

**Terry McCartin** replied (Tue, 10 Dec 2024 at 10:49 PM)

To: "PDC Support" [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov)

External Email

To whom it may concern,

This email is in response to PDC case number 161183 asking us to:

**Please address:** *"Additionally, the committee has listed the majority of the contributors on that C3 as having addresses at "PO Box 954" in Kent and has not listed the complete names of many contributors."*

First let me respond to the address concern with some background information. Kent Firefighters, IAFF Local 1747 receives voluntary contributions to our PAC on a monthly basis with over 300 members participating. Our Brothers and Sisters live as far north as Blaine, as far east as Montana, as far south as Portland and as far west as Hawaii. Attempting to maintain an accurate data base as to their current physical address is impractical at best and unnecessary to say the least. Should anyone wish to make contact with any of our contributing members, a letter to PO Box 954 will find its way to the intended recipient. To say the language contained within RCW 42.17A.240 (2) is vague is an understatement and until it is amended or we are directed by the Commission to cease the practice, it will continue.

Secondly, concerning the manner in which contributors names are listed. This is simply done to make the ORCA reporting platform easier to use. The auto-populate feature is much faster through the use of a first initial and the full last name. There is nothing nefarious going on. Filing a C3 for 300 + members is a two hour ordeal. Any shortcuts are welcomed. Again, should anyone feel the need to make contact with one of our contributors, a letter addressed to "M. Mouse" at PO Box 954 will find its intended target. I will again cite the vagueness of the language in RCW 42.17A.240 (2) and unless it's amended or we are directed to change the practice, it too will continue.

Lastly I wish to comment on the obvious. When the complainant begins and ends his complaint with an apology to the respondent(s), highlights that he has filed "hundreds of complaints" and quotes Mahatma Gandhi, the motivation becomes crystal clear. The means certainly aren't justified by the end.

I would implore all to review the last portion of RCW 42.17A.235 - Finding-Intent-2018.

*"The intent of the law is not to trap or embarrass people when they make honest remediable errors. A majority of smaller campaigns are volunteer-driven and most treasurers are not professional accountants. The Public Disclosure Commission should be guided to review and address major violations, intentional violations, and violations that could change the outcome of an election or materially affect the public interest".*

Respectfully,

Terry McCartin, Treasurer  
Kent Firefighters, IAFF Local 1747 PAC