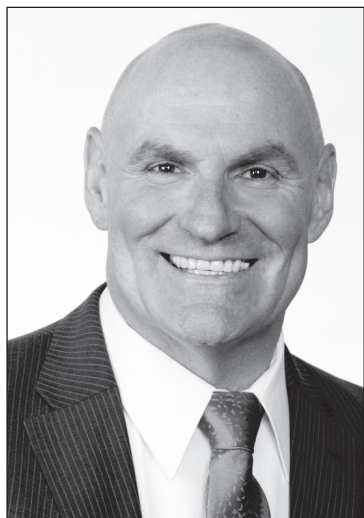


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## ...Republican operative sends counterfeit union mailings to mislead voters

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the deceptive mailers is identical to the label Fuse Washington uses.

All the mailings follow the same fraudulent template: They say the Democratic candidate whose name is on the November ballot is a "fake progressive," and they urge voters to write in the name of a "real progressive" — in each case the name of an actual candidate who ran for office with union backing in a previous election.

"Don't be fooled by fake Progressives like Erin Frasier," says the 19th District mailing, which displays the logo of AFSCME Council 28. "Let's write in a real progressive: Teresa Purcell." Purcell, who ran for the same office in 2016 with AFSCME's endorsement, isn't running this year, doesn't want any write-in votes, and is completely in support of fellow Democrat Frasier, who is challenging Republican incumbent Jim Walsh.

In fine print, the mailings say they're paid for by a group

called "Conscience of The Progressives." Campaign finance disclosures show that group was set up by Glen Morgan, a former staffer at the anti-union Freedom Foundation who is now executive director of the Citizens Alliance For Property Rights. And Conscience of the Progressives is funded by a political action committee whose main donor is Peter Zieve, an aerospace CEO who gave \$1 million to support Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign.

On Oct. 22, Fuse, Washington State Labor Council, and the other organizations whose logos were used filed a legal complaint with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission — the state agency that enforces laws governing candidates, campaigns and lobbyists. The complaint charges that Morgan violated Washington law by making a false claim by implying that the unions endorsed these write-in candidates.

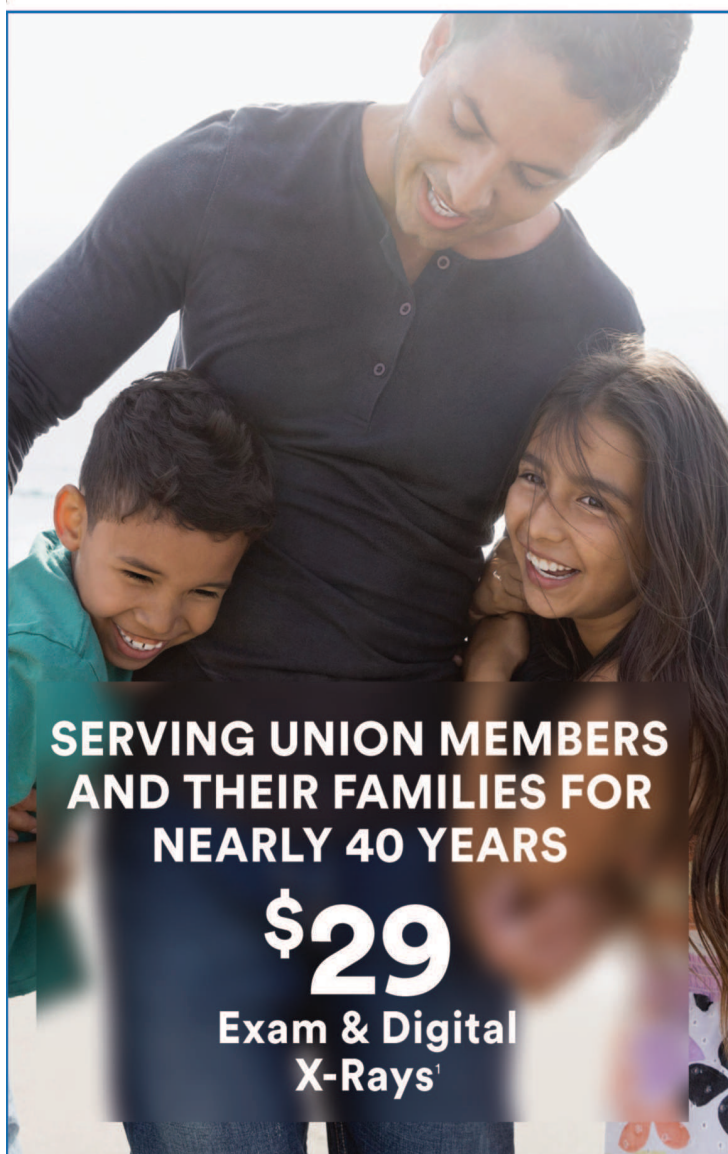
"These ads ... are a blatant attempt to mislead voters who

might otherwise vote for the Democratic candidate in each race into casting 'throwaway' votes to the benefit of the GOP," wrote attorney Dmitri Iglitzin in the complaint.

Not only that, but these were "willful" violations of the law, made "with actual malice," the complaint charges. Morgan should be very familiar with election laws, because in the last few years he has been a one-man campaign law enforcer, filing scores of complaints against Democratic candidates and organizations if they were late in submitting campaign finance disclosures or committed other technical violations.

"This is dirty politics at its worst and we are absolutely livid about it," said WSLC President Jeff Johnson on his organization's web site. "These Republican political operatives must think their candidates can't win unless they cheat and trick voters. It's shameless and disgraceful."

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Multnomah County commissioners approved it. So did the city councils of Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village. Now they're all waiting for Portland City Council to authorize its share of funding for a study of what it would cost to install fiber-optic cable door to door. That would determine whether a system of public-owned Internet access is feasible at a lower cost than existing providers like Comcast, (and 40 times as fast).

The Municipal Broadband PDX campaign, headed by Multnomah County IT worker (and union officer) Michael Hanna, is backed by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council and five other labor organizations.

In conversations with City Hall staff, Hanna was told initially that Portland City Council would authorize \$100,000 for the study in a mid-year budget adjustment slated for a Nov. 7 vote. Now, mayor's office staff has asked the campaign to instead submit a grant request for consideration from a special appropriations fund that will be awarded Nov. 29.