

Madsen tries to have her cake and eat it too

I just read Sue Lani Madsen's Dec. 14 column about the Public Disclosure Commission ("Following the money takes patience"). For all the super sleuthing they claim to have done, I logged on to the PDC website and in 3 minutes found the same items. That is the purpose of the law, to shine a light on who spends what.

I am unsure what the issue is – "the campaign chairs paid themselves" is mentioned twice.

Folks who spend time working on a campaign deserve to be paid. I am sure Sue Lani is not writing this drivel for free. Or is the issue that a PAC that "gets the vote out" did their job during an election cycle for both the "No New Jails" campaign and they were hired at the same time to do the same thing by individual campaigns? Having multiple clients is normal and in no way nefarious.

On the other hand, is the problem that two very large foundations with millions of dollars are participating in the political process legally? Both foundations have separate 501(c)4 organizations and their actions are 100% legal, to imply it is immoral with no claim is irresponsible.

For someone who has had no issue with rich Spokane folks spending over \$2.5 million on conservative city candidates the last two election cycles she sure doesn't like it when folks with money on the other side of the aisle participate. Is it personal? That seems weird but her latest blog post about one of the foundations starts with "This is personal"... maybe, just maybe, she shouldn't be given a platform in our daily paper for her personal issues.

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