

Respondent Name
De'Sean Quinn
Complainant Name
Glen Morgan
Complaint Description
<p><a href="#">Glen Morgan</a> (Mon, 28 Jun 2021 at 4:17 PM)</p> <p>To whom it concerns,</p> <p>It has come to my attention that incumbent De'Sean Quinn has already violated multiple provisions of <b>RCW 42.17A</b> during his 2021 re-election campaign for Tukwila City Council. The violations are detailed as follows:</p> <p><b>1. Failure to report (or attempt to conceal) campaign expenditures, failure to file accurate and timely C4 (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235, .240, see WAC 390-16-037)</b></p> <p>Per his C1 filed with the PDC, Quinn began his campaign on April 14, 2021. Therefore, his first monthly C4 should have been filed by May 10, 2021, however his first and only C4 thus far wasn't filed until June 9th, 2021, but it did not include anything related to his website creation, domain name, web hosting, or photography. Yet, he already had a website in May 2021. (See next item.)</p> <p><b>2. Failure to properly identify who paid for the campaign website (Violation of RCW 42.17A.320)</b></p> <p>At the bottom of Quinn's webpage attached (Printed May 20, 2021) he shows "Paid for De'Sean Quinn." This does not match the campaign name on his C1, which should be "People for De'Sean Quinn" (please note, the screen capture I'm providing as an example from his campaign website clearly shows this mistake, but it also looks like they might have partially corrected it later - regardless it is a violation)</p> <p><b>3. Failure to report (or attempt to conceal) campaign expenditures from the public (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240, .235, WAC 390-16-037)</b></p> <p>I've attached the webpage source for Quinn's "About De'Sean" web page. In 3 places in this source file it says, "All photos by Jacqueline Olivia Photography" however, nowhere in Quinn's campaign records does he ever mention paying Jacqueline Olivia Photography for any services. Since her photography services appear to be an established business, her work has commercial value. Therefore, either Quinn</p>

should have included this expense on a C4, or account for her services as an in-kind contribution of commensurate market value.

It should be noted that Mr. Quinn is not a new-comer to campaign finance laws, having run for office many times, and being both warned and fined by the PDC in the past. When establishing corrective actions and penalties, the PDC should consider Quinn's long history as a serial violator of campaign finance laws.

For more background on this candidate and to ensure that this complaint is placed in the proper context, this incumbent candidate has extensive experience both violating Washington State's campaign finance laws and also being reminded or warned by the PDC for these violations. Please see the following:

1. **PDC Case #10-119** – June 18, 2010 settled with a PDC issued **fine of \$100** for Mr. Quinn's failure to follow the state's campaign finance laws (see attached settlement)

2. **PDC Case #1258** – settled with a **reminder letter** from the PDC for false implication as an incumbent by a supportive PAC (see attached)

3. **PDC Case #16801** - April 14, 2017 complaint, **formal warning letter** issued by PDC to Mr. Quinn on June 7, 2017 for his various violations of campaign finance laws (see attached)

4. **PDC Case #17965** – May 9, 2017 complaint, **formal warning letter** issued by PDC to Mr. Quinn on June 7, 2017 for his various violations of campaign finance laws (see attached)

5. **PDC Case #20957** – June 27, 2017 complaint, **reminder letter** from PDC to Mr. Quinn on October 6, 2017 failure to report reimbursement of overlimit contributions (see attached)

6. **PDC Case #24240** – Aug 17, 2017 complaint, **reminder letter** from PDC to Mr. Quinn in January 2019 (see attached) (failure to list debts or in-kind contributions)

7. **PDC Case #25497** – Sept 22, 2017 complaint, **reminder letter** from PDC to Mr. Quinn in January 2019 (see attached) (failure to timely file reports or provide sponsor ID on Facebook posts)

8. **PDC Case #25972** – October 4, 2017 complaint, **reminder letter** from PDC to Mr. Quinn in January 2019 (see attached) (failure to timely file and breakdown expenditures)

9. **PDC Case #27229** - November 2, 2017 complaint, **reminder letter** from PDC to Mr. Quinn in January 2019 (see attached) (failure to timely report or break down expenditures)

In summary, Mr. Quinn has paid a fine, received warning letters, and received many reminder letters from the PDC since his time in public office over the past 12 years. He is an experienced candidate and experienced with a failure to comply with Washington State's campaign finance laws. At some point, it might be worthwhile for the PDC to recommend remedial PDC compliance training as part of settling this candidate's most recent complaint. I will also point out that the treasurers for Mr. Quinn's various campaigns have changed over the years, but the pattern of violating the law has not. Perhaps this time will indeed be different with a little help from the PDC.

