#### **Respondent Name**

WEA Fourth Corner

#### **Complainant Name**

Glen Morgan

#### **Complaint Description**

#### Glen Morgan

(Wed, 21 Jul 2021 at 11:18 PM)

To whom it may concern,

It has recently come to my attention that the WEA Fourth Corner corporation violated campaign disclosure laws per **RCW 42.17A**, during the current 2021 campaign for the Whatcom County Council. The violations are as follows:

 The illegal concealment of large corporate independent expenditures to influence the outcome of an election. Failure to file legally required C-6 reports detailing massive secretive corporate expenditure in support of candidate Rebecca Lewis (Violation of RCW 42.17A.260)

It appears that this corporate entity (which is registered as a "non-profit" corporation in Bellingham Washington – see most recent corporate filing attached) has widely mailed to all "District 3 Voters" and has concealed these expenditures from the public by failing to file any C-6 reports as clearly required by **RCW 42.17A.260**. Photos of these fliers clearly endorsing candidate Rebecca Lewis for the Whatcom County Council position were posted by Rebecca Lewis on her Facebook Page on July 17, 2021 (see attached Facebook Page Screen Capture, and close ups of the photos included in that post).

Please note, this expenditure, if truly to "all District 3 Voters" is easily in excess of the minimum threshold of \$1000 dollars for an independent expenditure to require a C-6 filing as specified in **RCW 42.17A.260(1)(b)(i)**.

The date of this mailer clearly falls within the critical 21 day window of the August election as referenced in **RCW 42.17A.260(1)(a)**.

The campaign support literature mailed out is clearly political in nature and clearly supporting candidate Rebecca Lewis running for Whatcom County Council and who will be on the August ballot.

Please note, this corporate entity is closely affiliated with the WEA, which spends millions of dollars on political activity. It should be noted that the WEA PAC has already maxed out their financial contributions of \$2000 (primary/general) to this candidate already, and this additional secretive independent corporate contribution by one of their subsidiaries is merely a way to avoid full campaign disclosure of their financial involvement in this political race.

This well-funded affiliated corporation (The WEA Fourth Corner) has been in existence in Bellingham since 1972, according to their incorporation documents.

This is a knowing, willful violation of the campaign finance laws.

Best Regards,

#### Glen Morgan

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

A massive, secretive corporate engagement to influence a local political election should not be concealed from the public in violation of state law. The public has a right to know how much coordination, cooperation, and financial support this corporation is giving to Rebecca Lewis, and how much (like this mailer) is being concealed from the public.

#### List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

The most recent incorporation documents for this corporate entity are included for ease of contact by the PDC staff. The photos and FB post by the sponsored candidate who is the beneficiary of this corporate political investment - Rebecca Lewis are included as evidence of the mailer to "all 3rd District voters."

#### List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

The officers of the WEA Fourth Corner for sure, plus the WEA PAC should be interviewed and their bank accounts reviewed to see how much money they transferred to the WEA Fourth Corner to avoid disclosure of an over limit contribution to this campaign. Additionally, the candidate appears to know that this mailer was sent out to "all 3rd District Voters" which implies some level of collusion which should also be investigated.

#### **Certification (Complainant)**

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.

The first election (ever) my daughter is voting in has her mom on the ballot. 💞 😭 🙉 🕷 #happytears

Also, to my surprise, WEA sent this out to all District Three Voters!

Ballots are here everyone.

Vote Rebecca Lewis for District Three!

#investinthree

#lewisforwhatcom3

#primary2021





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# WEA Fourth Corner endorses WEA member

# **REBECCA LEWIS**

for Whatcom County Council, District 3



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Rebecca is a longtime teacher, union member and local president. As a 7th- and 8th-grade teacher who also runs the school's gifted program, Rebecca has been deeply involved in the union. In addition to serving as President of the Sedro-Woolley Education Association, she's an elected representative of WEA Fourth Corner and has represented her local union at both WEA and NEA Representative Assemblies. Together with her husband, who is a Teamster, they are an active and strong labor family. As an educator with over 20 years

of experience with two kids in public schools, one of whom has special needs, Rebecca understands the needs and issues facing our students and will bring proven leadership and a valuable perspective to the County Council.

