## **Respondent Names**

Brian Lott

## **Complainant Name**

Theodore Higgens

## **Complaint Description**

## Background

Washington State's Campaign Finance Disclosure Law

One of the primary purposes of the public disclosure law is to provide citizens of this state, and especially voters, with the means for becoming informed about the financing of political campaigns. The public disclosure law was enacted through voter approval of Initiative 276 in 1972.

State law requires candidates and committees that register under full reporting to submit regular reports of financial activity. Those reports are filed on schedules outlined on the PDC's key reporting dates calendar.

#### Violations

Mr. Lott appears to be in violation of RCW 42.17A. 235, 240, 320 & 710 for failure to accurately disclose business associations on his C-1 for 2023 and 2025, failure to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures for all C-4s in 2023 and 2025 and June 2024, failure to provide complete sponsor identification on campaign advertising for ads in 2023 and 2025.

Below are the reported expenditures, the date they occurred that were reported by Mr. Lott (who is the registered treasury), and the information required for accurate and transparent reporting. Mr. Lott reported accurately multiple times in 2024 so there seems to be a deliberate withholding of information that warrants further investigation. These violations are for Mr. Lott's Auburn City Council Race in 2023 & 2025 and his 47th LD State Representative Race in 2024. In addition to these are other concerns about missing information in Mr. Lott's financial disclosure reports about a marijuana company that he is still actively still involved in.

#### **Links Needed:**

https://www.facebook.com/BrianLottForWA

https://www.votelott.com

https://secure.anedot.com/brian-lott-campaign-fund/brianlottforauburn?exitIntent=true

## 2025 - Auburn City Council

08/26/2025 Digital Advertising

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained

## 07/27/2025 Online advertising

- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained

## 07/16/2025 Newspaper ad

- No sub-vendor info

## 07/07/2025 Paper and printign services

- No sub-vendor info
- No print count or type of product provided

## **06/20/2025** Printed Flyers

- No sub-vendor info
- No print count

## 06/13/2025 Campaign Shirts

- No sub-vendor info
- No shirt count

## 06/13/2025 Decor for 4th of July Booth

• No sub-vendor info

## **06/10/2025** Campaign Banner

- No sub-vendor info

## 06/08/2025 Yard Sign Stakes

- No sub-vendor info, No stake count

## 06/07/2025 4th of July Booth Registration & Decor

- No vendor info

## 05/20/2025 Printing Business Cards

- No sub-vendor info, No print count

## 05/17/2025 Corrugated Plastic Yard Signs

- No sub-vendor info, No print count

## 05/14/2025 Campaign Logo Updated

- No sub-vendor info

## 05/13/2025 Campaign Website Fees

#### - No sub-vendor info

## Additionally in 2025:

- 1. Mr. Lott failed to report SōRSE Technologies as a business association on his Financial Affairs Disclosure C-1 but was a registered agent on a form for this entity through 10/31/2024 per Secretary of State records (See screenshot provided). I called SōRSE Technologies per their number on the website (<a href="https://sorsetech.com">https://sorsetech.com</a>) to speak with Mr. Lott and the person who answered the phone said Mr. Lott was unavailable at that time but could send him a message that I called.
- 2. No fees are reported for Antidote donation software being used on the campaign website.
- 3. No "paid for by" is on Antidote donation software link from the website.
- 4. On 06/26/2025 an Election Event was hosted by Mr. Lott and no In-kind for food, drinks, and venue costs are reported, No sub-vendor info provided (See Screenshot of Event).
- 5. There is no expenditure or in-kind contribution listed for his PO Box which is his campaign's address.
- 6. There is no expenditure or in-kind contribution listed for campaign filing fees.
- 7. No commercial advertiser is reported so we can not reach them to review the ads placed and check advertising transparency.

## 2024 - 47th LD State Representative

06/17/2024 Rental of parade vehicle

No Sub-vendor info

## **06/13/2024** Balance due, flyers

- No Sub-Vendor info, No print count

## Additionally:

- 1. No fees are reported for donation software used.
- 2. There is no expenditure or in-kind contribution listed for his PO Box which is his campaign's address.

## 2023 - Auburn City Council

10/30/2023 Surveys, Polling, Research Costs

• No sub-vendor info

## 10/30/2023 Management and Consulting

• No sub-vendor info

#### 10/28/2023 Facebook Ads

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained

• Who hosted these ads? Not showing in the Meta Ads Library under his campaign Meta Account "BrianLottForWA" (See Screenshot of Meta Ads)

#### 10/25/2023 Voiceover

- No sub-vendor info

#### 10/24/2023 Mailer

- No sub-vendor info
- No Address List program like eCanavasser or Vote Builder is reported as a Vendor so where did Mr. Lott legally obtain his mailing list from?