Additionally, in early 2008, following his failed 2007 campaign, where he finished last place behind 2 other candidates, De'Sean Quinn was appointed to the Tukwila City Council by the other Council Members to fill a vacancy left when Jim Haggerton was elected as Tukwila Mayor. Yet after all this time, Quinn has evidently struggles with the spelling of "Tukwila" because he spelled it "Tuikwila" in the email address included at the bottom of each page of his website.

( [info@quinnfortuikwila.com](mailto:info@quinnfortuikwila.com) ). This concerns me because a failure to provide accurate contact information for a candidate can also introduce additional problems with compliance if both constituents, donors, and enforcement agencies are not able to contact him via a valid email address (I will grant Mr. Quinn the benefit of the doubt that this was not an intentional effort to conceal his contact information from the public)

If you have further questions about this complaint, feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

#### **What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?**

The public needs to know how this campaign is spending their money, if this campaign is concealing expenditures from the public, if vendors are concealing their assistance to this campaign, who is paying for the website, and the public deserves an accurate email where the city name "Tukwila" is spelled correctly.

<b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Current C1 (referenced, but not attached)</li> <li>2. Screen Capture of the website from a few weeks ago</li> <li>3. June C4 (the May one is missing)</li> <li>4. A variety of previous settlements, warning letters, and reminders letters from the PDC against this candidate for a very prolific history of campaign finance violations.</li> </ol>
<b>List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them</b>
The treasurer, the website vendor, probably the missing photographer, and the candidate himself could all be helpful in clearing up this mess.
<b>Certification (Complainant)</b>
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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June 7, 2017

Sent electronically to De'Sean Quinn "Deseanquinn@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Cases 16801 & 17965  
Formal Written Warning

Dear Mr. Quinn:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning complaints filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on April 14, 2017 and May 9, 2017. The complaints alleged that you may have violated Chapter 42.17A RCW on multiple occasions by: (1) not accurately and timely filing reports of Monetary Contributions (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Report of Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions, expenditures, and debts and obligations incurred by the Campaign; (2) failing to timely and accurately disclose all required information on the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) as required; and (3) failing to disclose required personal financial information on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report).

As noted in the enclosed letter, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in these two complaints. However, PDC staff has concluded that your Campaign failed to comply with some of the disclosure requirements concerning the C-1, C-3, C-4 and F-1 reports, but those appear to constitute minor or technical violations of RCW 42.17A or WAC 390.

In accordance with WAC 390-73-060(1)(b), this letter constitutes a Formal Written Warning to you concerning your Campaigns failure to comply with the disclosure requirements for breaking down sub-vendors for Campaign expenditures, the timely refunding of contributions that exceeded campaign limits, and the disclosure of personal financial information on the F-1 report. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if you are found in violation of RCW 42.17A or WAC 390 in the future.

If you have questions, you may respond to the email to which this letter is attached, or contact Fox Blackhorn at 360.753.1980 or [fox.blackhorn@gmail.com](mailto:fox.blackhorn@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Barbara Sandahl

Interim Executive Director

Enclosure: Letter to Glen Morgan





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June 7, 2017

Sent electronically to Glen Morgan "glenmorgan89@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaints filed against De'Sean Quinn (1-2): PDC Cases 16801 & 17965

Mr. Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed on April 14, 2017 and May 9, 2017. Your complaints alleged that De'Sean Quinn, an incumbent Tukwila City Councilmember seeking election to the office of Mayor of Tukwila in 2015, and seeking re-election to the Tukwila City Council in 2017, violated RCW 42.17A on multiple occasions, as detailed below.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations in light of PDC laws and rules in order to determine whether a formal investigation or enforcement action is warranted. Staff reviewed: (1) your complaint; (2) the PDC database for contribution and expenditure information for Mr. Quinn; (3) Candidate's Registration reports (C-1 reports), Monetary Contributions reports (C-3 reports), and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), filed by the Campaign to Elect De'Sean Quinn (Campaign); (4) the Personal Financial Affairs Statements and Amendments (F-1 report) filed by Mr. Quinn; and (5) the emailed responses from Mr. Quinn. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

