

# To: Sec Reed -- stop providing false info to legislators (our proof is attached)

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Wed, Jan 31, 2007 at 2:02 PM

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January 31, 2007

To: Secretary of State Sam Reed

From: Tim Eyman, Jack Fagan, and Mike Fagan, ph: 425-493-9127, email:

[insignia@greekwatch.com](mailto:insignia@greekwatch.com)

cc: House & Senate members (cc'd to all media outlets & our thousands of supporters throughout the state)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We have repeatedly asked you -- see email exchanges below in August, 2006 and January, 2007 -- to correct the verifiably inaccurate information that your office is providing legislators regarding signature collection of initiative campaigns. As I showed Mr. Hamlin yesterday (see attached), a simple check of the PDC website shows how much each campaign raised to qualify for the ballot and how much each spent for paid signature gathering.

Before state house and state senate committees, your two staff lobbyists, Ms. Katie Blinn and Mr. Shane Hamlin, have provided your inaccurate spreadsheet to legislators. As a result, legislators are now basing their public policy decisions on various anti-initiative bills on inaccurate information provided by your office. If you weren't apprised of the obvious inaccuracies, you'd have an excuse. But as the email exchanges below make clear, your office is willfully misleading legislators.

As Senator Roach pointed out in testimony, the taxpayers are paying over \$100,000 for the salaries for your two lobbyists.

<http://spokesmanreview.com/blogs/olympia/media/roach%20re%20secstate%20works.mp3>

Would you ask the two of them to take a few minutes of their time to access the PDC website and verify the attached corrections to your spreadsheet?

And when they do, would you please have them meet one-on-one with legislators and the Governor's staff to notify them that your previous information was inaccurate and to provide them instead with the corrected information?

We are hopeful your office will finally acquiesce and stop misleading legislators with inaccurate information.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Eyman [mailto:[insignia@greekwatch.com](mailto:insignia@greekwatch.com)]

Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 1:20 PM

To: Clarke, Tina

Subject: Volunteer vs paid

On your initiative sheet that you emailed to me, the following should be changed:

2004, all campaigns were a combination of volunteer and paid

2003, I-841 was a combination of volunteer and paid

2002, 2001, 2000, all campaigns were a combination of volunteer and paid

1999, I-695 was volunteer and I-696 was a combination of volunteer and paid

Not only should these be corrected on this sheet, but decision makers on policy (like Katie Blinn and others) in your office need to be apprised of these corrections so that misperceptions can be avoided.

Regards, Tim Eyman, ph: 425-493-9127, email: [insignia@greekwatch.com](mailto:insignia@greekwatch.com)

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REPLY by the Secretary of State's office:

-----Original Message-----

From: Floyd, Pam  
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 1:47 PM  
To: [insignia@greekwatch.com](mailto:insignia@greekwatch.com)  
Cc: Clarke, Tina; Blinn, Katie; Even, Jeff  
Subject: RE: Volunteer vs paid

Tim,  
The information that is recorded on the spreadsheet you received from Tina is incidental and was kept for historical purposes. This information was received in our office from someone connected to the campaign at the time.

We have received your faxed document as well. We will not be changing any information that we have filed in our office.

In the future, please direct your requests to me rather than Tina.  
Thank you.  
Pamela Floyd  
Asst. Director Elections

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Eyman [mailto:[insignia@greekwatch.com](mailto:insignia@greekwatch.com)]  
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2007 2:48 PM  
To: Floyd, Pam; Clarke, Tina; Blinn, Katie; Even, Jeff  
Cc: 'Richard M. Stephens'; 'James Rigby'  
Subject: FW: Volunteer vs paid

Pam,

Below is an email that I sent in August that your office didn't act upon because of pending litigation. That litigation no longer exists. I ask that your spreadsheet on the various signature drives be corrected so that your office provides information that is accurate.

During the lawsuit, your spreadsheet was used and will be used again in upcoming debate over bills in the legislature. Again, we ask that OSOS provide accurate information on that spreadsheet.

Please let me know how you'll proceed on this. Thanks.

Regards, Tim Eyman, ph: 425-493-9127, email: [insignia@greekwatch.com](mailto:insignia@greekwatch.com)

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REPLY by the Secretary of State's office

-----Original Message-----

From: Floyd, Pam  
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 10:24 AM  
To: Tim Eyman; Blinn, Katie; Even, Jeff; Handy, Nick  
Cc: Richard M. Stephens; James Rigby  
Subject: RE: Volunteer vs paid

Tim,  
After consultation with legal representation, I will not be changing the information on the spreadsheet. I will however, be adding a disclaimer to the top of the document that reads:

"The Column titled Gather, indicating volunteer or paid signature gathering, is self-reported by the sponsor. The Office of Secretary of State does not verify this information. Additional information may be available at the Public Disclosure Commission."

Pam

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This disclaimer is wholly insufficient. In testimony before the state house, Ms. Blinn and Mr. Hamlin provided the spreadsheet, explained its contents, had legislators such as anti-initiative bill sponsor Rep. Appleton wax poetic about the low invalidity rate of the "all-volunteer" Referendum 55 campaign (which it wasn't), and only after all of that, prompted by Rep. Chandler, did they finally, grudgingly acknowledge that they hadn't verified any of the information.

Again, we ask that you verify the information on the attached spreadsheet and provide legislators and the Governor's staff with a one-on-one correction. An apology to legislators would also be appropriate.

Regards, Tim Eyman, Jack Fagan, Mike Fagan, ph: 425-493-9127, email: [insignia@greekwatch.com](mailto:insignia@greekwatch.com)

P.S. We asked why we can't see the disclaimer on your spreadsheet if viewed on the computer. Your office responded by email: "To see it electronically, open the spreadsheet, go to View, choose Header and Footer, and you will see it there under Custom Header." Are legislators being told that this level of detail is necessary to see the (wholly insufficient) disclaimer? Please let us know.