RCWs regarding campaign finances. This is not the candidate's first time running for office and the alleged violations, if true, should be taken seriously by the PDC.

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

In the description below are links to PDC reports and other information described.

## 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.