

RE: Comment on proposed language changes to WAC 390

[Christine Ackerman](#) reported via email

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To: "PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Greetings to the Public Disclosure Commission,

I am writing to voice my earnest support for the PDC's emergency consideration of temporary rules updating the language in WAC 390 to permit Local Bona Fide Political Party Organizations to include their endorsement positions on Ballot Initiatives and Referenda, along with their candidate endorsements, in their Slate Cards and Sample Ballots, regardless of the character of funding, Exempt or Non-Exempt.

Voters whose values and priorities align with a Bona Fide Political Party use such Slate Cards and Sample Ballots as an integral part of their voting decisions. Research has shown that such Bone Fide Party communications rank immediately behind the Secretary of State's Voter's Guide in terms of their usefulness to voters. Anything that can reduce the intimidation of a long ballot and help voters understand their choices is a step in a positive direction.

As long as the rules for clear and complete Sponsor Identification as described in RCW 42.17A are maintained **or even strengthened along with this change**, there can be, in my opinion, no detriment to the voting public from such change.

An argument against this change has been presented that it will benefit only the Democratic Party, currently the majority party in our Great State of Washington. I respectfully disagree, and in fact offer that this change levels the playing field between larger Parties and smaller ones, allowing all to present their expanded Slate Cards and Sample Ballots to the voting public.

Another argument presented against the change focuses on the emergency consideration itself and its accelerated timeline. I respectfully disagree with this also. An accelerated timeline for this change benefits ALL Bona Fide Parties, as well as ALL voters who might use the expanded communication.

Respectfully Submitted,
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In Concurrence and Support,
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