

Respondent Name
Seth Landau
Complainant Name
Richard Erwin
Complaint Description
<p>Richard Erwin (Mon, 25 Oct 2021 at 12:54 PM)</p> <p>Violation of RCW 42.17A.240, .260 & .305 for failure to timely report & sufficiently describe independent expenditures & electioneering communications undertaken during election year 2021.</p> <p>A full-page print ad in the October 20, 2021 Mercer Islander Reporter made claims about alleged illegal activities by the union representing the Mercer Island Firefighters. At the bottom of the ad, it says, "Paid for by Seth Landau." The October 20, 2021 issue of the Mercer Island Reporter was available on newsstands on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 so a C-6 should have been filed on October 20, 2021.</p> <p>Mr. Landau is aware of reporting requirements because when he purchased ads in the Mercer Island Reporter in 2019, he filed C-6 reports. Moreover, on or about October 21, 2021 Mr. Landau posted this on the social media site Next Door:</p> <p>Seth Landau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Mercer Island <p>I did everything legally it's called C6 report and my name is on it just like on the ad. I'm proud to do things legally and for our Island. This allows individuals to do as I did. Totally legal. Whats your point? 4 days ago</p> <p>As of 10 am on Monday October 25, 2021 there is no record on the PDC's website of Mr. Landau filing a C-6 for this independent expenditure. When the PDC was contacted shortly after 10 am, the staff person could not find any record of a C-6 filed by Mr. Landau and they suggested filing a complaint with the PDC.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
See Below.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
See Below.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
See Below.
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.

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