

Seattle City Clerk's Office

Comptroller File

223903

(GENERAL)

FILE NO. 223012

Petition OF

Associated Clubs of the North End

for

legislation to stop unsponsored and unidentified political campaign pamphlets.

3-18-54 - Refer to Shuman + CC
9-1-54 - held
(see C.S. 74786) and C.B.N.
12-15-54 - held for conference
Considered by Council
MAR 15 1954
Refer Com. of 1954

FILED
W. C. THOMAS
COMPTROLLER AND CITY CLERK

BY *M. A. Periss* DEPUTY

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

REFERRED MAR 15 1954	Departmental Efficiency
REFERRED DEC 20 1954	TO COMMITTEE OF WHOLE
REFERRED	TO
REPORTED JAN 10 1955	DISPOSITION On File
RE-REFERRED	TO
REPORTED	DISPOSITION

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your..... Departmental Efficiency & Personnel Committee

to which was referred the within..... petition

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that.....

the same be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

CHAIRMAN

Carroll
CHAIRMAN

THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SEATTLE
514 COUNTY CITY BUILDING
SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

March 25, 1954

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Hon. A. C. Van Soelen
Corporation Counsel
City of Seattle

Dear Mr. Van Soelen:

Attached are File No. 223849, petition of Robert A. Yothers for enactment of ordinance controlling and regulating political advertising devices and the identification of the sponsors of same, etc., and File No. 223903, petition of Associated Clubs of the North End for legislation to stop unsponsored and unidentified political campaign pamphlets.

Will you please prepare legislation to effectuate the control and regulation of political advertising to the extent that identification of sponsors of printed matter might be possible. This legislation will be along the lines of that agreed upon previously and in accordance with conferences on the subject.

Yours very truly,

Alfred R. Rochester, Chairman
Departmental Efficiency and Personnel Committee

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SEATTLE

MEMORANDUM

To Mr. Alfred R. Rochester, Chairman, Departmental Efficiency & Personnel Committee

From Mr. Howard Embree

Date March 19 19 54

Subject Files Nos. 223849, 223903, Petitions of Robert A. Yethers and Associated Clubs of the North End for legislation to stop unsponsored and unidentified political campaign devices.

The subject files were referred to you by the committee for consultation with the Corporation Counsel's office.

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ASSOCIATED CLUBS OF THE NORTH END
OF SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY

BOARD OF DELEGATES RESOLUTION OF MARCH 11, 1954

TO: The HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

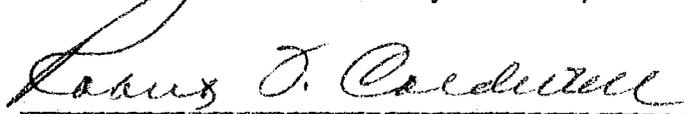
WHEREAS, during the election campaign for the city election held March 9, 1954, certain scurrilous pamphlets were distributed without identifying the sponsors thereof, causing candidates to be placed in the position of not being able to know who was making damaging accusations against them and in at least one instance embarrassed one candidate to the point where he was obliged to repudiate an anonymous pamphlet urging his election;

AND WHEREAS, it appears to this Board of Delegates that the distribution of such irresponsible material is contrary to fair play and the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Representative Delegates to the Board of the Associated Clubs of the North End of Seattle and King County, duly assembled at its regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, March 11, 1954, That the Honorable City Council of the City of Seattle conduct or sponsor an investigation of the distribution of scurrilous pamphlets which do not identify at least one of its individual sponsors thereon to the end that an ordinance be enacted to prevent abuses in the future, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such legislation can be drafted which does not infringe upon the inalienable and paramount rights of free speech, free press and free elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each of our committees with particular reference to the Committee on Rules and the Committee on Legislation be and they are hereby urged to make their time and services available to the Honorable City Council in the event that the City Council should request their assistance in conducting an investigation through the means of a citizens' advisory committee for the purpose of determining the facts or of drafting proposed ordinances upon this subject.

Passed the Board the 11th day of March, 1954



President of the Board

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed March 11, 1954.



Secretary of the Board.

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