**Complaint 16801**

**Allegation One: Accepting over-limit contributions, failure to refund over-limit contribution within 10 business days.**

The complaint alleged that the Campaign to Elect De'Sean Quinn for Tukwila Mayor (Campaign) failed to: (1) timely refund over-limit contributions when he became aware that his name would not be appearing on the 2015 primary election ballot.

- During the period April 23, 2015 through October 03, 2015, the Campaign received and deposited contributions from SEIU Healthcare 1199 NW, Washington Teamsters Legislative League, Great Wall Investment Group LTD, Martha Kongsgaard, and the MLK Jr. County Labor Council Committee.
- The contributions made by the above listed groups were designated on the C-3 reports separately as primary contributions and general contributions. None of the contributions received by the Campaign exceeded the limit for separate primary and general elections.

- Since only two candidates filed for the office of Mayor of Tukwila in 2015, in accordance with Election Law, neither candidates name appeared on the primary ballot. Thus, both candidates, including Mr. Quinn, were only eligible to receive one \$950 contribution from each contributor for the entire 2015 entire election cycle.
- The Campaign should have refunded the over-limit contributions within 10 business days, but failed to timely do so. When Mr. Quinn became aware of this issue, he refunded the over-limit contributions that had been received by his Campaign, and he has been actively seeking advice and assistance from PDC staff to ensure that the over-limit contributions are properly refunded and disclosed.

The Campaign acknowledged receiving \$2,050 in over-limit contributions that should have been timely refunded. These contributions constituted roughly .05% of the total contributions received by the Campaign in 2015. Mr. Quinn refunded all over-limit contributions on April 27, 2017, and has been diligent in engaging with Commission staff to ensure proper reporting.

**Allegation Two: Failure to timely file Candidate Registration (C-1 report) for 2017.**

The complaint alleged Mr. Quinn became a candidate for the 2017 election when his campaign treasurer renewed the domain name [www.deseanquinn.com](http://www.deseanquinn.com) on February 16, 2017, and that he failed to timely file his C-1 report within two weeks of that renewal.

- Mr. Quinn asserts that he had not decided whether to run for re-election to office at the time that the domain registration was renewed. He stated he merely renewed the domain name to keep ownership of the name, and that his Campaign Treasurer paid the domain registration renewal fee using his personal funds.
- Mr. Quinn stated that he will reimburse his Treasurer using personal funds, and he indicated that he has “not used this domain name since 2008 and will not use it in 2017.” He stated that when the initial complaint was filed, the domain name was not in use by the candidate, and remains inactive today.

**Allegation Three: Failure to timely file C-3 & C-4 reports on the day C-1 is filed.**

The Complaint alleged that Mr. Quinn was required to file a C-3 report for a personal contribution to his 2015 campaign on the same date that he filed his C-1 report (March 10, 2015).

- Mr. Quinn stated that he wrote the check making a personal contribution to his Campaign on March 7, 2015, delivered the check to his Treasurer on March 9, 2015, and deposited into the Campaign bank account on March 12, 2015 (despite listing March 7, 2015 on the C-3 report as the date deposited).
- On March 10, 2015, Mr. Quinn filed his C-1 report seeking the office of Tukwila Mayor. Since the \$100 in personal funds was not deposited until March 12, 2015, the C-3 report was timely filed on March 12, 2015.



**Allegation Four: Failure to timely file accurate, timely C3 and C4 reports.**

The complaint alleges that Mr. Quinn failed to accurately and timely report contributions and expenditures on C-3 and C-4 reports due to have been filed on September 14, 2015; July 10, 2015; and March 10, 2017.

