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### **Why Haven't ACORN Workers Been Prosecuted?**

OLYMPIA—The King County Prosecutor's announcement that it will scrub 1,768 fraudulent voter registrations submitted by ACORN last year is welcome news. One year after the fraud was perpetrated by ACORN employees, some positive action is finally being taken.

But the lack of prosecution of any of these workers for vote fraud is disturbing. "Why is it that one year after a serious crime has been committed, after the King County Prosecutor is publicly acknowledging that a serious crime was committed, not one ACORN employee has been prosecuted," wondered BIAW Executive Vice President Tom McCabe.

A cursory glance at the names King County is challenging reveals ACORN workers did not even make an attempt to hide their fraudulent activity. The list of voters supposedly registered by ACORN contains dozens of names of professional athletes, celebrity actors and members of Congress. Ironically, one of the fraudulent voter registration names submitted by an ACORN worker was John McKay, the former U.S. Attorney who refused to prosecute vote fraud. And when not using famous people's names, ACORN workers simply made up nonsensical names—Maple Rock, Fruto Boy, Echo Slaughter and Stormi Bays.

"ACORN workers forged the names of many current and former Seattle Sonics players, including Gary Payton, Danny Fortson and Johan Petro," said McCabe. "If I had forged any of those names on a check one year ago, I would be in the seventh month of my incarceration," he said. "Why have ACORN workers been allowed to forge thousands of names on voter registration cards?"

*Known as the "voice of the housing industry," the Building Industry Association of Washington is the largest trade association in Washington State, representing over 350,000 families and 12,700 member companies involved in the homebuilding business.*