

File a Formal Complaint - Glen Morgan

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To Whom it May Concern --

It has come to my attention that former Thurston County Commissioner Karen Valenzuela has committed significant and serious violations of **RCW 42.17A** over the past few years since she lost her campaign in 2014. Primarily these violations involve the misuse of her surplus funds leftover from that race. The detailed allegations are as follows:

1. Failure to properly dispose of surplus funds and illegal use of surplus funds for personal use (Violation of RCW 42.17A.430)

It has come to my attention on information and believe that Karen Valenzuela has failed to report the disposition and status of the final surplus funds balance left over from her failed 2014 campaign for the Thurston County Commissioner seat.

As you can see from her final C4 (See **PDC #100623105**), she ended the campaign and the year with \$10,979.54 in her surplus funds account. There is no evidence anywhere in the PDC files which indicates any transfers from Karen Valenzuela's surplus funds account to any bona fide political party. Despite repeated requests to transfer these funds, Valenzuela has always refused to do so. Despite repeated requests to provide these funds to charitable organizations, there is no evidence indicating this has ever been done (**RCW 42.17A.430(4)** would allow for use of surplus funds in this matter). Obviously, she is under no obligation to transfer these funds to the Thurston County Democrats, for example, but I reference this example as additional supporting data and background for this allegation.

It would also be lawful for Valenzuela to use these surplus funds to support a new campaign for the Thurston County Commissioner's race in 2018 (**RCW 42.17A.430(6)**). However, it is clear that Valenzuela will not be running for the Thurston County Commissioner's seat this year and has, in fact, endorsed another candidate.

On information and belief, these funds have been dispersed for illegal personal use by Karen Valenzuela, and an effort to run out the statute of limitations is being made in order to avoid legal liability for this illegal personal use of campaign finance money.

In researching if this money still exists, or how much has been illegally dispersed, it will be critical to request bank statements from 2015 to present in order to verify that funds were not transferred into the bank account at the last minute in order to appear to still be in compliance.

2. **Failure to report the illegal dispersal of surplus funds (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240(10))**

In addition to illegal personal misuse of surplus funds, the actual disposition of these funds has never been reported to the PDC since the final surplus funds of \$10,979.54 were reported at the end of 2014. This is a clear violation of the statute.

The PDC should investigate whether Karen Valenzuela committed the above violations maliciously and/or willfully which would be a class C felony per **RCW 42.17A.750 (2)(c)**. If the PDC determines that is the case, they should refer the case to the Attorney General's office for criminal prosecution immediately.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Please note my email address is glen@wethegoverned.com if you have any questions or need additional allegations.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan