

Respondent Name
Tara Van Niman
Complainant Name
Glen Morgan
Complaint Description
<p><u>Glen Morgan</u> reported via the portal (Wed, 2 Aug 2023 at 1:46 AM) To whom it may concern,</p> <p>It has come to my attention that Redmond City Council candidate Tara Van Niman has violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (RCW 42.17A) during their failed 2021 campaign for council position 6. The details are as follows:</p> <p>1) Acceptance of Illegal overlimit contributions (Violation of RCW 42.17A.405(2))</p> <p>This is a blatant violation and easy to identify. I've attached copies of the relevant C3 report 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.</p> <p>There were only two candidates for this Redmond City Council seat for which Tara Van Niman was running. This means there was no primary. Despite this fact, Tara Van Niman accepted at least \$500 in illegal overlimit contributions explicitly designated for a Primary election that never happened. Failed candidate Tara Van Niman, at the time they accepted this illegal overlimit contribution, already knew this because the cash from the maxed out donor came in AFTER the election was lost. Tara Van Niman has had years to resolve this illegal behavior, and apparently has willfully chosen to ignore the law and keep the illegal cash.</p> <p>Tara Van Niman must refund or forfeit these illegal contributions immediately in order to at least pretend to comply with Washington State's campaign finance laws, as tardy as this compliance might be.</p> <p>Specifically, the illegal overlimit contributions are as follows and clearly designated as "Primary" campaign contributions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 6/27/21 this campaign received \$500 – from already maxed out donor "Sheri Nichols" – PDC C3 report # 110062946 (see attached) Please note – this C3 report was filed 6 months late – AFTER the election was over and it was well known that this was an illegal overlimit contribution. <p>Please note, this same donor also donated another \$1,000 to the Tara Van Niman campaign (See PDC C3 report # 110029107 attached). Technically, it is the late reported "Primary" election</p>

designated contribution of \$500 which must be refunded or forfeited from this campaign in order to come back into some type of compliance with Washington State's campaign finance laws. 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?

Even when politicians lose elections, they should still not violate the law. This candidate was well experienced with the Manka Dhingra campaign in the past, and this was a law they were very clear about, but they chose to break it anyway

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

See attached

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Just the candidate. Maybe the treasurer to ask about the late reporting C3

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.

CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

C3

(1/02)

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE USE

110062946

12-01-2021

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

(Friends of Tara Van Niman)

Mailing Address

7345 164th Ave NE #145-454

City

Redmond, WA

Zip + 4

98052

Office Sought (candidates)

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Election Date

2021

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date Received		Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous		\$30.00
	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	G E N	Amount	Aggregate* Total
06/27/21	SHERRI NICHOLS 10732 177th CT NE Redmond, WA 98052	None Redmond, WA OccupationHOMEMAKER	X		\$500.00	\$500.00
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
		Sub-total			\$500.00	*See reverse for details.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional pages are attached	Amount from attached pages			\$0.00	

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.

\$500.00

4. Date of Deposit

12/01/21

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

Treasurer's Signature

Date

Hank Margeson

12-01-2021

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.: (425) 765-6975

CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

C3

(1/02)

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE USE

110029107

06-30-2021

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(Friends of Tara Van Niman)

Mailing Address

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City

Redmond, WA

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Office Sought (candidates)

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Election Date

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Various	e. Small contributions \$25.00 or less not itemized and number of persons giving <u>4</u> (persons)	\$80.00	

2. CONTRIBUTIONS OVER \$25.00

Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	Contributions of more than \$100:*	P R I	G E N	Amount	Aggregate* Total
06/26/21	ERIC JOHNSON 18104 NE 113th St Redmond, WA 98052			X	\$50.00	\$75.00
	Occupation					
06/26/21	SUZETTE STEARN 14277 209th AVE NE Woodinville, WA 98077	Self-Employed		X	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Occupation	DEVELOPER				
06/27/21	ANGELA BIRNEY 11027 166th PL BNE Redmond, WA 98052			X	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Occupation					
06/27/21	SUZANNE CANIN 9604 111th AVE NE Kirkland, WA 98033			X	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Occupation					
06/27/21	JENNIFER GALLAGHER 10114 181st AVE NE Redmond, WA 98052			X	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Occupation					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional pages are attached	Sub-total			\$1,380.00	*See reverse for details.
		Amount from attached pages			\$2,575.00	
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.					\$3,955.00	

4. Date of Deposit

06/30/21

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Treasurer's Signature

Date

Hank Margeson

06-30-2021

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.: (425) 765-6975

RECEIPTS CONTINUATION SHEET (Attachment to C-3 Form)

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Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.)
(Friends of Tara Van Niman)

Deposit Date
06/30/21

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	G E N	Amount	Aggregate Total*
06/27/21	JERRY SMITH 8510 169th PL NE Redmond, WA 98052	Microsoft Redmond, WA Occupation COMPUTER TRAINER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$500.00	\$500.00
06/27/21	LIZ MARTIN 20019 NE Redmond RD Redmond, WA 98053	Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	\$100.00
06/27/21	MATT LOSCHEN 21515 NE 81st ST Redmond, WA 98053	Retired , Occupation RETIRED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$500.00	\$500.00
06/28/21	JULIE PETERSON 202 North Sprague ST Ellensburg, WA 98926	Kittitas Valley Healthcare Ellensburg, WA Occupation ACCOUNTANT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$250.00	\$250.00
06/29/21	JOHN COURTRIGHT 16518 NE 46th St Redmond, WA 98052	Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	\$100.00
06/22/21	SHERRI NICHOLS 10732 177th CT NE Redmond, WA 98052	None Redmond, WA Occupation HOMEMAKER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
06/23/21	TREVOR WILLETT 10512 165th PL NE Redmond, WA 98052	Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	\$100.00
06/26/21	ERIC JOHNSON 18104 NE 113th St Redmond, WA 98052	Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	\$75.00
		Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Page Total \$2,575.00