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Subject: How Facebook “Meta” is interfering in local elections in Washington State

Snohomish PUD Amber King candidate experiencing additional barriers to voter engagement.

Amber King, a candidate for the Snohomish County PUD commissioner position in the upcoming general election is experiencing additional barriers to reach voters and combat misinformation campaigns against her campaign. A working mom who puts her due diligence in her 40 hour plus work week, she relies heavily on social media to reach her hopefully soon to be constituents. However, on Oct 3 Amber was suspended from Facebook via Meta policy stating that there was suspicious activity from a Instagram account that was suspiciously linked with her account.

Not Amber herself but an Instagram account called “Buzzorangea” was committing every act of malicious rule breaking possible which led to Amber’s personal, campaign, and small business social media accounts being suspended. Knowing the importance of outreach for a campaign, Amber quickly attempted contacted Meta for a resolution but has not received any meaningful form of customer service to address this restriction to one of the current day's strongest media platforms to connect with voters.

Candidate Amber King’s social media accounts were abruptly disabled even though she abided by Metas stricter political advertising policies. Many constitute suspect foul play due to the increase of bad actors taking advantage of loopholes the private entities such as Meta are used to impact our current elections.

Independent from being foul play or not, this situation is particularly detrimental to her efforts in reaching voters, promoting events, and fostering engagement in her campaign. It has come to our attention that supporters of the campaign are unable to share the campaign website without it being removed. Due to the impact on a fair election, Amber has filed a complaint with the Secretary of State Elections Division, State of Washington Attorney General's Office and with the FBI as well.

Having over 20 years of dedication to be an advocate for equal civil rights and values, she hopes that this experience can help bring awareness to the reality of the digital age where private entities are currently engaged in the censorship of political discussions while public forums become less and less.

Amber was honored to participate in one of the few public forums offered for her race at the AAUW Camano Candidate Forum this past month. Unfortunately, her opponent was a no show at the last minute. If you would like to hear this forum, please visit www.friendsofamberking.com.

Amber is still here, passionately running her campaign and looking to connect with all of you. She has not been discouraged and she genuinely wants to connect with the voters, especially constituents who share the same barriers of having to be committed to an over 40-hour work week.

She feels first-hand the hardship of raising costs especially from systemic government entities like the PUD and will be that representative voice to keep rates affordable for the people and not for big business and developers unlike her opponent who has a history of a voter record that increases taxes rates of her constituents.