

ELECTRONIC FILING EXEMPTION REQUEST COVER SHEET

Name of Filer	VOTERS WANT MORE CHOICES
Type of Request	Electronic Filing Exemption
Laws & Rules	<p>RCW 42.17A.120</p> <p>Suspension or modification of reporting requirements.</p> <p>(1) The commission may suspend or modify any of the reporting requirements of this chapter if it finds that literal application of this chapter works a manifestly unreasonable hardship in a particular case and the suspension or modification will not frustrate the purposes of this chapter. The commission may suspend or modify reporting requirements only after a hearing is held and the suspension or modification receives approval from a majority of the commission. The commission shall act to suspend or modify any reporting requirements:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Only if it determines that facts exist that are clear and convincing proof of the findings required under this section; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Only to the extent necessary to substantially relieve the hardship.</p> <p>(2) A manifestly unreasonable hardship exists if reporting the name of an entity required to be reported under RCW 42.17A.710(1)(g)(ii) would be likely to adversely affect the competitive position of any entity in which the person filing the report, or any member of his or her immediate family, holds any office, directorship, general partnership interest, or an ownership interest of ten percent or more.</p> <p>(3) Requests for renewals of reporting modifications may be heard in a brief adjudicative proceeding as set forth in RCW 34.05.482 through 34.05.494 and in accordance with the standards established in this section. No initial request may be heard in a brief adjudicative proceeding. No request for renewal may be heard in a brief adjudicative proceeding if the initial request was granted more than three years previously or if the applicant is holding an office or position of employment different from the office or position held when the initial request was granted.</p> <p>(4) Any citizen has standing to bring an action in Thurston county superior court to contest the propriety of any order entered under this section within one year from the date of the entry of the order.</p> <p>(5) The commission shall adopt rules governing the proceedings.</p>

	<p>RCW 42.17A.245</p> <p>Electronic filing—When required.</p> <p>(1) Each candidate or political committee that expended five thousand dollars or more in the preceding year or expects to expend five thousand dollars or more in the current year shall file all contribution reports and expenditure reports required by this chapter by the electronic alternative provided by the commission under RCW 42.17A.055. The commission may make exceptions on a case-by-case basis for candidates whose authorized committees lack the technological ability to file reports using the electronic alternative provided by the commission.</p> <p>(2) Failure by a candidate or political committee to comply with this section is a violation of this chapter.</p>
<p>Supporting Documents (attached)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request Letter (February 11, 2019)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter from Executive Director Peter Lavallee (March 8, 2019)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended C-4 Covering October 31, 2017 to November 30, 2017</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended C-4 Covering December 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017</p>
<p>History (brief narrative)</p>	<p>On February 8, 2017, Voters Want More Choices (VWMC) submitted a C-1pc (political committee registration) registering as a continuing political committee and choosing the “Full Reporting” option. The committee provided additional documentation indicating its support of I-1550, I-947 and I-1543.</p> <p>During 2016, VWMC spent more than five thousand dollars and was required to submit all reports of campaign contribution and expenditure activities electronically the following calendar year pursuant to RCW 42.17A.245.</p> <p>VWMC electronically submitted C-3 and C-4 reports including 45 original reports and 12 amendments, disclosing activity occurring during 2017, using the PDC’s Online Reporting of Campaign Activity (ORCA) software.</p> <p>In February 2019, VWMC Committee Officer & Consultant, Tim Eyman, submitted an amendment to the C-4 covering October 31, 2017 to November 30, 2017 and an amendment to the C-4 covering December 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 via email.</p> <p>The October 31 to November 30 amendment disclosed a \$23,008.93 in-kind contribution not previously included and the December 2017 amendment disclosed the updated aggregate total cash and in-kind contributions during the campaign.</p>

Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Eyman stated that VWMC has had changes in committee officers, including its treasurer and that these personnel changes have made the submittal of amended reports electronically difficult.• Mr. Eyman stated that the previous VWMC treasurer no longer has ORCA available on her computer and that the 2019 VWMC treasurer does not have the 2017 ORCA data and is experiencing severe health issues.
Other Information	Mr. Eyman is making this request on behalf of Voters Want More Choices and will be participating.