

IAFF Local 663 replied 25 Sep 2025

Reference case #178994.

Thank you for the letter. My treasurer and I filled out C-3 and C-4 documents on 9/2/25; obviously we did not save them correctly, they are done now and I have email confirmation of this.

We were not aware that the C-3 is due each week; we will do this going forward. Is there an opportunity to amend this date to make it match the actual transactions? We have all receipts and details from the Month of August.

As you requested below; we have no good reason why these were not filed on time, other than not taking our time to ensure that we completed the process all the way through. We are now better educated and this won't happen again.

There was a miscommunication on the advertisement noted in the complaint that was filed. The individual that worked on that and then subsequently paid for it, did this on his own and without working through the PAC. We paid nothing for this advertisement from the PAC. However, the advertisement that he used said on the top of it "paid for by Firefighters for Andy Polak" so I now understand some of the concern from both you and the below noted complainants. I can certainly go ahead and file if that makes sense, even though we didn't pay for it. He just used an advertisement that falsely represented who paid for this. There was no intent to skate the PDC rules here, just a misunderstanding of the rules by that individual. I'd like to remedy this if you have a suggestion. This advertisement cost was \$250.00.

I am requesting to be assigned a member of the Filer Assistance team so that we can file or amend reports and stay in compliance with the PDC.

In reference to the alleged RCW violations within the three complaints.

We have addressed some of the concerns of Mr. Swanson as follows:

- The name on the facebook page has been changed to reflect his wishes.
- We are being very diligent to ensure that our messaging is representing the correct group of firefighters in support of Andy Polak.
- As far as Andy being in Uniform in a photo. We can't find an RCW that speaks to this being against campaign laws. If that is the case, then we will certainly take down the photos.

All three complaints have a similar concern of Video Messaging:

- As far as the video messaging at the local Rodeo. The individual that turned in the paperwork stated that he asked the rodeo board about using that platform to put up a political ad and they had no issues with it. If this violated RCW 42.17A.55 or Initiative 276 from 1972 then we are now better educated on this. I intend to reach out to all parties named in the complaint to ensure compliance with state RCW in future.

I feel that I have responded to all concerns. I look forward to your recommendations and working with you moving forward.

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Campaign manager for "Firefighters for Andy Polak"