

September 9, 2023

Mr. Kurt Young
Compliance Officer
Public Disclosure Commission

RE: File No. 141605

Contrary to comments by the Complainant Glen Morgan, the Pierce County Democratic Central Committee is not a prolific law-breaking crew, but rather the Treasures of the organization are unpaid volunteers, who want to follow the rules and disclose the information both timely and accurately. However, some do not have the background or understanding of the report to do the job successfully. During 2018 and 2019 there were four different Treasurer's for the organization which added to the confusion in filings.

Mr. Morgan's complaint contains 52 pages, much of which is a restatement of Case #46474, #44695 and #18611 and subsequent lawsuit and settlement which were previously addressed and paid. This inclusion is used mainly to justify the current complaint. It also included copies of three specific C4's and a two-page Excel spreadsheet reflexing what he considers to be significant lawbreaking. This response is an explanation of those items.

Two of the C4, reports numbers 1100444563 and 11012789, are reporting of in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions are required to be reported if the donor has in aggregate spent more than \$200. In both of these reports, no one met that requirement. The items were reported because it was felt that by doing so the committee was not hiding any transactions. Both in-kind reports were for refreshments or supplies for social events and well under \$200 limit. Because the items did not meet the \$200 limit, it was assumed no detail was necessary. The reports can be amended and the in-kind removed since by law were not required to be reported.

The third report, #101011283, is the reporting of yard signs received from Washington State Democrats and does not include the number of signs received as required by law. The number of signs was 360 and should be added to the report if required.

Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet with a reply for all items on Mr. Morgan's spreadsheet. I have divided the Excel spreadsheet divided into two sections, the Pierce County Democratic Party and Pierce County Democratic Central Committee and by year for the Pierce County Democratic Central Committee. The sheet includes a response for all items.

It should be noted that of the 36 items for the Central Committee, three were included in previous claims and 15 are for amended reports which cannot have a late date. Attached to these amended reports were dollars amounts which have no bearing on the actual reason for the amendment. Also, with the exception of one a missed deposit for \$863, which the PDC was previously notified, most of the corrections were under \$100.

The major of the items occurred in 2018 and 2019 when there was a significant turn-over of Treasurers. In January 2020, a new Treasurer reviewed the two previous years and amended reports based upon review. Following that period, the number of errors and amendments have decreased significantly and the Committee continues to improve.

It was never the intent of the Committee to mislead anyone and feel that this complaint is truly unwarranted.

Joann Carlsen
Treasurer

Report #	Type	Amends	Deposit Date	From	Through	Projected Due	Date Submitted	Projected Days	Est. Total Activity	Notes
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PIERCE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

During 2018 and 2019 there were four different Treasurers causing confusion regarding this account. Total amount of all affected transactions was \$145.47
These transactions were processed with assistance of the PDC to close out a dormant account that had been closed at the bank but not closed at the PDC by previous treasurers.

100956513	C4	-	-	7/31/2018	8/31/2018	9/10/2018	2/9/2020	517	\$16.00	
100956515	C4	-	-	9/1/2018	10/15/2018	10/16/2018	2/9/2020	481	\$27.00	
100956518	C4	-	-	10/16/2018	10/29/2018	10/30/2018	2/9/2020	467	\$0.00	
100956519	C4	-	-	10/30/2018	11/30/2018	12/10/2018	2/9/2020	426	\$0.00	
100956521	C4	-	-	12/1/2018	12/31/2018	1/10/19	2/9/2020	395	\$145.47	