### 10/24/2023 Facebook Ads

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained
- Who hosted these ads? Not showing in the Meta Ads Library under his campaign Meta Account "BrianLottForWA" (See Screenshot of Meta Ads)

## **10/18/2023** Website & Hosting

- No sub-vendor info

### 10/08/2023 Facebook Ads

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained
- Who hosted these ads? Not showing in the Meta Ads Library under his campaign Meta Account "BrianLottForWA" (See Screenshot of Meta Ads)

### 09/23/2023 Facebook Ads

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained
- Who hosted these ads? Not showing in the Meta Ads Library under his campaign Meta Account "BrianLottForWA" (See Screenshot of Meta Ads)

### 09/14/2023 Facebook Ads

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained
- Who hosted these ads? Not showing in the Meta Ads Library under his campaign Meta Account "BrianLottForWA" (See Screenshot of Meta Ads)

## 09/08/2023 Ad Design

- No sub-vendor info
- No description of what was created

#### **08/28/2023** Print Cards 500

- No sub-vendor info

## 08/27/2023 Facebook Ads

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained
- Who hosted these ads? Not showing in the Meta Ads Library under his campaign Meta Account "BrianLottForWA" (See Screenshot of Meta Ads)

## 09/08/2023 Ad Design

- No sub-vendor info
- No description of what was created

### 08/27/2023 Print Cards 200

- No sub-vendor info

#### **08/21/2023** Facebook Ads

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained
- Who hosted these ads? Not showing in the Meta Ads Library under his campaign Meta Account "BrianLottForWA" (See Screenshot of Meta Ads)

#### **08/19/2023** Phone Service

- No sub-vendor info

### 08/18/2023 Facebook Ads

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained
- Who hosted these ads? Not showing in the Meta Ads Library under his campaign Meta Account "BrianLottForWA" (See Screenshot of Meta Ads)

#### **08/16/2023** Print Cards 5000

- No sub-vendor info

### 08/14/2023 Facebook Ads

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained
- Who hosted these ads? Not showing in the Meta Ads Library under his campaign Meta Account "BrianLottForWA" (See Screenshot of Meta Ads)

#### **08/11/2023** Facebook Ads

- No sponsor identification on advertising
- No sub-vendor info
- No number impressions obtained
- Who hosted these ads? Not showing in the Meta Ads Library under his campaign Meta Account "BrianLottForWA" (See Screenshot of Meta Ads)

## 08/09/2023 Online design work

- No sub-vendor info
- No description of what was created

### 08/03/2023 Website fee

- No sub-vendor info

## 07/17/2023 Website hosting fees

- No sub-vendor info

## 06/21/2023 Website plugins/hosting

- No sub-vendor info

### 06/08/2023 Donation collection software

- No sub-vendor info
- Also no donation fees per month are ever reported for donations received?

## 06/01/2023 Yard signs, 18x24, 100 total

- No sub-vendor info

### 06/01/2023 Metal yard bases for signs. 100 total

- No sub-vendor info

### Additionally:

1. Mr. Lott failure to report PUGET SOUND DISTILLING COMPANY LLC as a business association on Financial Affairs Disclosure C-1 in 2023 but was a governor of the entity at that time of the report per Secretary of State records and still uses email "brian@psdistilling.com" for campaign registrations filed in 2023, 2024, 2025.

- 2. On 09/27/2023, 11/02/2025, 11/08/2025 Election Events were hosted by Mr. Lott and no In-kind for food, drinks, and venue costs are reported, No sub-vendor info provided (See Screenshot of Event).
- 3. No commercial advertiser is reported so we can not reach them to review the ads placed and check advertising transparency. Many ads seem to have been deleted.
- 4. There is no expenditure or in-kind contribution listed for campaign filing fees.

### Conclusion

I urge the PDC staff to take quick action and resolve the noncompliance identified in this complaint.

Best,

## What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

One of the primary purposes of the public disclosure law is to provide citizens of this state, and especially voters, with the means for becoming informed about the financing of political campaigns. The public disclosure law was enacted through voter approval of Initiative 276 in 1972.

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# List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

See complaint & PDC website.

## List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

See complaint & PDC website.

## **Certification (Complainant)**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Last night at our friendly neighborhood Rail Hop'n Brewery, we had a fun, open-format Q&A session, and as a City Council hopeful, it was a privilege to engage with all of you!

