

Respondent Names
Barry Buchanan
Complainant Name
Glen Morgan
Complaint Description
<p>Glen Morgan 6 Jan 2022</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>It has recently come to my attention that Barry Buchanan has violated campaign disclosure laws per RCW 42.17A, during his 2021 and 2017 campaigns for the Whatcom County Council. The violations are as follows:</p> <p>1. Theft or misappropriation of campaign funds for personal use (Violation of RCW 42.17A.445, WAC 390-16-238, also, due to the nature of this very serious violation – please reference RCW 42.17A.750, and .755)</p> <p>On Buchanan’s last C4 for his 2017 campaign for the Whatcom County Council (see PDC C4 #100804898 dated December 13, 2017) he showed a closing balance of \$2,933.20, yet on his beginning C4 for his 2021 campaign (see PDC C4 #110016427 dated 04-12-2021) he shows zero (\$0) for "Previous total cash and in-kind contributions". What happened to nearly \$3K from his prior campaign? Both C4s are attached for reference.</p> <p>Due to the size of missing or misappropriated campaign funds which apparently have illegally been used by the candidate, I have referenced both RCW 42.17A.750 and .755 for reference due to the potential criminal level of activity this violation may have become (over \$2,900 missing funds).</p> <p>Feel free to let me know if you need any additional information about this one.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p> <p>Glen Morgan</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>The public has a right to know if their elected officials have stolen or concealed campaign funds and illegally used these funds for personal use. If these politicians are willing to break the law and steal money from their own political campaigns, then this is a good indication of the type of politician they will become when they get access to the big bucks in the gravy train of local government.</p>

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
C4s are referenced by PDC tracking number in the complaint and attached
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
Barry, his consultant "Argo Strategies" who is charging for "compliance" and his treasurer.
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.

SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

C4
(3/97)

PDC OFFICE USE
 110016427
 AMENDS
 110015380
 04-12-2021

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

Barry Buchanan (Elect Barry Buchanan)

Mailing Address

2317 D Street

City

Bellingham, WA

Zip + 4

98225

Office Sought (Candidates)

COUNTY 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)

03/01/21

To (end of period)

03/31/21

Final Report?

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)	\$	\$1,210.00
3. In kind contributions received (From line 1, Schedule B)		\$0.00
4. Total cash and in kind contributions received this period (Line 2 plus 3)		\$1,210.00
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)		\$1,210.00
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)		\$9.65
12. In kind expenditures (goods & services) (From line 1, Schedule B)		\$0.00
13. Total cash and in kind expenditures made this period (Line 11 plus line 12)		\$9.65
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)		\$9.65

CANDIDATES ONLY	Won	Lost	Unopposed	Name not on ballot
Primary election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.:

CASH SUMMARY

18. Cash on hand (Line 8 minus line 17)	\$1,200.35
[Line 18 should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance.]	
19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed)	\$1,500.00
20. Balance (Surplus or deficit) (Line 18 minus line 19)	(\$299.65)

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	Treasurer's Signature	Date
Barry Buchanan	04/12/21	Jason Bennett	04/12/21

CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

SCHEDULE
to C4

A
(11/93)

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

Report Date

Barry Buchanan (Elect Barry Buchanan)

03/01/21

03/31/21

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
03/03/2021	\$250.00					
03/31/2021	\$960.00					

2. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS

Enter also on line 2 of C4 \$ **\$1,210.00**

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

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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	\$9.65

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

4. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES

Enter also on line 11 of C4 \$ **\$9.65**

Expenditure Date	Vendor's/Recipient's Name and Address	Amount Owed	Code OR	Description of Obligation
03/31/2021	Cerillion N4 Partners 1326 5th Avenue Suite 334 Seattle WA, 98101	1500.00	M	website fee (Big Picture Image)
TOTAL THIS PAGE		1500.00		

SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

C4 (3/97)	PDC OFFICE USE
	100804898
	12-13-2017

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Include full name) BARRY BUCHANAN (ElectBarryBuchanan)			
Mailing Address 2317 D Street		City Bellingham, WA	
Zip + 4 98225	Office Sought (Candidates) COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER	Election Date 2017	*For PACs, Parties & Caucus Committees: During this report period, did the committee make an <u>independent expenditure</u> (i.e., an expense not considered a contribution) supporting or opposing a state or local candidate?
Report Period Covered From (last C-4) 10/31/17	To (end of period) 11/30/17	Final Report? 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)	\$	50,565.99
2. Cash received (From line 2, Schedule A)	\$	4,990.00
3. In kind contributions received (From line 1, Schedule B)		0.00
4. Total cash and in kind contributions received this period (Line 2 plus 3)		4,990.00
5. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L)		0.00
6. Corrections (From line 1 or 3, Schedule C)	Show + or (-)	-100.00
7. Net adjustments this period (Combine line 5 & 6)	Show + or (-)	-100.00
8. Total cash and in kind contributions during campaign (Combine lines 1, 4 & 7)		55,455.99
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)		21,794.86
11. Total cash expenditures (From line 4, Schedule A)		30,577.93
12. In kind expenditures (goods & services) (From line 1, Schedule B)		0.00
13. Total cash and in kind expenditures made this period (Line 11 plus line 12)		30,577.93
14. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L)		0.00
15. Corrections (From line 2 or 3, Schedule C)	Show + or (-)	-100.00
16. Net adjustments this period (Combine lines 14 & 15)	Show + or (-)	-100.00
17. Total cash and in kind expenditures during campaign (Combine lines 10, 13 and 16)		52,272.79

CANDIDATES ONLY	Won	Lost	Unopposed	Name not on ballot
Primary election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.:

(360) 631-6848

CASH SUMMARY

18. Cash on hand (Line 8 minus line 17)	3,183.20
[Line 18 should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance.]	
19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed)	250.00
20. Balance (Surplus or deficit) (Line 18 minus line 19)	2,933.20

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	Treasurer's Signature	Date
BARRY BUCHANAN	12/11/17	Marsha Scutvick	

CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

SCHEDULE
to C4

A

(11/93)

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

Report Date

BARRY BUCHANAN (ElectBarryBuchanan)

10/31/17

11/30/17

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
10/31/2017	225.00	11/10/2017	100.00	11/07/2017	385.00	
11/01/2017	325.00	11/09/2017	35.00	11/06/2017	325.00	
11/02/2017	1,385.00	11/09/2017	50.00	See attached		

2. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS

Enter also on line 2 of C4 \$ 4,990.00

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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	54.46
11/06/17	LYLENE JOHNSON 526 Fieldston Rd. Bellingham, WA 98225		Contributor went over contribution limit by \$100, check sent to refund \$100 of	100.00
11/16/17	GRIFFIN CRISP 404 Oak Street Bellingham, WA 98225		Campaign manager wages	1,000.00
11/16/17	CERILLION N4 PARTNERS 500 Union St. Seattle, WA 98101		Professional services	26,000.00
11/07/17	GRIFFIN CRISP 404 Oak Street Bellingham, WA 98225		campaign manager wages	1,350.00
11/03/17	FACEBOOK 1 Hacker Way Menlo Park, CA 94025		facebook fees	114.31
11/02/17	NGP VAN, INC. P.O. Box 392264 Pittsburgh, PA 15251		on line contribution management fees	507.75

Total from attached pages \$ 1,451.41

4. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES

Enter also on line 11 of C4 \$ 30,577.93

EXPENDITURES CONTINUATION SHEET (Attachment to Schedule A)

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

Report Date

BARRY BUCHANAN (ElectBarryBuchanan)

10/31/17

11/30/17

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Page Total \$ 1,451.41

Attachment to Schedule A Additional Deposits

for the period: 10/31/17 11/30/17

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Name

BARRY BUCHANAN (ElectBarryBuchanan)

Date of Deposit	Amount	Date of Deposit	Amount	Date of Deposit	Amount
11/08/17	1,000.00				
11/06/17	265.00				
11/06/17	895.00				

Date of Report	Contributor's Name or Description of Correction	Amount Reported	Corrected Amount	Difference (+ or -)
10/15/17	LYLENE JOHNSON 526 Fieldston Rd. Bellingham, WA 98225	500.00	400.00	-100.00
	Total corrections to contributions Enter on line 6 of C4. Show + or (-).			-100.00

Date of Report	Vendor's Name or Description of Correction	Amount Reported	Corrected Amount	Difference (+ or -)
10/15/17	LYLENE JOHNSON 526 Fieldston Rd. Bellingham, WA 98225	500.00	400.00	-100.00
	Total corrections to expenditures Enter on line 15 of C4. Show + or (-).			-100.00

LOANS

**SCHEDULE
TO C4**

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Candidate or Committee Name

Report Date

BARRY BUCHANAN (ElectBarryBuchanan)

10/31/17

11/30/17

4. LOANS STILL OWED. List each loan that has previously been reported and still has a balance due.

Date	Lender's Name and Address	Original Amount	Principal Repaid or Forgiven	Amount Owed
05/01/17	BARRY BUCHANAN 2317 D Street Bellingham, WA 98225360	250.00	0.00	250.00
			Subtotal This Page	250.00