- The complaint alleged that the Campaign failed to timely file a C-3 report for a \$200 contribution received from Frank Donahue. While the contribution received from Mr. Donahue appears to have been disclosed late by the Campaign, Mr. Quinn stated that the contribution was an NSF check as noted by the Campaigns attempt to make a correction by filing an amended C-3 report to reduce that contribution amount to zero.
- The complaint alleged that the Campaign failed to timely disclose a \$500 refund for a damage deposit received for the Campaign's rental of the Tukwila Community Center. He stated that the Tukwila Community Center "has a process for examining premises rented and then processing refunds depending on if damage occurred."
- Mr. Quinn stated that the Campaign was informed that the damage deposit would be credited back between 4-6 weeks after receipt of deposit payment, and when the Campaign received the refund checks, they filed an amended C-4 report disclosing that activity. The amended C-4 report was timely filed in this instance.

**Allegation Five: Failure to accurately, timely report debt.**

The complaint alleges that Mr. Quinn failed to accurately and timely report 36 debts or obligations greater than \$250 from C-4 filings from March 2015 to November 2015.

- Mr. Quinn stated that his Campaign has been advised by PDC staff that vendors who perform ministerial services such as those performed by Campaign treasurers and fundraisers, and other recurring expenditures for ongoing Campaign activities should be reported as expenditures in the month paid, and not as debts or outstanding obligations. He stated that none of the items noted in this allegation was reportable as Campaign debt, and he noted this was highlighted in the PDC-sponsored training that was attended by his Campaign.

**Allegation Six: Failure to properly break down expenses.**

The complaint alleges that the Campaign failed to adequately provide a breakdown of the sub-vendors and purposes for 16 expenditures, including expenditures made by Winpower Strategies.

- While the Campaign timely disclosed the expenditures made to Winpower Strategies and list the purpose, the Campaign failed to provide a breakdown of the sub-vendors that ultimately provided the work for the goods or services.



- No evidence was offered or provided to support the assertion that the three Campaign expenditures made to Capitol City Press in September and October of 2015 totaling \$478.16 each, should have been for a different amount.
- Mr. Quinn stated that his Campaign was advised at a PDC training to list the vendor, address of vendor, and what the vendor provided, although the Campaign did not provide the required breakdown of sub-vendor expenditures for firms acting on behalf of the candidate as required under WAC 390-16-205.

**Allegation Seven: Failure to report expenditure/in-kind contribution for mailing list.**

The complaint alleges that Mr. Quinn failed to list his use of mailing lists of registered voters as an expenditure or in-kind contribution. Mr. Quinn stated that his Campaign timely disclosed making a \$73.52 expenditure to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee on July 15, 2015, as noted on the August 10, 2015 C-4 report.

**Allegation Eight: Failure to list Jean Blackburn and Winpower Strategies as committee officers.**

The complaint alleges that Mr. Quinn failed to list Jean Blackburn and Winpower Strategies as committee officers and principal decision makers on the C-1 report.

- Mr. Quinn stated that he was the person “with ultimate authority over all strategic and policy decisions and expenditures” for his Campaign, and that Winpower Strategies was his Campaign consultant and did not make any strategic or policy decisions and was not authorized to make expenditure decisions for his Campaign without his approval.
- Mr. Quinn stated Jean Blackburn was his campaign manager and treasurer, but she did not make any strategic or policy decisions and was not authorized to make expenditure decisions for my campaign without his approval.

**Allegation Nine: Illegal unauthorized expenditure of funds by an individual not listed as an officer on C-1 form.**

The complaint alleges that Jean Blackburn and Winpower Strategies are committee officers and therefore made unauthorized expenditures on behalf of the committee since they are not listed on the C-1 candidate registration statement. Ms. Blackburn and Winpower Strategies did not make any strategic or policy decisions as noted above, and thus were not required to be listed as officers on the C-1 report.

**Allegation Ten: Failure to acknowledge understanding of RCW 42.17A.555.**

The complaint alleges that as an incumbent, Mr. Quinn was required on his F-1 statement to certify his understanding of RCW 42.17A.555, and failed to do so. Mr. Quinn acknowledged this minor and technical oversight on his part when he filed his F-1 report.

**Allegation Eleven: Failure to timely submit accurate F-1.**

The complaint alleges that Mr. Quinn was required to list ownership of his \$295,000 home in Tukwila on his 2016 and 2017 F-1 statements.

