Respondent Name

Livable Woodinville and its officers Lucy DeYoung, Jeff Davis

Complainant Name

Jeffrey A Lyon

Complaint Description

<u>Jeff Lyon</u> reported via the portal (Sat, 18 Oct 2025 at 7:41 PM)

On 2025-10-18, advertisements for the committee Livable Woodinville were sent to every household in the City of Woodinville, opposing City Council Candidate Rachel Best-Campbell [0].

The committee's C-4 filing on 2025-10-14 (Report 110322347) shows an expense for \$12,000 with Madison Communications Corp. and a description of "Printing literature, fliers, postcards, etc.: Ballot Drop Mailings (estimate)" with no indication of the purpose of the expense. Madison Communications is a management company owned by Brett Bader, whose business partner Jeff Davis filed and signed the aforementioned C-4 [1]. Davis is also an officer of the committee. This electioneering communication was not filed on a C-6 within 24 hours as is required when the advertisement is presented to the public within 21 days of an election.

Violations:

- RCW 42.17A.240; WAC 390-16-037: The respondent reported a \$12,000 expenditure to Madison Communications Corp. with the description "Printing literature, fliers, postcards, etc.: Ballot Drop Mailings (estimate)" but did not "identify any candidate(s) or ballot proposition(s) that are supported or opposed by the expenditure" as required.
- RCW 42.17A.240; WAC 390-16-205: The respondent reported a lump-sum payment to a consulting vendor without itemizing sub-vendors or other third-parties as required.
- RCW 42.17A.255; RCW 42.17A.260; WAC 390-16-063: The respondent sponsored and distributed political advertising opposing a City Council candidate within 21 days of an election at a cost exceeding \$1,000 but did not file a special report within 24 hours as required.
- RCW 42.17A.235; RCW 42.17A.240: The respondent listed the expenditure as an "estimate" and did not amend the report to reflect actual costs or complete vendor details, resulting in a report that lacked required.
- WAC 390-18-010: The respondent's sponsor identification was not easily readable because it appeared in a thin, subdued font and color that did not contrast with the page background or other text elements.

Lucy DeYoung, the Chair and Treasurer who filed the C-1pc and hired the management company to run the committee, was previously found in violation of RCW 42.17A.305, RCW 42.17A.320, and RCW 42.17A.435 by the Public Disclosure Commission on November 25, 2014 for financing and distributing political advertising under the name Ethical Woodinville without sponsor identification and without filing required independent expenditure reports. She was assessed a \$10,000 penalty, with \$4,000 suspended contingent on no further violations for four years. The current complaint reflects similar conduct involving undisclosed expenditures, failure to timely file a C-6, and concealment of sponsorship.

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

These violations erode transparency and public confidence in Woodinville's elections. The top contributors to the committee, Lucy DeYoung, Jason Henderson (Managing Partner of Green Partners, LLC), W. Dean Weidner (Founder and Chairman of Weidner Apartment Homes), and Jack McCullough (Attorney for Sycamore Partners, owner of Chateau Ste. Michelle), are major real estate investors with a combined enterprise value exceeding \$14 billion. Together, entities they control or represent hold roughly 54% of the total land value in Downtown Woodinville. These violations conceal from voters the extent to which large development interests are attempting to shape City Council decisions that directly affect zoning, density, and the character of the community.

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

- [0] Photographs of electioneering communication opposing Rachel Best-Campbell
- [1] https://www.seattleweekly.com/news/searching-for-brett-bader/

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

N/A

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.



Enough is Enough

It's TIME for a CHANGE

VOTE NO on Rachel Best Campbell

- Reprimanded and censured **TWICE** by fellow councilmembers for ethics and rules violations and bad behavior
- **NOT ENDORSED** by any councilmembers
- **REFUSED** to attend candidate forums to answer questions from the public
- OPPOSED multiple parks & community improvement projects
- **COST** Woodinville taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars due to reckless behavior
- REFUSES to work on council committees but demands a full paycheck



