

<b>Respondent Names</b>
Andrew Ashiofu
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Glen Morgan
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p>Glen Morgan</p> <p>Thu, 15 Sep 2022 at 4:29 PM</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>It has come to my attention, once again, that failed state legislative candidate for the 37th Legislative District Andrew Melvin Ikechukwu Ashiofu appears to have violated Washington State’s campaign finance laws (RCW 42.17A), during the recent 2022 campaign. I will detail these violations below:</p> <p>1) Acceptance of illegal overlimit in-kind contributions to political campaign (Violation of RCW 42.17A.405, WAC 390-16-207, WAC 390-05-235(4))</p> <p>I was surfing through the PDC website recently and I stumbled on some filings from this campaign which appear to reflect a total disregard for the campaign finance laws of Washington State. Specifically, in the case of failed state legislative candidate for the 37th Legislative District Andrew Melvin Ikechukwu Ashiofu, he repeatedly appears to have accepted substantial contributions – mostly in-kind – which far exceed the maximum limit allowed as defined under RCW 42.17A.405.</p> <p>For example, he reported a cumulative in-kind contribution amount of \$17,331 of “in-kind” contributions from a “MrLang Solutions, LLC,” which is approximately \$16,331 more than would be legally allowed for this campaign to received during a failed primary campaign. I will also point out that “MrLang Solutions, LLC” appears to match a defunct corporate registration with the Secretary of State for a company that was administratively dissolved in 2021, the year before this campaign was launched. I’ve attached the original corporate filing for this organization which listed a Governor named “Matthew R. Lang” on the corporate filing documents.</p> <p>Another weird aspect of this illegal overlimit contribution to this campaign was that these contributions were defined or explained in PDC Report #110110130 as “Debt Forgiven” which is a weird way to describe these in-kind contributions if they are in fact “debt.” If they were “debt”, then this is a separate violation of unreported debt to this campaign.</p>

Additionally, this wasn't the only example of an illegal overlimit contribution to this campaign. Two cash contributions of \$1,000 each were given to this campaign by a Agatha Ashiofu on 5/9/2022 (See PDC Report # 110086989). Although this was broken down into \$1k for General and \$1k for the Primary, the extra \$1k appears to have not been reimbursed yet.

I will note, for the record, that this was a first-time candidate for office, who used a shady consultant organization – WinPower strategies, who was paid \$5,892.89 for some “consulting” which apparently didn't include an elementary review of PDC compliance and after taking the cash, this consulting group left Mr. Ashiofu holding the bag and a total defeat in the recent 2022 elections. The money raised by this campaign appears to have been squandered on nothing much to help him get elected, and while I realize it isn't the PDC's responsibility to ensure campaigns spend their money rationally or even with a dose of common sense, it is my opinion that a variety of consultant organizations exist out there to extract their cash from candidates like this who have little chance of success when they file to run for office like this, and it doesn't help if they are allowed to blunder into obvious campaign finance violations like this one.

Consulting organizations like WinPower Strategies should be forced to bear at least some of the financial burden for squandering a new candidate's limited funding. Mr. Ashiofu deserves a complete rebate for the money he squandered on these guys.

Let me know if you need any additional information on this one.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public has a right to know if the Democratic Party just allows first time candidates to squander their limited cash on wasteful consultants who don't even bother to help the candidate avoid blundering into obvious campaign finance violations like accepting \$16k in illegal overlimit in-kind contributions.

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

I reference the C4s by tracking number in the body of the complaint and provided the last legal filing document I could find with the Sec. of State for "Mr. Lang Solutions"

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

See if you can find the last listed governor for Mr. Lang Solutions. It is possible this was used as a dishonest or secretive way to "fund" this hopeless and unprepared campaign for the 37th LD. WinPower Strategies is worth contacting as well to see why their "consulting" resulted in such egregious violations.

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

## Annual Report

### BUSINESS INFORMATION

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Business Name:

**MRLANG SOLUTIONS, LLC**

UBI Number:

**604 325 694**

Business Type:

**WA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Business Status:

**ACTIVE**

Principal Office Street Address:

**9207 DENSMORE AVE N, SEATTLE, WA, 98103-3516, UNITED STATES**

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Expiration Date:

**09/30/2020**

Jurisdiction:

**UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON**

Formation/Registration Date:

**09/11/2018**

Period of Duration:

**PERPETUAL**

Inactive Date:

Nature of Business:

**ADMINISTRATION & BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES, ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE, OTHER SERVICES, PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL SERVICES, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & EDUCATION**

### REGISTERED AGENT CONSENT

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To change your Registered Agent, please delete the current Registered Agent below.

**Registered Agent Consent (Check One):**



I am the Registered Agent. Use my Contact Information.



I am not the Registered Agent. I declare under penalty of perjury that the WA Limited Liability Company has in its records a signed document containing the consent of the person or business named as registered agent to serve in that capacity. I understand the WA Limited Liability Company must keep the signed consent document in its records, and must produce the document on request.

RCW [23.95.415](#) requires that all businesses in Washington State have a Registered Agent. Some of this information is prepopulated from information previously provided. Please make changes as necessary to provide accurate information.

## REGISTERED AGENT [RCW 23.95.410](#)

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Registered Agent Name	Street Address	Mailing Address
MATTHEW LANG	9207 DENSMORE AVE N, SEATTLE, WA, 98103-3516, USA	9207 DENSMORE AVE N, SEATTLE, WA, 98103-3516, USA

## PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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## GOVERNORS

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Title	Type	Entity Name	First Name	Last Name
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		MATTHEW	LANG

## NATURE OF BUSINESS

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- | ADMINISTRATION & BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES
- | ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE
- | OTHER SERVICES
- | PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL SERVICES
- | PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & EDUCATION

## EFFECTIVE DATE

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Effective Date:

**11/30/2019**

## CONTROLLING INTEREST

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1. Does your company own real property (including leasehold interests) in Washington?

**NO**

2. Has there been a transfer of stock, other financial interest change, or an option agreement exercised during the last 12 months that resulted in a transfer of controlling interest?

**NO**

3. Has an option agreement been executed in the last 12 months allowing for the future purchase or acquisition of the entity, that, if exercised would result in a transfer of controlling interest?

**NO**

You must contact the Washington State Department of Revenue to report a Controlling Interest Transfer **IF**:

\* This company owns land, buildings or other real estate in Washington State,

**AND**

\* Answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3 above.

Failure to report a Controlling Interest Transfer is subject to penalty provisions of RCW 82.45.220.

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## RETURN ADDRESS FOR THIS FILING

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Attention:

Email:

Address:

## UPLOAD ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

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Do you have additional documents to upload? **No**

## AUTHORIZED PERSON

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☒ I am an authorized person.

Person Type:

**INDIVIDUAL**

First Name:

**MATTHEW**

Last Name:

**LANG**

Title:

**OWNER**

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

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.