- Mr. Quinn disclosed the purchase of his home in Tukwila on his initial F-1 report that he filed as a candidate for office in 2007, and listed his home ownership on the F-1 filed in 2008.
- Mr. Quinn failed to disclose his personal residence in the real estate section for the F-1 reports he filed in subsequent years, but he filed several amended F-1 report on April 23, 2017, disclosing this information.

**Allegation Twelve: Failure to accurately disclose ownership of Employer-Sponsored Retirement Accounts as an asset.**

The complaint alleges that Mr. Quinn was required to list the value of the employer-sponsored retirement accounts for himself and his spouse as assets on his F-1 statements, and failed to do so. Mr. Quinn acknowledges this oversight and he has filed F-1 reports disclosing that information.

**Allegation Thirteen: Failure to disclose offices held on non-profit boards.**

The complaint alleges that Mr. Quinn failed to properly disclose his positions as a board member for Forterra NW and OneAmerica on his F-1 reports.

- Mr. Quinn stated that he did not believe that he was required to disclose his positions as an "unpaid member" on two non-profit boards.
- In accordance with WAC 390-24-150(1)(a), Mr. Quinn was only required to disclose his membership on boards where he serves as "President, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or some derivation thereof." While Mr. Quinn did not serve as an officer on either Forterra NW or OneAmerica, he disclosed his membership on the F-1 report filed on April 4, 2017.

**Complaint 16801 - Supplement: Failure to disclose potential conflict of interest while voting to approve contract for City of Tukwila.**

The complaint alleges a violation of Chapter 42.23 RCW, the Code of Ethics for Municipal Officers. RCW 42.23 is not under the authority or the jurisdiction of the Public Disclosure Commission.

**Complaint 17965: Failure to disclose offices held on for-profit boards.**

The complaint alleges that Mr. Quinn failed to properly certify his membership on the board of Forterra Strong Communities Fund Manager, LLC.

- Mr. Quinn's membership on the board of Forterra Strong Communities Fund Manager LLC does not meet the definition of an officer as noted above.

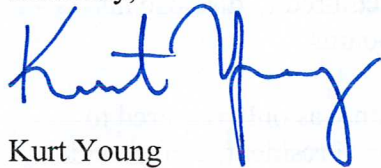
Based on these findings, PDC staff has determined that in this instance, Mr. Quinn's failure to timely disclose contribution and expenditure activities on C-3 and C-4 reports, and the disclosure of debts on the C-4 reports filed by his Campaign does not rise to the level of material violation warranting further investigation. Staff noted that Mr. Quinn has continued to make "good faith attempts" to comply with the law and has corrected any mistakes as soon as his Campaign became aware they were required to have been reported. In addition, Mr. Quinn has been very forthcoming with acknowledging mistakes, and has been diligent in seeking assistance from PDC staff to correct and amend his Campaign reports.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), De'Sean Quinn will receive a formal written warning concerning his failure to comply with the disclosure requirements for breaking down sub-vendors for Campaign expenditures, the timely refunding of contributions that exceeded campaign limits, and the timely disclosure of personal financial information on the F-1 report as noted above. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules by De'Sean Quinn.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



Kurt Young  
PDC Compliance Officer

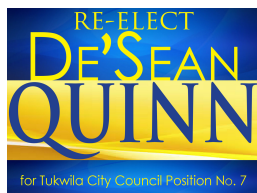
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cc: De'Sean Quinn





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# Husband, Father, and dedicated Public Servant

Serving the people of Tukwila has been an honor and a privilege, and I ask for your support once again to continue my work improving the lives of all the residents who call our city home

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## Priorities for Tukwila

### Revitalization and Support for Our Neighborhoods

I will create an opportunity fund for neighborhoods across Tukwila that will help identify, improve and fund projects in partnership with residents, building a coalition of neighborhood residents to

### Strengthening Our Economy

To prepare for the continued and future increase in Tukwila's population growth, I will ensure that the city's resources are better implemented to support our critical infrastructure and which includes improving broadband access. I continued to support the growth of

### Prepare for the Future

I have always championed programs that allow our seniors to age in place and provide programs that support resident's ability to fully achieve their quality of life.

address safety,  
infrastructure needs and  
park amenities.

small and local businesses  
that enhance the quality  
of life of our residents.

