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Tony Perkins
Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way #206
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

RE: Citizens' Committee for Good Schools
Filing Past Due Reports

Dear Mr. Perkins:

We are the Co-Chairs of the Citizens Committee for Good Schools. Our Committee has been supporting the Vancouver Public Schools with raising monies for its levy and bond campaigns for over 20 years. We have historically been an "ad hoc" committee in the sense that we form for a particular levy or bond campaign and then end our activity at the close of the election. While we have always filed our PDC reports on a timely fashion and take these reporting requirements seriously, we have recently discovered that reports relating to our 2006 and 2010 campaigns have not been filed. We are writing to comply with the reporting requirements and also provide you an explanation for the delay.

The good news for us is that the lack of reporting for these years is not related to any malfeasance within our Committee. Quite simply, the person charged with handling the financial bookkeeping and PDC reporting did an excellent job of maintaining the finances for our Committee, but did not file the reports for the 2006 and 2010 campaigns. Please know that we have instituted new systems to provide for double accountability with regard to the PDC reporting. We simply cannot rely on one person to assure compliance in this area. These changes are already in place and will assure compliance going forward. In fact, our Committee has decided to change from an "ad hoc" committee and become a "Continuing" Committee. As a result, we will be making regular monthly PDC reports.

All the data for our 2006 and 2010 campaigns have been summarized on Excel spreadsheets, copies of which are enclosed along with an updated Political Committee Registration form. We are happy to provide this in electronic format if needed. We do know that the current PDC system provides for on-line reporting. We reviewed the system to see if the reports we needed to file could be filed on-line, but we could not identify a way to do so. Given the extent of the data we are hopeful that our spreadsheet will suffice, but we will work with you on whatever is needed to complete the filing requirements.

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Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you. Both of us are available for questions, our contact information is referenced below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Rhoads'.

Jennifer Rhoads
Co-Chair
360-619-4433

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Bernhoft'.

Steve Bernhoft
Co-Chair
360-699-4225

Cc: David Christel
Christel & Isely, LLP

Citizens' Committee for Good Schools



Political Committee Registration

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Committee Name (Show entire official name.)
Citizens' Committee for Good Schools

Acronym: **CCGS**

Telephone: **(360) 619-4433 or 699-4225**

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 2535

Fax: **(360) 759-3553**

City: **Vancouver** County: **Clark** Zip + 4: **98668**

E-mail: **jenniferr@firstindy.com**
Steve.bernhofft@firstindy.com

NEW OR AMENDED REGISTRATION?
 NEW. Complete entire form.
 AMENDS previous report. Complete entire form.

COMMITTEE STATUS
 Continuing (On-going; not established in anticipation of any particular campaign election.)
 _____ election year only. Date of general or special election: _____ (Year)

1. What is the purpose or description of the committee?
 Bona Fide Political Party Committee - official state or county central committee or legislative district committee. If you are not supporting the entire party ticket, attach a list of the names of the candidates you support.

Ballot Committee - Initiative, Bond, Levy, Recall, etc. Name or description of ballot measure: **Continuing Committee for all future Bond and Levy campaigns for Vancouver Public Schools in Clark County, WA. - ONGOING**

Ballot Number: _____ FOR AGAINST

Other Political Committee - PAC, caucus committee, political club, etc. If committee is related or affiliated with a business, association, union or similar entity, specify name:

For single election-year only committees (not continuing committees): Is the committee supporting or opposing
 (a) one or more candidates? Yes No If yes, attach a list of each candidate's name, office sought and political party affiliation.
 (b) the entire ticket of a political party? Yes No If yes, identify the party:

2. Related or affiliated committees. List name, address and relationship.
NA Continued on attached sheet.

3. How much do you plan to spend during this entire election campaign, including the primary and general elections? Based on that estimate, choose one of the reporting options below. (If your committee status is continuing, estimate spending on a calendar year basis.)

If no box is checked you are obligated to use Full Reporting. See instruction manuals for information about reports required and changing reporting options.

MINI REPORTING
 Mini Reporting is selected. No more than \$5,000 will be raised or spent and no more than \$500 in the aggregate will be accepted from any one contributor.

FULL REPORTING
 Full Reporting is selected. The frequent, detailed campaign reports mandated by law will be filed as required.

4. Campaign Manager's or Media Contact's Name and Address
Jennifer Rhoads, 13218 N.W. 30th Ct., Vancouver, WA 98685 (Co-Chair)

Telephone Number: **(360) 619-4433**

5. Treasurer's Name and Address. Does treasurer perform only ministerial functions? Yes No See WAC 390-05-243 and next page for details. List deputy treasurers on attached sheet. Continued on attached sheet.

Steve Bernhofft, 4614 NE 25th Court, Vancouver, WA 98663 (Treasurer and Co-Chair)

Daytime Telephone Number: **(360) 699-4225**

6. Persons who perform only ministerial functions on behalf of this committee and on behalf of candidates or other political committees. List name, title, and address of these persons. See WAC 390-05-243 and next page for details. Continued on attached sheet.

7. Committee Officers and other persons who authorize expenditures or make decisions for committee. List name, title, and address. See next page for definition of "officer." All are officers (Chair and Treasurer referenced above) Continued on attached sheet.

Kristine Sork, 3609 NW 114th Street, Vancouver, WA 98685
Jim Sork, 3609 NW 114th Street, Vancouver, WA 98685
Jessica A. Kelly, 1008 NW 59th St., Vancouver, WA 98663
Thomas R. Hagley, Jr., 10214 NW 33rd Ct., Vancouver, WA 98685
Todd Horenstein, 4007 NW 130th Circle, Vancouver, WA. 98685
Jan Redding, 3800 Clark Ave, Vancouver. 98661
Mike Stromme, 3103 NW View Road, Vancouver, WA 98685
Dr. Steven Webb, 12319 NW 46th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98685-3326
Tara Taylor, 3994 Carman Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97035
Patricia Perrault-Mattison, 12715 NE 5TH Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685-3012

8. Campaign Bank or Depository
Riverview Bank Branch: **Downtown** City: **Vancouver, WA**

9. Campaign books must be open to the public by appointment between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. during the eight days before the election, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. In the space below, provide contact information for scheduling an appointment and the address where the inspection will take place. It is not acceptable to provide a post office box or an out-of-area address.

Street Address, Room Number, City where campaign books will be available for inspection
Steve Bernhofft or Jennifer Rhoads, information referenced above.

10. **Eligibility to Give to State Office Candidates:** During the 180 days prior to making a contribution to a state office candidate, your committee must have received contributions of \$10 or more from at least ten persons registered to vote in Washington State.

A check here indicates your awareness of and pledge to comply with this provision. Absence of a check mark means your committee does not qualify to give to state office candidates (legislative and statewide executive candidates).

11. **Signature and Certification.** I certify that this statement is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Committee Treasurer's Signature: *Steve Bernhofft* Date: **9/8/11**