PIERCE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE										
2018										
100857498	C3	-	8/22/2018	-	-	8/27/2018	9/10/2018	14	\$0.00	Included in previous claims. Amount of Activity is zero. Frivolous, no financial consequence. PDC was previously notified by Treasurer at the time
100861017	C3	-	9/18/2018	-	-	9/24/2018	9/25/2018	1	\$0.00	Included in previous claims. Amount of Activity is zero. Frivolous, no financial consequence. PDC was previously notified by Treasurer at the time
100866722	C4	-	-	9/1/2018	10/15/2018	10/16/2018	10/17/2018	1	\$0.00	Included in previous claims. Amount of Activity is zero. Frivolous, no financial consequence. PDC was previously notified by Treasurer at the time
100879767	C4	100867126	-	9/1/2018	10/15/2018	10/16/2018	1/8/2019	84	\$1,182.14	Filings made to amend previous filing cannot be considered late. These were made to included in previous claims. Low Cost fundraisers
100867126	C4	100866722	-	9/1/2018	10/15/2018	10/16/2018	10/18/2018	2	\$0.00	discovered during audit of previous Treasurer. PDC was contacted at the time
100879765	C3	-	9/24/2018	-	-	10/01/2018	1/8/2019	99	\$0.00	Low cost fund raiser deposit (\$863.00) missed Found in review of bank account after Treasurer resigned
100879768	C4	100871481	-	10/16/2018	10/29/2018	10/30/2018	1/8/2019	70	\$0.00	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100871481	C4	-	-	10/16/2018	10/29/2018	10/30/2018	10/31/2018	1	\$0.00	Included in previous claims. Amount of Activity is zero. Frivolous, no financial consequence. PDC was previously notified by Treasurer at the time
100879769	C4	100875916	-	10/30/2018	11/30/2018	12/10/2018	1/8/2019	29	\$7,639.51	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100875762	C3	100871429	10/30/2018	-	-	11/5/2018	12/8/2018	33	\$0.00	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
2019										
100892996	C4	100883888	-	1/1/2019	1/31/2019	2/11/2019	3/9/2019	26	\$3,551.93	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100892995	C3	100883255	1/31/2019	-	-	2/11/2019	3/9/2019	26	\$0.00	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100898694	C4	100898044	-	3/1/2019	3/31/2019	4/10/2019	4/11/2019	1	\$3,535.41	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100915921	C3	-	7/5/2019	-	-	7/8/2019	7/11/2019	3	\$0.00	\$27.00 cash received on July 2nd, deposited on July 5th. C3 should have been filed on July 8th
100952605	C4	100921555	-	7/16/2019	7/29/2019	7/30/2019	1/8/2020	162	\$1,383.52	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100921555	C4	-	-	7/16/2019	7/29/2019	7/30/2019	8/1/2019	2	\$0.00	Filed two days late.
100952608	C4	100928961	-	7/30/2019	8/31/2019	9/10/2019	1/8/2020	120	\$714.61	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100928952	C3	-	7/31/2019	-	-	8/5/2019	9/8/2019	34	\$0.00	Deposit of \$27.00 missed discovered with review of bank statement and corrected.
100952609	C4	100937536	-	9/1/2019	10/14/2019	10/15/2019	1/8/2020	85	\$687.46	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100936828	C3	-	9/24/2019	-	-	9/30/2019	10/13/2019	13	\$0.00	\$206 cash received and deposited on 9/24. C3 not filed on Monday following.
100934244	C3	-	9/30/2018	-	-	10/10/2018	10/1/2019	356	\$0.00	C3 is blank. It appears Treasurer at time entered wrong date and could not remove it. Filed 10/1/2019 to clear report list
100952610	C4	100942006	-	10/15/2019	10/28/2019	10/29/19	1/8/2020	71	\$1,657.05	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100952611	C4	100949205	-	10/29/2019	11/30/2019	12/10/2019	1/8/2020	29	\$441.84	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100952595	C3	100946905	11/15/2019	-	-	12/10/2019	1/8/2020	29	\$0.00	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late
100952612	C3	-	11/15/2019	-	-	12/10/2019	1/8/2020	29	\$0.00	Interest for the month of \$0.08 Missed when C4 filed in December
100952613	C3	-	11/14/2019	-	-	12/10/2019	1/8/2020	29	\$0.00	Deposit of \$20.00 reported on the wrong date. C3 filed to correct.
2020										
100958850	C3	-	1/16/2020	-	-	2/10/2020	3/1/2020	20	\$0.00	Deposit of \$29.00 missed on January report. Found with bank review.
2021										
110033484	C4	-	-	6/1/2021	7/12/2021	7/13/21	7/14/2021	1	\$723.31	Treasurer was one day late and reported to PDC on 7/14/21 that this was the case. C4 filed at exactly midnight per PDC receipt.
110048226	C3	110044558	8/30/2021	-	-	9/6/2021	9/19/2021	13	\$101.94	Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late. Amendment caused by adding address to C3
2022										
110092356	C3	-	5/13/2022	-	-	6/10/2022	6/12/2022	2	\$5.10	Deposit of \$5.10 missed it is reflected on the March report correctly however.
110108863	C3	-	8/17/2022	-	-	8/22/2022	8/29/2022	7	\$5.00	C3 was not filed on the Monday following deposit of funds
110110942	C3	-	8/22/2022	-	-	8/29/2022	9/7/2022	9	\$20.00	C3 was not filed on the Monday following deposit of funds
110114554	C3	-	9/16/2022	-	-	9/19/2022	9/25/2022	6	\$0.04	Interest for the month of September. C3 was not filed on the Monday following posting of the interest
110114553	C3	-	9/15/2022	-	-	9/19/2022	9/25/2022	6	\$30.00	Three small recurring deposits totaling \$30 were missed on previous week.
110120115	C3	-	10/13/2022	-	-	10/17/2022	10/18/2022	1	\$25.00	Deposit was included in C4 filed one day after C3 weekly was due.
2023										
110163415	C4	-	-	7/1/2023	7/31/2023	7/11/2023	8/1/2023	21	\$64.78	PCDCC endorsed candidates but did not support any financially. This is a misunderstanding of rules by current treasurer. Financial impact is

Amendments filed to correct previous issues. Can't be considered late

Included in previous claims. Amount of activity is zero. Frivolous. PDC was previously notified by Treasurer at the time

Filings done with the help of the PDC to correct a previously closed account that had been left dormant in ORCA by previous Treasurers. Discovered during an audit

Explanation provided