## Priorities for Tukwila

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"Something I hear all the time is that those who are closest to the pain and to the solution are furthest from the power to make the change."

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Quinn, the Tukwila Council president, said that innovative partnerships between cities and businesses will have to generate income for the time being.

"We all have a responsibility to protect one another," Quinn said.

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"I feel strongly it's appropriate to add [community members] to keep us all together and communicating, because when we aren't, that's when it gets contentious," he [De'Sean Quinn] said.

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NAME: Desean A. Quinn

# **PENALTY PAID**

Date Paid: 06/18/10

Check No: 1481

Case No: 10-119

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## STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

F-1 Report Due April 15, 2010

I hereby acknowledge that I, De'Sean Quinn  
(Printed Name of Respondent) pl. return to Jon  
timely file the Personal Financial Affairs Statement, PDC Form F-1, the w/pp'sheet  
by April 15, 2010 – a violation of RCW 42.17.240. I want to avoid the 1  
expense resulting from an enforcement hearing before the Commission Taxi  
Therefore, I am filing the F-1 form and enclosing a check or money order in the  
amount of \$100, in lieu of a hearing being held. ja

I understand that this will resolve all issues regarding my failure to timely file the  
F-1 report, provided that a check or money order for \$100, the completed F-1  
form, and this signed Statement of Understanding are received by the Public  
Disclosure Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. I  
further understand that the Commission will not hold a hearing regarding my  
obligation to timely file the F-1 form that was due as described above.

  
Signature of Respondent

6-16-10  
Date Signed

Mail or deliver this Statement of Understanding, your completed F-1 form and  
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October 6, 2017

Delivered electronically to "deseanquinn@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 20957

Dear De'Sean Quinn:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning the third complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on June 27, 2017. The complaint alleged that you may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to report reimbursement of over-limit contributions. A copy of the complaint was previously sent to you.

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the contribution limits set forth by the will of the people, as codified in RCW 42.17A.405 and WAC 390-05-400. Per WAC 390-17-301, once the appropriate elections official determines that no primary election shall be held, it is incumbent upon candidates to return any excess contributions.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Fox Blackhorn  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

Peter Lavalley  
Executive Director

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October 6, 2017

Delivered electronically to "glenmorgan89@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding De'Sean Quinn (3), PDC Case 20957

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on June 26, 2017. Your complaint alleged that De'Sean Quinn may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to report reimbursement of over-limit contributions.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- During his 2015 mayoral campaign, De'Sean Quinn accepted four over-limit contributions. Each contributor had designated separate contributions for the primary and the general election, but no primary was held for this race. As such, per WAC 390-17-301, all primary contributions were applied to the contribution limit for the general election, and contributions in excess of the general limit were required to be refunded.
- On April 27, 2017, De'Sean Quinn issued refund checks for the four over-limit contributions and provided documentation to PDC Staff of check issuance and cashing.
- The returned contributions were reported on the C-4 filed on June 28, 2017, covering the reporting period of 1/1/16-4/30/17.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, failure to timely report refunds for over-limit contributions does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding De'Sean Quinn about the importance of the contribution limits set forth by the will of the people, as codified in RCW 42.17A.405 and WAC 390-05-400. Per WAC 390-17-301, once the appropriate elections official determines that no primary election shall be held, it is incumbent upon candidates to return any excess contributions.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.



If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



Fox Blackhorn  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,



Peter Bavalice  
Executive Director

cc: De'Sean Quinn



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January 7, 2019

Delivered electronically to "deseanquinn@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaints filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case Nos. 24240, 25497, 25972, & 27229

Dear De'Sean Quinn:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of accurate and complete disclosure of sponsor identification on all political advertising, as well as the timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities, including the in-kind contributions, and the timely filings of all future PDC reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

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Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Fox Blackhorn  
Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
Deputy Director  
For Peter Lavallee  
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January 7, 2019

Delivered electronically to "glen@wethegoverned.com"

Subject: Complaints regarding De'Sean Quinn (5-8), PDC Case Nos. 24240, 25497, 25972, & 27229

