

July 21, 2021

Public Disclosure Commission  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I write in response to Mr. Glen Morgan's complaint concerning my 2019 and 2021 campaigns for Federal Way City Council, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the allegations made against my campaign:

**1) Concerning failure to disclose timely and accurately contributions & expenditures**

Given that the previous 2019 campaign and the current 2021 campaign are for different offices, Position 7 and Position 4 on the Federal Way City Council, respectively, there would have been no "previous total cash" at the beginning of the 2021 campaign as funds do not roll over automatically across campaigns for different seats. Regardless, we are thankful that the complaint brought to our attention that the 2019 report filings remained incomplete, for which we have promptly filed the few missing reports as of this response. The lapse was not intentional or malicious, as our campaign values transparency in our elections, and the issue was fixed as soon as we discovered it.

**2) Concerning personal use of campaign funds**

There was no misappropriation of campaign funds as anyone can see from our expenditure report filings. All expenditures were directly campaign-related and pass the personal use test laid out in the PDC guidelines.

**3) Concerning failure to accurately disclose personal financial info on F-1 report**

I do not believe I have failed to disclose personal financial information on my F-1 report. Regardless, I have amended the report to add clarity in the effort to increase transparency.

Thank you again for the opportunity to address these allegations. We always strive to run our campaign with integrity and in full compliance with the law. The small lapses that may have occurred were never intentional nor done to purposefully conceal information from the public. We have done our best to correct the record in a timely manner. We are happy to provide any additional information the PDC may need and answer any further questions.

Sincerely,

Katherine Festa  
Candidate  
Friends of Festa for Council