



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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Delivered electronically to tykuehl@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 175669 regarding Ty Kuehl

Ty Kuehl:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Amanda Mahoney on July 10, 2025. The complaint alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to provide sponsor identification on campaign advertising.

Applicable Laws and Rules

Pursuant to [RCW 42.17A.320](#), all written political advertising must include the name and address of the sponsor. Sponsor identification should appear on the first page or fold of the political advertising, in at least ten-point type, and be set apart from any other printed matter. [WAC 390-18-010](#) indicates that all advertising must clearly state that it has been paid for by the sponsor. Political advertising undertaken as an independent expenditure or an electioneering communication by a person other than a bona fide political party must also include the statement “No candidate authorized this ad. It is paid for by (name, address, city, state).” Additional disclosures may be required, depending on the sponsor and type of advertising used. For a partisan office, if the candidate has expressed a party or independent preference on the *Declaration of Candidacy*, that party or independent designation shall be clearly identified in political advertising, electioneering communications, and independent expenditures.

Background and Findings

- The Respondent did not have a full sponsor identification on their website at the time the complaint was submitted on July 10, 2025.
- PDC staff notified the Respondent on July 15, 2025, of the missing sponsor identification.
- The Respondent added the full sponsor identification on July 15, 2025, to their website.
- The Tumwater School District Logo displayed on the website is publicly available for anyone to use, by clicking and copying/saving from the public district website.
- The Respondent has no prior violations with the PDC.

Summary and Resolution

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, any violation that may have occurred was minor and has been cured. After consideration of the circumstances, further proceedings would not serve the purpose of this chapter. Under WAC 390-37-060, the executive director, at any time prior to consideration by the commission, may dismiss a complaint which on its face, or as shown by investigation, provides reason to believe that a violation has occurred, but also shows that the respondent is in substantial compliance with the relevant statutes or rules, or shows that formal enforcement action is not warranted. In this instance, the failure to include full sponsor identification on political advertising does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, you are receiving a formal written warning concerning failure to display full sponsor identification on political advertising. PDC staff expects that you will include full sponsor identification on all political advertising in the future. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Tabitha Townsend
Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavalley
Peter Frey Lavalley
Executive Director

cc: Amanda Mahoney