

Respondent Name
Brittany R Livdahl
Complainant Name
Glen Morgan
Complaint Description
<u>Glen Morgan</u> reported via the portal (Mon, 15 May 2023 at 1:36 PM) To whom it may concern, It has come to my attention that Poulsbo Councilmember Britt Livdahl has regularly violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (RCW 42.17A) for some time now. The violations are detailed as follows: 1) Repeated and extensive misuse of public resources to support her political campaign (Violation of RCW 42.17A.555) It appears that Poulsbo Councilmember Britt Livdahl consistently and regularly misuses and misappropriates public resources in the City of Poulsbo to promote, support, fundraise, and launch her political campaigns, including the current one in which she is running for re-election for council position #3. I'll review the various examples I can find, but I'm sure they are not limited to just these examples. Example#1 – Misuse of City issued email for political campaign. See attached official screenshot of various websites where Britt Livdahl appears to regularly use her official city issued email as her political campaign email. This apparently has been going on for some time, and despite the training that this candidate has theoretically received to comply with the law, it appears that open and flagrant violation of the law, in addition to abusing the public trust is just a part of her political persona. It is unclear so far how many campaign related emails she has sent or received at this address, but since it is reflected in all her campaign literature and public websites, it is clearly a problem. Example#2 – Misuse of City address as campaign headquarters for political campaign See attached official screenshot of Britt Livdahl's campaign which clearly shows her repeatedly using the City of Poulsbo's official mailing address as her main campaign address. This apparently includes the address where she would be presumably receiving contributions to her campaign. It is unclear how much City staff time and resources are utilized to process this incumbent politician's campaign contributions and campaign mail, but since city staff and resources are assigned to process this mail, it appears likely that this is more than just a small amount.

Example#3 – Misuse of City of Poulsbo official website to promote political campaign and fundraising links for political campaign

This is another egregious example of the misuse of public resources to support the fundraising efforts of this political candidate's campaign. See attached screenshot of the **official City of Poulsbo website where Councilwoman Britt Livdahl's profile, includes (Under not-so-subtle campaign heading "Britt for Poulsbo 2023") a direct link to her political campaign website where supporters can make direct contributions to her political campaign.**

Here is the address which can be linked directly from the City of Poulsbo website (at the time of this complaint): [Britt for Poulsbo City Council Position 3-Britt for Poulsbo City Council](#)

Weirdly enough, she also conveniently provides direct links to her personal business as well on this same public website, but **this is more a violation of Washington State's Ethics Laws than it is a direct violation of Washington State's campaign finance laws. However, I only point this out to highlight the fact that it appears that once a politician decides to openly and flagrantly violate the law, they appear to be more likely to just violate all kinds of laws.** More than a slippery slope argument, this is just further evidence and validation that something is exceptionally wrong with this politician's approach to her political campaign and misuse of public resources to promote her personal profit and political campaign.

A serious case can be made that the City of Poulsbo itself is also violating **RCW 42.17A.555** by using the publicly funded resources (website, email service, mail service, staff time, etc) to promote the Britt Livdahl campaign, but that would have to be determined by PDC staff as this is just the beginning of the trip down this misuse of public resources rabbit hole.

Let me know if you need any additional information on this one. I feel like I should have caught this one earlier, since these violations appear to be ongoing for years now.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public has a right to know if their tax dollars and public resources have been hijacked by greedy politicians who are willing to use those resources to fund their endless efforts to retain political power at the expense of local taxpayers. The public has a right to know when politicians feel entitled to help themselves to the public purse and resources. This is unfortunately more common than it should be.

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

All references to specific violations are attached as screen captures or other documentation in the exhibits. It appears substantially likely that this is only the tip of the iceberg for the lawbreaking of this politician.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Clearly City of Poulsbo staff, attorney, and others who may have facilitated these violations should be contacted in addition to the prime abuser of the law - the politician herself. It isn't clear yet how deep these violations go.

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.

BRITT

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POULSBO CITY COUNCIL

POSITION 3

A resident of Poulsbo since 1991, I grew up folk dancing at the Sons of Norway, sailing on Liberty Bay, and marching in the Viking Fest parade. Today, I'm a creative entrepreneur, real estate broker, and successful small business owner with my partner, Jason. Past positions in the service sector allowed me to connect daily with the community, and more recent work in digital marketing and branding provided insights into the complexities of local businesses, and forged relationships with proprietors. I'm a prior volunteer with the West Sound Wildlife Shelter, and I formerly served on the City of Poulsbo Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

As a Council member, my goal is to help Poulsbo grow thoughtfully, while finding the balance between retaining our unique heritage, and promoting responsible economic development. I want to see Poulsbo strive to become a model for other communities by utilizing innovative concepts in affordable housing, environmental sustainability, pedestrian and bike friendly streets, robust public transit, emergency preparedness, and the creation of engaging common spaces. By promoting inclusivity, and supporting people of *all* ages and backgrounds, we can create a vibrant community and enjoy a high quality of life, together.

I've been fortunate enough to travel throughout our nation, and the world. This global perspective has solidified my gratitude and appreciation for Poulsbo, and has compelled me to personally invest in our future by serving our city as an elected representative. I recognize that while I cannot reflect everyone's individual experience or background, I *can* be an ally and support those who've been marginalized or feel unheard. I practice active listening, and desire to grow from the collective knowledge and culture that our citizens offer. I'm honored that our community has entrusted me with this job, and I endeavor to continually earn the trust and support of those who elected me to this position.

My roots in Poulsbo run very deep, and I'm passionately committed to this beautiful place we call home.

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BRITT FOR POULSBO 2023:

On the Issues: Learn more these key topics that are at the top of what I want to address. I am in the process of reading the entire Planning and Development portion of Poulsbo's Comprehensive Plan, and I stand by the vision that the document lays out for the future of our community.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- RE/MAX Connect Real Estate Broker

City of Poulsbo – Council Position 3

4 Year Term – Kitsap

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City/Town	City of Poulsbo	Council Position 2	Regular	4	Rick Eckert	18491 15th Loop NE, Poulsbo, WA, 98370	richardeckert5@gmail.com	(360) 626-3292	5/15/2023 9:05:02 AM	Active
City/Town	City of Poulsbo	Council Position 2	Regular	4	Pam Crowe	PO BOX 1234, Poulsbo, WA, 98370	croweincommunity@gmail.com	(360) 998-9063	5/15/2023 9:13:36 AM	Active
City/Town	City of Poulsbo	Council Position 3	Regular	4	Britt Livdahl	200 Moe St NE, Poulsbo, WA, 98370	blivdahl@cityofpoulsbo.com	() -	5/15/2023 9:02:13 AM	Active
City/Town	City of Poulsbo	Council Position 4	Regular	4	Doug Newell	18535 Havn Ct NE, Poulsbo, WA, 98370	doug@dougnewell.org	() -	5/15/2023 8:55:34 AM	Active
School	Bremerton School District No. 100-C	Director Position 1	Regular	4	Karen J Bolton	6039 Blue Heron Pl, Bremerton, WA, 98312		() -	5/15/2023 11:38:38 AM	Active