

Hello,

I, Jeanne Legault, treasurer, and Ed Pottharst, candidate, are providing our response to the below-listed complaint:

Case # 141651

Allow me to preface our response by explaining what the circumstances were by which I became the treasurer of record following Ed Pottharst's campaign. The SEEC often recommends a couple of treasurers to candidates who are having difficulty closing out their campaigns and balancing to zero. Many new candidates decide they will be their own treasurers, without realizing the enormity of the task. This was the case with Ed Pottharst. He DID file his initial reports in a timely fashion. Following the election, the SEEC asked me to help him re-file his reports, because there were some filing errors etc. and he was unable to balance to zero. I reviewed the reports and told Ed Pottharst what information I would need to complete the filing properly. In this particular case, I was assured by the SEEC that a detailed accounting, after the fact of the election, wasn't required. They just wanted accurate figures. Normally, I would have reported the details that Glen Morgan accused us of omitting as "LAWBREAKERS." However, in this case, the object was to close out the account in as timely a fashion as possible. The campaign was over, so details, for example, of how many yard signs were purchased, were no longer important. Additionally, this lack of information, at this point in time, was irrelevant to any of the other candidates in the race. Unfortunately, Mr. Pottharst had a family emergency, and this delayed his ability to provide the information I needed. Ultimately, all reports were filed, and the campaign was closed.

I was extremely offended by the language used in this complaint. Mr. Pottharst is considered by those who know him as an upstanding citizen and a person of great integrity. I know he made every effort to provide me with all the information he had. There was no "LAWBREAKING!" An unintentional omission by a candidate, not trained as a treasurer, should not be construed as a malevolent and purposeful breaking of the law.

In response to Complaint #1:

I am puzzled by the term "serial political candidate." Is Glen Morgan trying to like him to a serial killer? I have explained above that there was no attempt whatsoever on the candidate's part to conceal anything! I have also responded above as to why these reports were filed the following year, per the request of the SEEC. To quote Glen Morgan, "so, it appears that when this want (sic) to break the law, he just goes for months....and conceals everything from the public...secretive lawbreaking." This is offensive. Ed Pottharst had no intention of breaking the law, as demonstrated by his partnering with me to make sure that his reports were accurate. Please feel free to contact Polly Grow at the SEEC if you would like confirmation of what they requested of him and me. (206-615-1248). Wane Barnett, the Executive Director of the SEEC is also

aware of the circumstances of this re-filing of documents and can vouch for everything indicated herein.

In response to Complaint #2

Please see above preface for explanation of why further details were not provided. I do see that there is an address missing for Mike McGuinn on 6/25/19 for \$25.00. I cannot find any in-kind donations that are missing addresses. Because a \$25.00 does not have to be reported in detail, I hardly think this warrants a penalty. I am sorry that I missed this upon reviewing his reports. I think if the C3 matched the bank deposit, then I just accepted that it was accurate.

I appreciate the PDC taking the time to hear the real circumstances of these reports. Feel free to contact me, should you have any further questions. (Jeanne - 206-601-24480

Submitted by yours truly,

Jeanne Legault & Ed Pottharst