

# Should Govt Support Political Organizations?

**EDAWN: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF WESTERN NEVADA (EDAWN) is a 501 C3 which is funded 40 percent by state and local governments and 60 percent by private companies. Washoe County will provide support to EDAWN in the amount of \$41,300 for FY2017. June 8, 2016, Reno City Council approved a Contract with the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) for an "investor membership" \$110,000 for Fiscal Year 2016/17.**

**EDAWN actively supports a Washoe County Political Ballot measure(s)**



**OMB Circular A-122. The explicit restrictions on the use of federal grant funds for "lobbying" by non-profit organizations. ... Non-profit social action organizations may lose their tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(4)) for engaging in certain lobbying activities, even with their own funds, if they receive federal grants.**

## **The Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce**

**“The Chamber supports and works with candidates and public officials who support YOU and your ability to create jobs and provide quality of life for all of the residents in our region. “**

**“The PAC serves as the political arm of the Chamber that interviews and endorses candidates for public office. “**

**Isn't an arm attached to a body?**

**“Tray Abney, Director of Government Relations for The Chamber.”**

**Was Mr. Abney a paid part of the PAC or the Chamber when he engaged in a debate on WC1?**

**“ Legislative reform of requirements like prevailing wage, collective bargaining (NRS 288.150) and supervisory unions that add significant costs to K-12 funding”**

**Sounds Political to me**



<http://web.thechambernv.org/events/Save-Our-Schools-Campaign-Headquarters-Grand-Opening!-1742/detail>  
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Chamber (not PAC) website supports SoS Washoe: Hey! Look at the addresses! Hummmmm....

**Contributions Payable to:  
The Coalition to Save Our Schools  
449 S. Virginia Street  
Reno, NV 89501**

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