### **EDUCATORS STAND WITH REBECCA LEWIS**

"We need elected leaders who will listen to the needs of our communities. As a local president and active union member, I know we can count on Rebecca to do just that!"

- Linda Pace, WEA Retired, Mt. Baker EA

"As a member of the interview committee I can tell you that Rebecca was by far the best candidate for Whatcom County Council. Her involvement in our schools and in our union will bring a much-needed voice to the County Council. I hope you'll join me in supporting Rebecca!"

- Summer Stoner, Former WEA Fourth Corner Council President

"As an educator, it's important to me that our elected leaders understand what it's really like in our schools, neighborhoods and communities. I can't think of anyone better than Rebecca to help represent our voice on the County Council."

-Tracie Morris, Ferndale EA

# ABOUT THE ENDORSEMENT PROCESS

To be considered for an endorsement, candidates had to complete a candidate questionnaire. A team of WEA Fourth Corner members then interviewed the eligible candidates and identified the pro-education, pro-labor candidates who it believes would best represent the needs of our students and educators in our community.

Educators know that it's important to hav WEA members representing us in electer office, which is why it was important to make an endorsement in this race. WEA Fourth Corner enthusiastically supports Rebecca Lewis for Whatcom County Council, District 3. Join us in voting for her in the Aug. 3 Primary!

Learn more at:

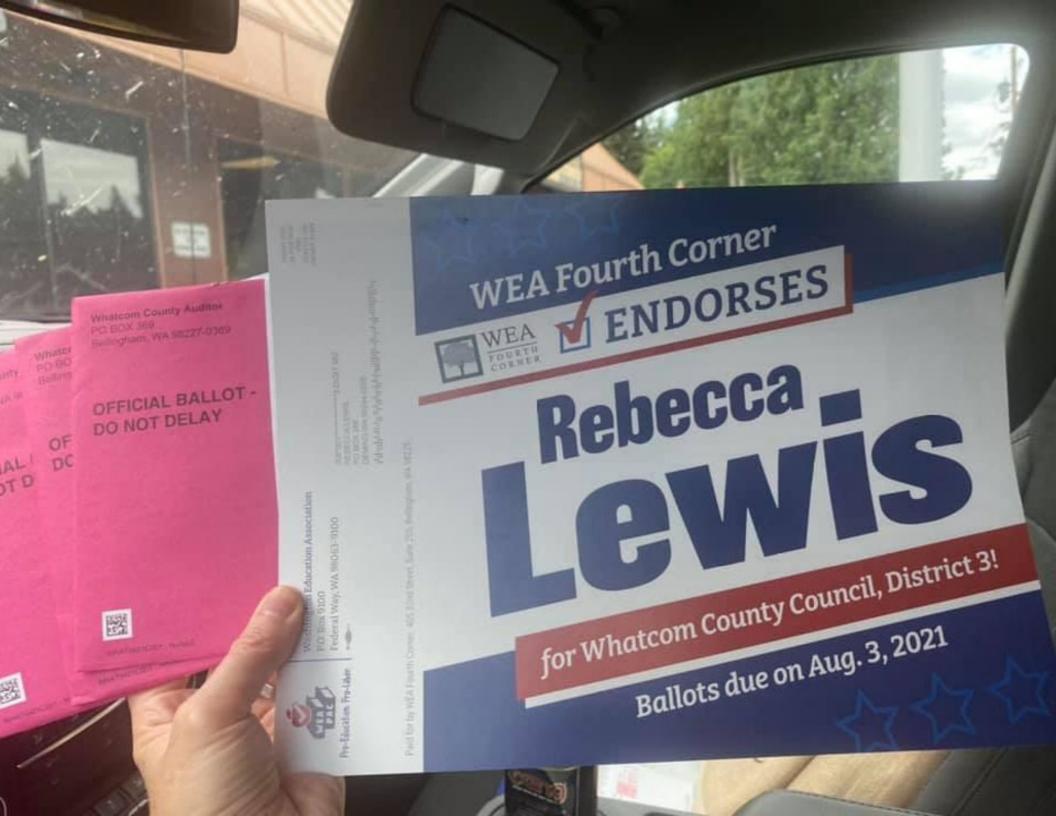
www.LewisForWhatcom3.com

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Whatcom County Council, District 3

