

[Charlotte Benjamin](#) reported via email (Tue, 26 Aug 2025 at 8:28 PM)

To: "Washington Public Disclosure Commission" pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

External Email

Ms Blacksmith:

On behalf of the Washington Patriot PAC (WPP), I appreciate the opportunity to reply to the PDC complaint assigned #176587.

The request to add vendor name and address in the four bullet paragraphs has been performed. Please note that the t-shirts advertised WPP and worn by volunteers at several special events. The signs also were advertising WPP and used as recognition while introducing the PAC to the public at several public events. None of this form of advertising supported or opposed any candidate or issue.

WPP is a new PAC. The domain site took 3 months to build with changes and additions and subtractions to the content along the way. In January 2025 the website was officially launched and WPP became ready to accept contributions and make expenditures. Ms. Hatch chose to make a contribution rather than request reimbursement since the PAC really did not have any money.

The July 30 complaint notification was sent only to Ms. Hatch which should have been sent to me, unlike this second notification which was sent to me as "cc". Unfortunately, at the time of the July 30 complaint, Ms. Hatch experienced a tragic family death, and the subsequent grief and sorrow distracted Ms. Hatch that the notice was inadvertently overlooked. The whole of the PAC sincerely apologizes for this oversight and will strive to not let this occur again.

For your information, the PAC performed a self-audit and realized some errors and proceeded to correct what errors we recognized.

If we can further answer any questions or assist in expeditiously resolving this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Charlotte Benjamin
Treasurer for WPP