Respondent Name

Spencer Zeman

Complainant Name

Glen Morgan

Complaint Description

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reported via the portal (Wed, 21 Jun 2023 at 11:23 AM)
To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Lacey City Council candidate Spencer Zeman has violated Washington State's campaign finance laws during his current 2023 campaign. The details are as follows:

1) Acceptance of Illegal overlimit contributions (Violation of RCW 42.17A.405(2))

I had some time to browse the PDC reports while I was waiting for my daughter to finish her dance lessons today, and I noticed that Spencer Zeman has decided to blatantly violate Washington State's campaign finance laws by accepting illegal overlimit contributions from a handful of donors earlier this year. This is a blatant violation and easy to identify. I've attached copies of the relevant C3 reports proving this violation.

As PDC staff know well, and as all political candidates running for office in Washington State have been made aware, there are limits to the campaign contributions they can accept. While these limits were recently increased on April Fool's Day earlier this year, I will point out, for the record that the violations I have identified in this complaint for this candidate all apply to the previous limits due to the fact they were contributions made BEFORE the recent increases were approved and applied. However, even with these recent increases, this violation is serious.

There are only two candidates for this Lacey City Council seat for which Spencer Zeman is running. This means he does not have a primary. **Despite this fact, he accepted at least \$3,000** in illegal overlimit contributions designated for a Primary election that will never happen. To be fair to candidate Zeman, at the time he accepted these illegal overlimit contributions, he may not have known that a primary would not be in the cards this election cycle, however, he has had over a month to resolve this illegal behavior, and he has willfully chosen to ignore the law and keep the illegal cash.

In fact, it appears he may have already spent this cash, but regardless, he must refund or forfeit these illegal contributions immediately in order to at least pretend to comply with Washington State's campaign finance laws.

Specifically, the illegal overlimit contributions are as follows and clearly designated as "Primary" campaign contributions:

A. On 1/7/2023 - \$1,000 – from Corporation "Window Genie Z Gen LLC" – **PDC C3 report # 110132686 (see attached)**

B. On 2/1/2023 - \$1,000 - from Nicolas Dunning - **PDC C3 report # 110136205 (see attached)** C. On 1/10/2023 - \$1,000 - from Michael Steadman - **PDC C3 report # 110136206 (see attached)**

Again, I find it disturbing this type of blatant campaign finance violations can be committed even today with such disregard for the law, but I'm certain that staff can ensure this candidate begins to comply with Washington State's campaign finance laws for a change. It would be a good change for this candidate, his campaign, and the public he claims to want to represent as he runs for public office.

I'm not aware of any additional campaign finance violations committed by this politician, but considering this type of blatant violation, it seems clear that future lawbreaking is likely with this one. I will keep this campaign in mind when I browse the frequent fliers for future violation reports.

Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public has a right to know if politicians can follow the law or are even capable of understanding the law. This is most important when it comes to people running for public office where laws are made which impact the people in their community. If they can't follow the laws themselves, what gives them the right to impose laws on others? Spencer Zeman just needs to start following the law himself for a change and stop taking illegal overlimit contributions to his campaign. Washington State created the campaign finance laws because of violators like this guy.

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

All C3s are referenced by tracking number in the body of the complaint and attached as exhibits for ease of staff reference

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

The donors, the treasurer, and any other shadowy officers of this campaign in addition to the candidate himself would be a good start.

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.



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CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

C3

SPENCER ZEMAN
PEOPLE FOR SPENCER 2706 COLLEGE STREET SE
LACEY, WA 98503
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
CITY OF LACEY

Deposit date: 01/07/2023 Report number: 110132686 Submitted date: 01/10/2023

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received		Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous	\$0.00	\$0.00
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in1c)	\$0.00	\$0.00
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	\$0.00	
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	\$0.00	
	e. Small contributions	\$0.00	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$2,000.00

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and itemized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
01/07/2023	WINDOW GENIE Z GEN LLC 2706 COLLEGE ST SE , LACEY, WA 98503		\$1,000.00	General \$1,000.00
01/07/2023	WINDOW GENIE Z GEN LLC 2706 COLLEGE ST SE , LACEY, WA 98503		\$1,000.00	Primary \$1,000.00

Date of deposit 01/07/2023

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

Treasurer's signature and date

JACLYNN SIMMONS - 01/10/2023



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C3

SPENCER ZEMAN
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LACEY, WA 98503
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
CITY OF LACEY

Deposit date: 02/08/2023 Report number: 110136205 Submitted date: 02/12/2023

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received		Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous	\$0.00	\$0.00
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in1c)	\$0.00	\$0.00
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	\$0.00	
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	\$0.00	
	e. Small contributions	\$0.00	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$2,000.00

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and itemized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
02/01/2023	DUNNING NICOLAS 5823 LACEY BLVD SE , LACEY, WA 98503	WEST COAST FITNESS LACEY WA Occupation: SELF	\$1,000.00	Primary \$1,000.00
02/01/2023	DUNNING NICOLAS 5823 LACEY BLVD SE , LACEY, WA 98503	WEST COAST FITNESS LACEY WA Occupation: SELF	\$1,000.00	General \$1,000.00

Date of deposit 02/08/2023

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

Treasurer's signature and date

JACLYNN SIMMONS - 02/12/2023



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CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

C3

SPENCER ZEMAN
PEOPLE FOR SPENCER 2706 COLLEGE STREET SE
LACEY, WA 98503
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
CITY OF LACEY

Deposit date: 01/21/2023 Report number: 110136206 Submitted date: 02/12/2023

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received		Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous	\$0.00	\$0.00
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in1c)	\$0.00	\$0.00
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	\$0.00	
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	\$0.00	
	e. Small contributions	\$0.00	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$2,000.00

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and itemized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
01/10/2023	STEADMAN MICHAEL 6402 37TH LN SE , LACEY, WA 98503	STEADMAN FAMILY TRUST LACEY WA Occupation: TRUSTEE	\$1,000.00	General \$1,000.00
01/10/2023	STEADMAN MICHAEL 6402 37TH LN SE , LACEY, WA 98503	STEADMAN FAMILY TRUST LACEY WA Occupation: TRUSTEE	\$1,000.00	Primary \$1,000.00

Date of deposit 01/21/2023

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

Treasurer's signature and date

JACLYNN SIMMONS - 02/12/2023