**Candidate fundraising**

Oct. 5 I downloaded the

public records

(pdc.wa.gov) of campaign

contributions to two rivals

for Bellingham City Council:

Lisa Anderson vs. Cha-nan Suarez. I dropped the

records into Excel and

sorted by the city of residence

of the donors.

What percentage of

these rivals’ respective

dollar subtotals come from

within the City of Bellingham?

For Lisa Anderson,

80%; vs. for Chanan Suarez,

27%.

Something is unarguable

from the numbers: Lisa

Anderson’s campaign is

only 20% funded by donors

outside Bellingham,

while Chanan Suarez gets

a whopping 73% funding

from donors outside Bellingham.

Grass roots? For one

candidate, that “grass” is

73% not grown here.

Caveat: This is from

Oct. 5 PDC reports. There

will be small changes

between now and the

election, but the pattern is

already pretty clear.

*– Abe Jacobson, Bellingham*