



# City of Seattle

Ethics and Elections Commission

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November 7, 2023

**SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY TO**  
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Dear Ms. Pisane:

The Energize Washington Committee (the “Committee”) filed a C4 reporting more than \$15,000 in expenditures and obligations six days late.

## **FACTS**

During the final thirty days before the election, the Committee filed a 21-day Pre-General C4 on October 23, 2023, six days late. The C4 included reports of debts for independent expenditures totaling more than \$15,000.

## **RELEVANT LAW**

The Seattle Elections Code, under SMC 2.04.250, requires that campaigns participating in the General election file C4 reports 21- and 7-days before the election. SMC 2.04.275 A. further requires that each person and each officer of the committee that has made an independent expenditure, to file an affidavit of independence at the time the report of the expenditure is filed. The Code authorizes the Commission’s Executive Director to assess penalties up to \$150 per day per report for reports late-filed in the thirty days before the election. The late filing penalty for reports filed more than thirty days before the election is up to \$50 per day per report. SMC 2.04.250 B., and SMC 2.04.330 B-D.

## **LATE FILING PENALTIES**

The Committee late-filed a C4 showing significant spending six days late during the final 30 days before the election. Therefore, I am imposing a penalty of \$900

## RIGHT TO APPEAL

You may appeal this decision by submitting to this office, by 4:00 pm. November 21, 2023, a written request for appeal, pursuant to the Commission's Administrative Rule 4.<sup>1</sup>

## ACTION TO TAKE

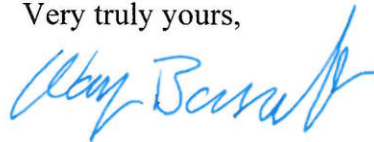
No later than November 21, 2023, deliver payment, payable to City of Seattle, to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission at 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4010, P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729, or your request for appeal.

## CONCLUSION

A major purpose of the Seattle Elections Code is to give the public timely access to the campaign finances of each political committee. Any delay in reporting inhibits this purpose and prevents the opportunity for scrutiny, to which the public is entitled by law.

If you have any questions, please call me at 684-8577.

Very truly yours,



Wayne Barnett  
Executive Director

Cc: Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission  
Peter Lavallee, Public Disclosure Commission

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 4 APPEALS

A. Upon the written request of a party aggrieved by the Executive Director's decision to dismiss a complaint, or to impose late-filing penalties under SMC 2.04.330, the action may be reviewed by the Commission.

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C. An appeal of late-filing penalties shall be served at the Commission's office no later than 14 days after the date of mailing the decision of which review is sought.

D. A request for review shall state the grounds therefor, and shall be no longer than twelve 8-1/2" x 11" double-spaced pages in length with margins of at least 1" on every side, and no more than 12 characters per inch.