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed between August 17, 2017 and November 3, 2017. Your complaints alleged De'Sean Quinn may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign; RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to accurately and completely disclose debts and obligations, to breakdown expenditure details in accordance with WAC 390-16-037, and sub-vendor breakdowns in accordance with WAC 390-16-205; and RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to disclose sponsor identification on the Candidate's Facebook page and a slideshow of photos.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses provided by De'Sean Quinn; the applicable PDC reports filed by Respondent; and queried the Respondent's data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Many of the alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 were for amendments to timely filed C-3 and C-4 reports, which were not a violation under the version of RCW 42.17A.235 in effect at the time. In addition, reports that were addressed in the previous four complaints in this series were realleged, and will not be reexamined.
- Though each of the complaints alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely file C-3 and C-4 reports on the accelerated pre-Primary schedule, De'Sean Quinn did not appear on the Primary ballot and was not required to file accelerated reports until September 1, 2017.
- Within this series of four complaints were two additional C-3 reports that were filed beyond the deadlines set by RCW 42.17A.235: report 100788975 disclosing \$600 in contributions 14 days late, and report 100790543 disclosing \$1,000 in contributions 24 days late. Both reports were filed before the General Election.

- De'Sean Quinn initially failed to report in-kind contributions for legal services related to PDC complaints paid out-of-pocket from a good faith misunderstanding about the requirement, and promptly amended the reports upon notification of non-compliance.
- De'Sean Quinn's Facebook displayed sponsor identification on the *About* page, which is insufficient to meet the one-click exemption for sponsor identification, and a Candidate's Facebook page does not qualify for the media exemption for sponsor identification.
- De'Sean Quinn's Facebook should have displayed sponsor ID somewhere on the main page, so that any voter may click past a post to see who sponsored the advertising.
- Political advertising is defined by RCW 42.17A.005(39) as mass communications used for the purpose of "*appealing, directly or indirectly, for votes or for financial or other support or opposition in any election campaign.*" This includes political advertising for which no funds are expended, but solicitation of financial or vote support is made.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely report contributions and expenditures, report in-kind contributions for legal services, and provide complete sponsor identification on the front page of the Candidate's Facebook do not amount to actual violations warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding De'Sean Quinn about the importance of accurate and complete disclosure of sponsor identification on all political advertising, as well as the timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities, including the in-kind contributions, and the timely filings of all future PDC reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fox Blackhorn  
 Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Barbara Sandahl  
 Deputy Director  
 For Peter Lavalley  
 Executive Director

cc: De'Sean Quinn



# SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

# C4

(3/97)

PDC OFFICE USE

110025622

06-10-2021

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Include full name)

**D'Sean Quinn (People for De'Sean Quinn)**

Mailing Address

**4636 South 150th Street**

City

**Tukwila, WA**

Zip + 4

**98188**

Office Sought (Candidates)

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Election Date

**2021**

**\*For PACs, Parties & Caucus Committees:** During this report period, did the committee make an independent expenditure (i.e., an expense not considered a contribution) supporting or opposing a state or local candidate?

Report Period Covered

From (last C-4)

To (end of period)

Final Report?

**05/01/21**

**05/31/21**

Yes No **X**

## RECEIPTS

\*See next page

Yes

No

1. Previous total cash and in kind contributions (From line 8, last C-4) (if beginning a new campaign or calendar year, see instruction booklet) ..... \$ **\$0.00**
2. Cash received (From line 2, Schedule A) ..... \$ **\$2,930.00**
3. In kind contributions received (From line 1, Schedule B) ..... **\$150.00**
4. Total cash and in kind contributions received this period (Line 2 plus 3) ..... **\$3,080.00**
5. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L) ..... **\$0.00**
6. Corrections (From line 1 or 3, Schedule C) ..... Show + or (-) **\$0.00**
7. Net adjustments this period (Combine line 5 & 6) ..... Show + or (-) **\$0.00**
8. Total cash and in kind contributions during campaign (Combine lines 1, 4 & 7) ..... **\$3,080.00**
9. Total pledge payments due (From line 2, Schedule B) ..... **\$0.00**

