

Respondent Name
Yakima County Republican Central Committee
Complainant Name
Sherry Bockwinkel
Complaint Description
Sherry Bockwinkel reported via the portal (Mon, 14 Oct 2024 at 10:59 PM) Washingtonians For Ethical Government (WFEG) alleges that the Yakima County Republican Central Committee failed to provide required sponsor identification when it recently printed doorhangers for distribution to voters in Yakima County. These doorhangers contain the organization's logo and its website (www.yakima.gop) but not the necessary "Paid for by" disclosure with a physical address. WFEG believes this political advertising was created in either August or September of 2024, and distributed in September of 2024. RCW 42.17A.320 states: "All written political advertising, whether relating to candidates or ballot propositions, shall include the sponsor's name and address...." The county party's doorhangers meet the definition of political advertising as established in the Public Disclosure Commission's guidance: "Political advertising is defined as advertising displays, newspaper ads, billboards, signs, brochures, articles, tabloids, flyers, letters, radio or TV presentations, or other means of mass communication, used for the purpose of appealing, directly or indirectly, for votes or for financial or other support or opposition in an election campaign." "'Mass communication' as referenced above is a message intended to reach a large audience through any of the methods described above as well as periodicals, sample ballots, websites, emails, text messages, social media, and other online or electronic formats enabling the exchange of communication. Sending 100 or more identical or substantially similar letters, emails or text messages to specific recipients within a 30-day period is an example of mass communication." And because this is printed material, a physical address must be included: "A sponsor's address is required for print ads and websites." A copy of the front and back of the doorhanger is enclosed.
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
Failing to provide sponsor identification makes it more difficult for voters to discern who is trying to influence them and sway their vote.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
Scanned copy of both sides of a Yakima County Republican Party doorhanger, found lying on the grass next to the sidewalk on Naches Avenue
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
Yakima County Republican Central Committee PO Box 1583 Yakima, WA 98907 Phone: 509-972-0631 Matt Brown, Chairman MattBrown.Chair@gmail.com 509-834-8751 Autumn Torres, Vice Chairman autumnjadet7@gmail.com

Bonnie Berg, Treasurer
bkb185@hotmail.com

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.

ENDORSED CANDIDATES

General Election 2024



FEDERAL CANDIDATES

- Donald J. Trump - US President
- Raul Garcia - US Senate
- Jerrod Sessler - 4th Congressional District

STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

- Dave Reichert - Governor
- Dan Matthews - Lt. Governor
- Dale Whitaker - Secretary of State
- Pete Serrano - Attorney General
- Sharon Hanek - State Treasurer
- Matt Hawkins - State Auditor
- David Olson - Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Phil Fortunado - Insurance Commissioner

LOCAL CANDIDATES

- Curtis King - State Senate 14th LD
- Gloria Mendoza - State Rep 14th LD
- Deb Manjarrez - State Rep 14th LD
- Chris Corry - State Rep 15th LD
- Jeremie Dufault - State Rep 15th LD
- Kyle Curtis - Commissioner District 2
- Ladon Linde - Commissioner District 3

JUDGE RECOMMENDATION

- Dave Larson - State Supreme Court





VISIT US ONLINE WWW.YAKIMA.GOP

VOTE IN PERSON LOCATIONS

October 19th - October 26th - November 2nd 10:00AM - 2:00PM

 **THE CROSS CHURCH**
8700 Summitview Ave, Yakima, WA

 **SIMPLY JESUS CHURCH**
3902 Summitview Ave, Yakima, WA

 **REPUBLICAN OFFICE**
2008 Washington Ave, Yakima, WA

 **HELMS HARDWARE**
475 N Wenas Road, Selah, WA

 **SCOTTS FUEL YARD**
314 1st Ave, Zillah, WA



**NEED A BALLOT PICKED UP?
CALL - 1 (800) 257-9434**

DROPOX LOCATIONS (OPEN DAILY)



**MAK DADDY
COFFEE**

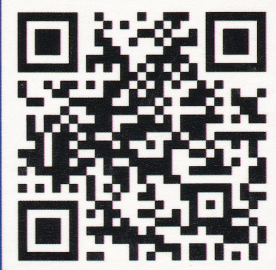
4106 Summitview
Ave, Yakima, WA

**MAK DADDY
COFFEE**

28 N 1st St,
Yakima, WA

**HELMS
HARDWARE**

475 N Wenas
Road, Selah, WA



**VOTE YES
PAY LESS**

On November 5th, 2024
LEARN ABOUT THE INITIATIVES
I2066 - I2109 - I2177 - I2124

VISIT US ONLINE WWW.YAKIMA.GOP