

Respondent Names
45th Legislative District Democrats - Exempt
Complainant Name
Glen Morgan
Complaint Description
<p><u>Glen Morgan</u> reported via the portal (Thu, 30 Dec 2021 at 6:01 PM)</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>It has recently come to my attention that the 45th Legislative District Democrats (Exempt) appear to have violated Washington State’s campaign finance laws. The details are as follows:</p> <p>1) Failure to properly identify as a sponsored committee (Violation of RCW 42.17A.005(47)(b)(i), WAC 390-16-011A)</p> <p>This Party political committee received more than 80% of its funding from one donation from one source. Specifically, the Eastside Democratic Dinner Committee PAC (See the PDC filings from this committee – they only reported nine cents of “miscellaneous” income in addition to this \$7500 contribution. So, to be fair, during the 2021 calendar year, at least starting in September, they should have corrected their C1PC and renamed themselves the “45th Legislative District Democrats (Exempt) sponsored by the Eastside Democratic Dinner Committee PAC,” but they did not follow the law.</p> <p>The law is very clear, as WAC 390-16-011A clearly states:</p> <p><i>“A sponsored political committee must amend its C-1pc sixty days before an election in which it participates if the committee's name on its most recently filed C-1pc does not include at least one current sponsor.”</i></p> <p>This political committee failed to comply with the law and correct it’s C1PC documents to properly reflect that it was a wholly sponsored PAC with nearly 100% of its funding coming from another PAC. This was a flagrant effort to conceal the truth when using those same funding to provide extensive voter communication. This failure to properly correct its name means that every single mailer this organization distributed had inaccurate sponsorship information indicated in the Paid for disclaimer as well.</p> <p>According to the C4s filed by this PAC, it appears they mailed or distributed about 26,000 brochures during the recent 2021 election.</p> <p>Flagrant and significant violations of the Washington State Campaign finance laws like this should result in at least a formal warning in order to ensure that violations like this do not become habitual or repeated in the future.</p>

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public has a right to know if a PAC attempts to conceal the fact that it is actually a sponsored committee controlled and funded from one outside PAC source. This is why the sponsorship committee naming convention requirements were drafted to avoid efforts to conceal the sponsorship as we done by this PAC during the 2021 elections as they mailed and distributed 26,000 political campaign brochures with inaccurate sponsorship information on the mailers

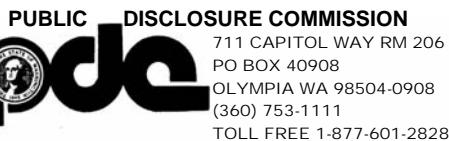
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

The 100% controlling financial sponsorship contribution C3 is attached and referenced

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

The entire list of officers should be contacted about these violations.

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.



CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

C3

(1/02)

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE USE

110045393

09-07-2021

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

45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS - EXEMPT

Mailing Address

PO BOX 2784

City

Zip + 4

Office Sought (candidates)

Election Date

REDMOND, WA

98073

2021

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date Received	Amount	Total
a. Anonymous		
b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c)		
c. Loans, notes, security agreements. Attach Schedule L		
d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other). Attach explanation		
e. Small contributions \$25.00 or less not itemized and number of persons giving (persons)		

2. CONTRIBUTIONS OVER \$25.00

Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	Contributions of more than \$100: Employer's Name, City and State	P R I N T	G E N E R A L	Amount	Aggregate* Total
08/31/21	THE EASTSIDE DEMOCRATS 5802 298th AV NE Carnation, WA 98014				\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Sub-total			\$7,500.00	
		Amount from attached pages			\$0.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional pages are attached					*See reverse

3. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT

Sum of parts 1 and 2 above. Enter this amount in line 1, Schedule A to C4.

4. Date of Deposit

08/31/21

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.: (503) 706-2719

I certify that this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge

Treasurer's Signature

Date _____

CHRISTINE L ACKERMAN

09-07-2021