

The Wenatchee Record reported via email Thu, 27 Mar 2025

To: Washington Public Disclosure Commission" <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>

Case Number: 166612

I regret the delay in responding to your previous email. It was sent to this email address which, unbeknownst to me, was not being serviced by Comcast at that time. The email to which your March 27, went is a seldom checked address as well.

Further to your query regarding two complaints filed against the January, 2025, edition of The Wenatchee Record, I offer the following:

Both complaints generally express personal opinion regarding content. Since the January edition of The Wenatchee Record simply reported information not addressed by media sources in the community, did not advocate in favor of, or against, the subject school Levy, it does not meet the standard for political advertising.

Marilyn Crouch contends there was a violation of PDC rules, based on her disagreement with the content of the January edition. Disagreement with content, or editorial opinion, does not constitute basis for a charge of violation of PDC rules, or RCW.

Sheryl Bogart's complaint that the January edition of The Wenatchee Record arrived in the mail, looking like the local newspaper, the Wenatchee World, is without substance. Her confusion of The Record with The World, both of which carry on their masthead the word "Wenatchee", is unfortunate. Her objection that The Record arrived by US Postal Service is irrelevant to any discussion. Her disagreement with the substance or positions of the Record is her right, which we respect. Her contention that the January edition of The Record was a political mailer, is inaccurate as the publication did not advocate, one way or the other, regarding the upcoming Levy election. Ms. Bogart's contention regarding possible confusion when filling out her ballot isn't pertinent to this inquiry.

The Wenatchee Record is a community publication, published intermittently, to provide news and information to the public not generally addressed by other media outlets. Its Editors go to great lengths to ensure accuracy in reporting and is stated forthrightly. As with all such publications, there will be disagreements between elements in the community, which we welcome as stimulative and incentive for further public discourse on the issues.

I trust this answers your questions and addresses the allegations by Ms's Crouch and Bogart. If you have further questions need for information, please let me know at this email:

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Kind regards,

Glenn Dobbs

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