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Ranked Choice Education “Church” running a ballot measure?

APOC complaint alleges widespread violations including use of a church to launder donations, obscuring donors and potentially obtaining illegal tax deductions

ANCHORAGE—Alaskans for Better Elections today filed a [complaint](#) with the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) alleging four organizations and two men perpetrated more than two dozen campaign finance law violations in their attempt to repeal Alaska’s open primary and ranked choice voting system.

The complaint—filed against Alaskans for Honest Elections, Alaskans for Honest Government, Ranked Choice Education Association, Wellspring Ministries, Phillip Izon, and Art Mathias—details numerous violations, including:

- Wellspring Ministries, an Anchorage church, subsidizing the campaign activities of the Ranked Choice Education Association without reporting;
- The Ranked Choice Education Association, recently formed as a “church” in the State of Washington, illegally acting as a de facto ballot group while laundering donations to obscure donor identity and possibly procure unlawful tax deductions;
- Alaskans for Honest Elections laundering money through Ranked Choice Education Association, while failing to report their donors and expenditures;
- Alaskans for Honest Government acting as an unregistered ballot group;
- Philip Izon reporting over \$200,000 of fictional contributions;
- Multiple failures to properly register with APOC, disclose donors and report expenditures.

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