### **Respondent Name**

Martin Kolodrub, candidate for Mead School Board

### **Complainant Name**

**John Estey** 

## **Complaint Description**

<u>John Estey</u> reported via the portal (Fri, 26 Sep 2025 at 9:37 AM)

Martin Kolodrub, candidate for Mead School Board, has failed to report campaign expenditures and failed to include a paid for by line in political advertising.

1. Failure to Accurately Report Campaign Expenditures

Martin Kolodrub has failed to disclose expenditures related to the purchase of campaign materials, specifically:

Campaign Signs: Multiple campaign signs have been observed throughout the community, which would reasonably have incurred costs for design, production, and distribution. However, no corresponding expenditures have been reported on his C-4 reports filed with the PDC.

Campaign Website: Mr. Kolodrub currently has an active campaign website at <a href="https://www.martinformead.com">https://www.martinformead.com</a>. A website entails costs for domain registration, hosting, and possibly web design or consulting. As of the latest available C-4 filings, no such expenditures appear to be disclosed.

Mr. Kolodrub also filed all of his reports on September 17th, despite running for this office, raising money, and making expenditures for several months.

These omissions are inconsistent with full and timely disclosure required under RCW 42.17A.235 and 42.17A.240.

2. Failure to Include "Paid for by" Disclaimers on Political Advertising

Washington law requires political advertising, including signs and websites, to clearly identify the sponsor with a "Paid for by" or "Sponsored by" statement (RCW 42.17A.320).

Campaign Signs: Mr. Kolodrub's signs do not contain any "Paid for by" disclaimer, as required by law. I have personally observed a number of signs in the community and confirmed that none of them include the required language identifying the sponsor.

Campaign Website: Mr. Kolodrub's campaign website similarly fails to display any "Paid for by" or sponsorship language, either on the homepage or in the footer, as required.

These omissions are a direct violation of RCW 42.17A.320 and WAC 390-18-010, which mandate proper sponsor identification on all political advertising.

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

The integrity of our democratic process relies heavily on transparency, accountability, and equal access to information. When candidates for public office fail to follow campaign finance and transparency laws, it undermines the trust that voters place in the electoral system.

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

- 1. Martin Kolodrub, candidate for Mead School Board, PDF of campaign website https://www.martinformead.com where there is no paid for by line.
- 2. Martin Kolodrub, candidate for Mead School Board, photo of his campaign signs around town with no paid for by line.
- 3. Martin Kolodrub, candidate for Mead School Board, photo of his reported campaign expenditures on the PDC's where they have not been reported.

# List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Martin Kolodrub

Candidate

Treasurer

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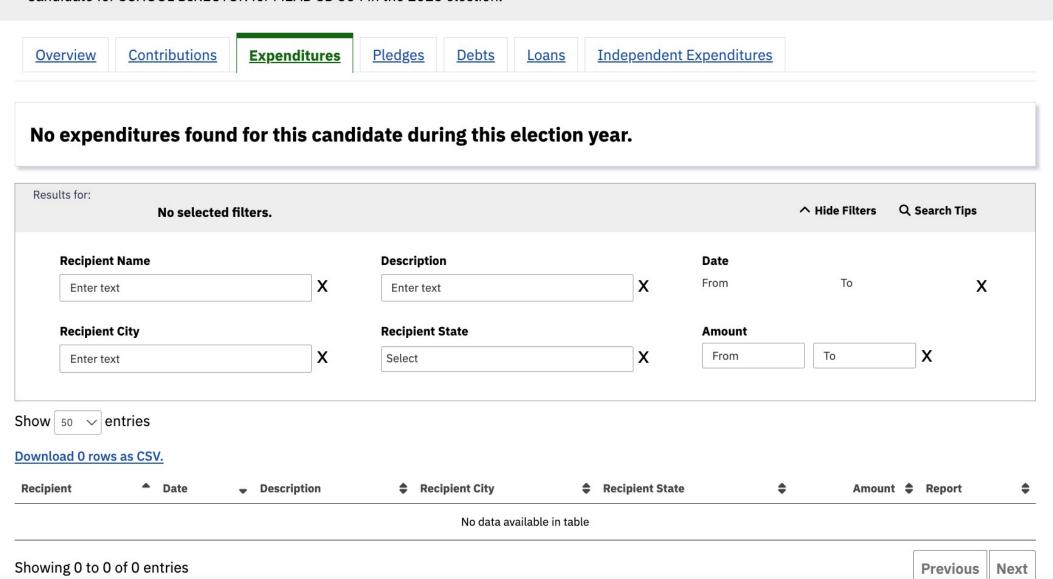
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## **Certification (Complainant)**

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.

# **Martin Kolodrub**

Candidate for SCHOOL DIRECTOR for MEAD SD 354 in the 2025 election.





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About Me

**Topics** 

Strong Schools, Strong Students, Strong Mead Community

Mead School District
Board of Directors Position No. 1

I believe school boards must work transparently and collaboratively with families, staff, and students.

I'm committed to listening and leading with integrity, and ensuring our schools prepare every student for success in life, college, and their career.

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# **About Me**

I am a longtime resident of North Spokane, dedicated to educational excellence. With a strong background in community service, I advocate for safe, high-performing schools, that prepare all students for success. I believe, "There's no greater gift that a community can give than an education that includes rigor and accountability."

I support transparent governance, fiscal responsibility, and policies that empower teachers, students, and families. I am committed to maintaining high academic standards while listening to the concerns of

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parents, educators, and students.

My vision is strong schools, strong students, and a stronger Mead community.

# **Priorities**

1

Safe Environments

Safe and inclusive environments in schools are crucial for fostering belonging and respect among students. By prioritizing these values, schools empower all students to express themselves and engage in their education. This approach enhances academic performance and promotes emotional well-being, creating a community where every student feels valued and supported.

3

Academic Outcomes

Improving academic outcomes is vital for empowering students and success. Better performance boosts confidence and opens doors to future opportunities. By focusing on 2

Sustainable Policies

When educators feel valued, they invest more in their students' success. Policies that ensure fair compensation and professional development enhance job satisfaction and improve student outcomes, creating a stronger educational system.

4

Responsible Budgeting

A clear and detailed budget is essential for effectively tracking expenses and avoid overspending. This transparency establishes trust Home | Martin Kolodrub For 9/26/25, 9:00 AM

effective strategies, we cultivate a culture of achievement that benefits both individuals and the community. and allows Mead to use it's resources more responsibly.

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