It's not every day that you get to share the floor with respected public servants like former three-term Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis, Auburn's Deputy Mayor and City Council Member James Jeyaraj, and City Council Member Cheryl Rakes.

The discussions were insightful, and I loved the opportunity to exchange ideas, hear concerns, and discuss our shared visions for a better Auburn. Let's keep the dialogue going!

#### www.votelott.com

#auburnwa #auburnwashington #auburncitycouncil #votelott #importantdiscussions #railhopnbrewery



Had a great time at the meet and greet last night at Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant, alongside my fellow city council candidate, Lisa Stirgus!

Great food and even better conversations with local business owners. It was a fantastic opportunity to gain insights into the concerns and needs of our local businesses, including the wonderful folks from Emerald City Fashion My wife is excited to head over there and do some downtown Main Street shopping!

Big shoutout to White Willow Company for organizing the event! They're soon opening their doors on Main Street, offering fresh flowers and unique gifts. Be sure to pay them a visit to support our local community.

#### www.votelott.com

#auburncitycouncil #auburnwa #auburnwashington #shoplocal #localbusiness #mazatlanauburn #emeraldcityfashion #whitewillowcompany





AUBURN - Join us tomorrow night!

I'm running for Auburn City Council and I'll be at Emerald City Fashion with Yolanda Trout, who's running for Mayor of Auburn, for a community Meet & Greet!

It's the perfect time to stop by - City Hall's plaza (right across the street) will be hosting live music, food trucks, and more. Come make an evening of it!

We'd love to meet you, hear your thoughts, and talk about the future of Auburn. See you there! #VoteLott #AuburnWA #MeetTheCandidates #AuburnWashington





Let's keep the momentum going! If you haven't already, please consider spreading the word to your friends and neighbors.

Questions? My phone number is right here on my Facebook page.

And don't forget to vote November 7th!

www.votelott.com

#youreallamazing #thankyou #auburnwa #auburnwashington #auburncitycouncil #votelott





Our friends and supporters have put together not just one but TWO amazing videos expressing their enthusiasm for my Auburn City Council campaign. Here is the first one with the second one coming soon.

I couldn't be more moved by your encouragement and trust to work hard and honestly for Auburn's residents.

Let's keep the momentum going! If you haven't already, please consider spreading the word to your friends and neighbors.

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¡Hola Fabi! Thank you for sharing why you support me for City Council!... See more See translation





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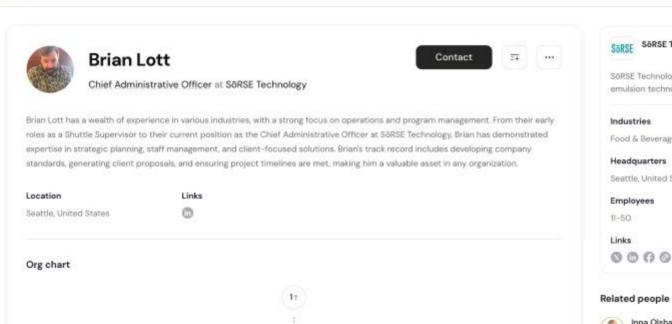


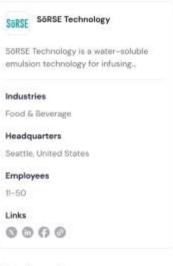












Inna Olshansky
Klik Salutions
Christina Lindsov

Business Name: PUGET SOUND DISTILLING

COMPANY LLC

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Business Type: WA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Principal Office Street Address: 307 B ST NE, AUBURN, WA, 98002-4002, UNITED STATES

30002-4002, ONTED STATES

Formation/ Registration Date: 01/05/2015

Inactive Date: 06/03/2023

Expiration Date: 01/31/2023

UBI Number: 603 464 992

Business Status: ADMINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED

Principal Office Mailing Address: 307 B ST NE, AUBURN, WA, 98002-4002, UNITED STATES

Jurisdiction: UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

Period of Duration: PERPETUAL

Nature of Business: DISTILLERY

#### REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Registered Agent Name: AMBER LOTT

Street Address: 307 B ST NE, AUBURN, WA. 98002-

4002, UNITED STATES

Mailing Address: 307 B ST NE, AUBURN, WA, 98002-4002, UNITED STATES

#### **GOVERNORS**

Title	Governors Type	Entity Name	First Name	Last Name
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		BRIAN	LOTT
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		CHRIS	RITENOUR

