

Respondent Names
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Complainant Name
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Complaint Description
jaybseattle Tue, 28 Oct 2025 at 5:57 PM Washington State Public Disclosure Commission Evergreen Plaza, 711 Capitol Way S #206 Olympia, WA 98504 Katie Wilson has received contributions that exceed Washington’s contribution limit under RCW 42.17A.235 and .240. We request the Public Disclosure Commission investigate these contribution limit violations by candidate Katie Wilson and her mother, Anne Clark. Under Washington law, a “contribution” includes: a loan, gift, deposit, subscription, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, pledge, payment, transfer of funds, or anything of value, including personal and professional services for less than full consideration. RCW 42.17A.005(15)(a)(i). In a recent interview with KUOW, candidate Katie Wilson admitted that her parents “send me a check periodically to help with the childcare expenses,” which “costs around \$2,200 a month.” Katie Campbell, Katie Wilson Can Barely Afford to Live in Seattle. That's Why She Wants To Be Mayor, KUOW, Oct. 21, 2025. Her parent’s payments “arrive[] every couple of months.” <i>Id.</i> Wilson’s mother Anne Clark stated that the purpose of the payments was in furtherance of candidate Wilson’s campaign, saying she “knew that campaigns are enormously taxing, and that Wilson and her husband had been getting by without paying for childcare up to that point.” Marcus H. Green & Hannah M. Winter, How a KUOW Story Became a Weapon in the Mayoral Race, The Stranger, Oct. 27, 2025. Wilson’s parents “thought they might be able to help with the stress by contributing to the cost of Josie’s daycare,” although they do not “think [they] cover the whole cost.” <i>Id.</i> Candidate Wilson further confirmed that her parent’s payments are related to her campaign in a video posted on Bluesky, telling her mother, “I really appreciate you chipping in for childcare during a stressful campaign.” Katie Wilson for Seattle (@wilsonforseattle.bsky.social), Bluesky (Oct. 28, 2025, at 9:43 PT) https://bsky.app/profile/wilsonforseattle.bsky.social/post/3m4bevi45ps24. Based on these statements, candidate Wilson and Ms. Clark confirmed that the payments to candidate Wilson were directly related to and in furtherance of her campaign. Ms. Clark’s payments, which are in furtherance of candidate Wilson’s campaign, are considered “contributions” under Washington law. Candidate Wilson acknowledged she has received these periodic contributions since she decided to run for Mayor in March 2025. Ms. Wilson’s childcare expenses total \$2,200 a month, and candidate Wilson concedes she has received these “periodically”. The Wilson for

Mayor campaign does not disclose these payments in campaign filings. These payments appear to exceed Washington's aggregate campaign contribution limits. RCW 42.17A.405(2). We request the Commission enforce RCW 42.17A and investigate these contribution limit violations.

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

Violates the public trust and undermines confidence in elections.

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

See below

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

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.