

Respondent Name
Citizens Supporting South Kitsap School District
Complainant Name
Gerry Austin
Complaint Description
Gerry and Cammy (Sun, 13 Dec 2020 at 12:03 PM) The organization "Citizens Supporting South Kitsap Schools" has established themselves as the Committee Against the Feb 2021 SKSD Levy and had made expenditures to influence the election through placement of signs, without registering, as required by Washington State Law. Mr. Jeff Daily, a current SKSD director, and Mr. David Kimball, have previously made public statements indicating their involvement with this organization.
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
The organization "Citizens who support South Kitsap Schools" is maintaining a website https://citizenssupportingsouthkitsapschooldistrict.com/index.html against the February 2021 South Kitsap School District Levy. Additionally, this group has been placing signs in the South Kitsap regions stating "SKSD, NO NEW TAXES, NO BONDS, NO LEVIES" misleading voters on two counts; 1) No bonds are proposed on the Feb 2021 ballot, and 2) the Levy is being renewed at the current rate, thus it is not a 'new tax'. Prior to these signs being placed, this organization placed a different set of similar signs in the region in July 2020, well in advance of even discussions of Levy renewal by the School Board, opposing all future ballot measures. No affiliation or indication of who placed the signs is printed on the signs. Total quantity of signs placed is estimated to be 50-100 in total, placed in public right of way, not solely on private property, indicating expenditures well above reporting thresholds for the purpose of influencing the 2021 Levy election. This group represents themselves as "The Committee against the SKSD 2021 Levy" on their website, yet is not registered with the PDC, and is maintaining an anonymous presence, masking the identify of individuals involved while making expenditures. WHOIS Domain registry search information shows "redacted for privacy" and is registered through a Dutch Web Domain Registrar. Additionally, this group, which has existed for at least 18 months, has previously used false names, posting under the name "Jim Johnson" on Facebook public forums, who is not a real person.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
Contact information on website does not work, no phone listed, only publicly available e-mail address is cssksch@gmail.com . https://citizenssupportingsouthkitsapschooldistrict.com/index.html

Mr. David Kimball identified himself as affiliated with this group on April 2, 2020 via a letter to the Kitsap Sun. <https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/opinion/readers/2020/04/02/south-kitsap-board-avoiding-our-questions/5115792002/>

The Kitsap sun reported Nov 5th, 2019 that Mr. Jeff Daily, currently a SKSD Director, was involved with this group <https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/news/local/2019/11/05/most-incumbents-prevail-kitsap-school-board-races/4172892002/>

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Both Mr. Jeff Daily, a current SKSD director, and Mr. David Kimball, a frequent participant in public meetings, have referenced and indicated support for this organization, and have submitted letters on this groups behalf to Superintendent Tim Winter, which have been discussed during public meeting. Mr. Daily's campaign page from two years ago used identical stock images and a page design similar to the page and Facebook group used by Citizens Supporting South Kitsap Schools at the time, which was launched in parallel with Mr. Daily's campaign for school board. This indicates a strong likelihood that he is highly involved and engaged with this group, and not just a participant. While his campaign page is no longer active, and archived version of his previous campaign page is viewable through the internet archive, archive.org.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20200808113944/http://www.electjeffdailyforsksbdistrict5.com/>

Potential witnesses with more information are;

Superintendent Tim Winter, SKSD - 360-874-7000

President Eric Gattenby of the SKSD School Board - gattenbye@skschools.org

John Richardson, SKEA President - 360-871-4149

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.