

File a Formal Complaint - Gary Meisner

Gary Meisner reported (Thu, 2 Nov at 2:22 PM) via Portal **Meta**

The state of Washington is nationally recognized for elections finance transparency, and for good reason. It ensures that our state and local elections are contested in a fair and transparent manner, so citizens have access to information on the individuals, businesses or special interest groups funding campaigns.

The EVERETT FIREFIGHTERS FOR CIT SAFETY (SPONSORED BY IAFF LOCAL 46), 2017, with a listed address of 3321 52nd PL SW, Everett, 98203, is amassing illegal debt and eluding reporting requirements to prevent Everett citizens from knowing its funding sources.

A review of the campaign finance filings by EVERETT FIREFIGHTERS FOR CIT SAFETY (SPONSORED BY IAFF LOCAL 46), 2017 – which funds an independent campaign for Judy Tuohy for mayor of Everett, Wash. – indicates that the Political Action Committee is involved in a run around of campaign reporting laws.

EVERETT FIREFIGHTERS FOR CIT SAFETY (SPONSORED BY IAFF LOCAL 46), 2017 reports electioneering communications have been paid for with \$17,000 in debt. The first piece of mail was delivered on or about Oct. 19 as ballots were delivered to voters. At the time of delivery, it was reported that the committee had spent \$8,500, all in debt.

There must have been printing and postage costs associated with those electioneering communications.

Those specific expenditures and the specific people/companies making payments or covering the debts as a loan should be reported, particularly as independent communications are sent to voters after ballots have already been delivered.

EVERETT FIREFIGHTERS FOR CIT SAFETY (SPONSORED BY IAFF LOCAL 46), 2017 consultant Argo Strategies, the Political Action Committee itself or printer Morel Ink, are required to pay and report those expenditures or loans. Neither the consultant, printer or EVERETT FIREFIGHTERS FOR CIT SAFETY (SPONSORED BY IAFF LOCAL 46), 2017 has done so or is reported on the Public Disclosure Commission website.

If the printing and postage was paid for or fronted by the consultant, Argo Strategies, or the printer, Morel Ink, then it must be reported as a contribution or loan to EVERETT FIREFIGHTERS FOR CIT SAFETY (SPONSORED BY IAFF LOCAL 46), 2017. That reporting has not been made, and violates the transparency that our elections laws mandate.

Based on this information, it is clear that EVERETT FIREFIGHTERS FOR CIT SAFETY (SPONSORED BY IAFF LOCAL 46), 2017 is engaged in a serious violation of state elections law on behalf of the campaign to elect Judy Tuohy mayor of Everett, Wash.



Everett Firefighters are proud
to back Judy's campaign for Everett
because she understands the state of
decision-making, and the resources
to keep our residents safe.

tt needs a Mayor who will make public safety a
and that's why we encourage voters to choose
JUDY TUOHY FOR EVERETT MAYOR

s paid for by Everett Firefighters for Citizen Safety (sponsored by IAFF Local 46).
6. Top 5 Contributors: Everett Firefighters, IAFF Local 46.

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No expenditures reported.

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All pledge history

Amounts shown are for pledges to the campaign at the time they were received. A pledge shown at an earlier date may be paid in part or full on a different date.

CONTRIBUTOR NAME	RECEIPT DATE	ELECTION	AMOUNT
IAFF LOCAL 46	10/16/2017	Full election cycle	\$20000

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Shown are all debts reported by the campaign. Debt repayment is not reflected.

VENDORS NAME	FILING PERIOD	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REPORT
ARGO STRATEGIES	10/17/2017-10/30/2017	RETAINER	\$2,000.00	C4
ARGO STRATEGIES	10/17/2017-10/30/2017	IE MAILER PRO-JUDY TUOHY POSTAGE/PRINT (MOREL INK)	\$6,250.00	C4
ARGO STRATEGIES	10/17/2017-10/30/2017	DIGITAL ADVERTISING: FACEBOOK	\$2,000.00	C4