RETURN BALLOTS BY: Aug. 3





Filed
Secretary of State
State of Washington
Date Filed: 07/14/2021
Effective Date: 07/14/2021
UBI #: 601 154 124

#### EXPRESS ANNUAL REPORT WITH CHANGES

#### **BUSINESS INFORMATION**

**Business Name:** 

WEA FOURTH CORNER

UBI Number: **601 154 124** 

Business Type:

WA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

**Business Status:** 

**ACTIVE** 

Principal Office Street Address:

405 32ND ST, SUITE 205, BELLINGHAM, WA, 98225-0950, UNITED STATES

Principal Office Mailing Address:

405 32ND ST, SUITE 205, BELLINGHAM, WA, 98225-0950, UNITED STATES

Expiration Date: **11/30/2022** 

Jurisdiction:

UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

Formation/Registration Date:

11/24/1972

Period of Duration:

**PERPETUAL** 

Inactive Date:

Nature of Business:

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, LABOR UNION

#### REGISTERED AGENT RCW 23.95.410

#### **Registered Agent Name Street Address**

**Mailing Address** 

JENNIFER WOLF 405 32ND ST STE 205, BELLINGHAM, WA, 98225-0950, UNITED STATES

# PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Phone:

3606475850

Email:

JWOLF@WASHINGTONEA.ORG

Street Address:

Work Order #: 2021071400425386 - 1 Received Date: 07/14/2021

**Amount Received: \$10.00** 

405 32ND ST, SUITE 205, BELLINGHAM, WA, 98225-0950, USA

Mailing Address:

405 32ND ST, SUITE 205, BELLINGHAM, WA, 98225-0950, USA

#### **GOVERNORS**

Title	Туре	<b>Entity Name</b>	First Name	Last Name
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		CAMERON	MUNRO
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		MICHAEL	FISHER
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		JASON	KLEIN
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		LIZA	BANCROFT
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		RITA	PETERSON
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		ALYSE	SEHLIN
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		SUSAN	SMITH
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		TODD	MCLAUGHLIN
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		KYLA	STRUPP
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		IVY	LEVERENZ

#### NATURE OF BUSINESS

- PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
- LABOR UNION

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Effective Date: 07/14/2021

#### CONTROLLING INTEREST

- 1. Does your entity own real property such as land or buildings (including leasehold interests) in Washington?
- 2. As of January 1, 2019, has there been a transfer of stock, other financial interest change, or an option agreement exercised that resulted in a transfer of at least  $16\frac{2}{3}$  percent interest in the entity?
- a. If "yes", has the transfer of stock, other financial interest change, or an option agreement exercised resulted in a transfer of controlling interest (50 percent or greater)?

NO

3. As of January 1, 2019, has an option agreement been executed allowing for the future purchase or acquisition of the entity? **NO** 

You must report a Controlling Interest Transfer Return IF: you answered "yes" to questions 1 AND 2a.

Failure to report a Controlling Interest Transfer is subject to penalty provisions of <a href="RCW 82.45.220">RCW 82.45.220</a>.

For more information on **Controlling Interest**, visit <u>www.dor.wa.gov/REET</u>.

## RETURN ADDRESS FOR THIS FILING

Attention:

JENNIFER WOLF

Email:

JWOLF@WASHINGTONEA.ORG

Address:

405 32ND ST, SUITE 205, BELLINGHAM, WA, 98225-0950, USA

## **AUTHORIZED PERSON**

Person Type:

**INDIVIDUAL** 

First Name:

**JENNIFER** 

Last Name:

**WOLF** 

Title:

#### FIELD ASSISTANT

This document is hereby executed under penalty of law and is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

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