Respondent Names

James A Johnson

Complainant Name

Glen Morgan

Complaint Description

Glen Morgan

Thu, 3 Aug 2023 at 12:20 PM

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Spokane Valley City Council candidate (position 1) James "JJ" Johnson has violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (RCW 42.17A) during his recent failed 2021 campaign. The violations are as follows:

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

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.

There were only two candidates for this position at the recent Spokane Valley City Council race for which James "JJ" Johnson was running. This means there was no primary. Despite this fact, James "JJ" Johnson accepted at least \$500 in illegal overlimit contributions explicitly designated for a Primary election that never happened. This candidate accepted this illegal overlimit contribution, and there is no evidence it was refunded. This candidate has had years to resolve this illegal behavior, and apparently has willfully chosen to ignore the law and keep the illegal cash.

James "JJ" Johnson 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.

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

On June 18, 2021 this campaign received \$1,000 – from donor "Spokane Regional Labor Council" – PDC C3 report # 110027066 (see attached)

On September 15, 2021 this campaign received \$1,000 – from same donor "Spokane Labor Council" – PDC C3 report # 110047826 (see attached)

Technically, it is the "Primary" election 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.

I will point out that this campaign has numerous donations classified illegally as "Primary" contributions, and this campaign should go back and correct all the erroneous data compiled in the C3 reports with incorrect information like this.

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 politicians who lose their political races should be expected to follow the law and not accept illegal overlimit contributions from shady labor organizations (or anyone else).

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

See attached and references inside complaint details

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

The candidate, treasurer, and labor group should be enough

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

110027066

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE USE

06-19-2021

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.) JAMES A JOHNSON (Committee to Elect JJ Johnson) Mailing Address PO Box 610 City Zip + 4Office Sought (candidates) **Election Date** CITY COUNCIL MEMBER 2021 Veradale, WA 99037

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT Date **Amount** Total Received a. Anonymous 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 Contributions of more than \$100:* Aggregate* Date R Ε Amount Employer's Name, City and State Contributor's Name, Address, City, State, Zip Total Received х 06/18/21 SPOKANE REGIONAL LABOR COUNCIL 510 E Elm ST. Suite 1 \$500.00 \$500.00 Spokane, WA 99201 Occupation Occupation Occupation Occupation Occupation Sub-total \$500.00 Check here if additional Amount from \$0.00 pages are attached *See reverse attached pages 3. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT for details. \$500.00 Sum of parts 1 and 2 above. Enter this amount in line 1, Schedule A to C4. 4. Date of Deposit I certify that this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge Treasurer's Signature Date 06/18/21

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.:

06-19-2021

Steve Yucho



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

CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE USE 110047826

09-15-2021

	A JOHNSON (Committee to Elect JJ	Johnson	n)				
Mailing Ad	dress						
PO Box	610						
City Zip + 4		Office Sought (candidates)			Election Date		
Veradale, WA 99037		CITY COUNCIL MEMBER			2021		
1. MONET	ARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT						
Date Received						Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous						\$70.00
	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						
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9/15/21	SPOKANE REGIONAL LABOR COUNCIL				Х		
	510 E Elm ST. Suite 1 Spokane, WA 99201					\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
		Occupation	1				
9/14/21	RICK WILHITE				х		
	1010 S Sunnyvale Lane Spokane Valley, WA 99037					\$200.00	\$200.00
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		Occupation					
		Sub-total			\$1,200.00		
	Check here if additional pages are attached	Amount from attached pages			\$0.00	*See reverse	
	FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITE arts 1 and 2 above. Enter this amount in line 1, Scheo		UNT			\$1,200.00	for details.
4. Date of	Deposit		I certify that this report is t	true ai	nd com	plete to the best of my	/ knowledge
09/15/21			Treasurer's Signature			Date	
Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.:			Steve Yucho			09-15-2021	