## EXPENDITURES

10. Previous total cash and in kind expenditures (From line 17, last C-4) (If beginning a new campaign or calendar year, see instruction booklet) ..... **\$0.00**
11. Total cash expenditures (From line 4, Schedule A) ..... **\$156.30**
12. In kind expenditures (goods & services) (From line 1, Schedule B) ..... **\$150.00**
13. Total cash and in kind expenditures made this period (Line 11 plus line 12) ..... **\$306.30**
14. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L) ..... **\$0.00**
15. Corrections (From line 2 or 3, Schedule C) ..... Show + or (-) **\$0.00**
16. Net adjustments this period (Combine lines 14 & 15) ..... Show + or (-) **\$0.00**
17. Total cash and in kind expenditures during campaign (Combine lines 10, 13 and 16) ..... **\$306.30**

### CANDIDATES ONLY

Name not

Won

Lost

Unopposed

on ballot

Primary election

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General election

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Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.:

### CASH SUMMARY

18. Cash on hand (Line 8 minus line 17) ..... **\$2,773.70**

[Line 18 should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance.]

19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed) ..... **\$0.00**

20. Balance (Surplus or deficit) (Line 18 minus line 19) ..... **\$2,773.70**

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify that the information herein and on accompanying schedules and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Candidate's Signature

Date

**D'Sean Quinn**

**06/10/21**

Treasurer's Signature

Date

**Jason Bennett**

**06/10/21**

# CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

SCHEDULE  
to C4

**A**  
(11/93)

2

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.)

Report Date

**D'Sean Quinn (People for De'Sean Quinn)**

**05/01/21**

**05/31/21**

1. CASH RECEIPTS (Contributions) which have been reported on C3. List each deposit made since last C4 report was submitted.

Date of deposit	Amount	Date of deposit	Amount	Date of deposit	Amount	Total deposits
05/11/2021	\$1,600.00					
05/20/2021	\$450.00					
05/28/2021	\$880.00					

2. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS

Enter also on line 2 of C4 \$ **\$2,930.00**

**CODES FOR CLASSIFYING EXPENDITURES:** If one of the following codes is used to describe an expenditure, no other description is generally needed. The exceptions are:

- 1) If expenditures are in-kind or earmarked contributions to a candidate or committee or independent expenditures that benefit a candidate or committee, identify the candidate or committee in the Description block;
- 2) When reporting payments to vendors for travel expenses, identify the traveler and travel purpose in the Description block; and
- 3) If expenditures are made directly or indirectly to compensate a person or entity for soliciting signatures on a statewide initiative or referendum petition, use code "V" and provide the following information on an attached sheet: name and address of each person/entity compensated, amount paid each during the reporting period, and cumulative total paid all persons to date to gather signatures.

CODE  
DEFINITIONS  
ON NEXT PAGE

C - Contributions (monetary, in-kind & transfers)  
I - Independent Expenditures  
L - Literature, Brochures, Printing  
B - Broadcast Advertising (Radio, TV)  
N - Newspaper and Periodical Advertising  
O - Other Advertising (yard signs, buttons, etc.)  
V - Voter Signature Gathering

P - Postage, Mailing Permits  
S - Surveys and Polls  
F - Fundraising Event Expenses  
T - Travel, Accommodations, Meals  
M - Management/Consulting Services  
W - Wages, Salaries, Benefits  
G - General Operation and Overhead

### 3. EXPENDITURES

- a) Expenditures of \$50 or less, including those from petty cash, need not be itemized. Add up these expenditures and show the total in the amount column on the first line below..
- b) Itemize each expenditure of more than \$50 by date paid, name and address of vendor, code/description, and amount.
- c) For each payment to a candidate, campaign worker, PR firm, advertising agency or credit card company, attach a list of detailed expenses or copies of receipts/invoices supporting the payment.

Date Paid	Vendor or Recipient (Name and Address)	Code	Purpose of Expense and/or Description	Amount
N/A	Expenses of \$50 or less	N/A	N/A	\$89.89
05/11/21	Anedot 1340 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70112	B	credit card discount fees	\$66.41

Total from attached pages \$ **\$0.00**

4. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES

Enter also on line 11 of C4 \$ **\$156.30**

