Respondent Name

Cowlitz County Democratic Central Committee

Complainant Name

Glen Morgan

Complaint Description

Glen Morgan

reported via the portal

11 days ago (Mon, 26 Feb 2024 at 3:37 PM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the Cowlitz County Democratic Central Committee PAC appears to have, once again, violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**). The details of these violations are as follows:

1) Attempt to conceal large contribution from the public, failure to report contribution (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240, .235)

While I was browsing the PDC website this afternoon, trying to kill some time at Starbucks, I discovered the bizarre fact that it appears the Cowlitz County Democrats have decided for some odd reason to conceal a \$1,955 contribution made to their organization by the Washington State Democrats on 8/23/2023 (See **PDC Report #110172389, attached for staff reference**). For some reason, this secretive dark money crew decided to conceal this contribution from the public and appear to not have reported it on any of their C3 contribution reports.

It has been a while since I looked at this group, but I obviously have been remiss in failing to review their books more recently. I would suggest that their bank records be subpoenaed by the PDC in order to better understand what else has been concealed from the public. Their bank records will obviously not match the line 18 reports on their C4 expenditure reports if they are concealing large checks like this one.

This group has a long history of violating Washington State's campaign finance laws when they appear to believe nobody is watching. I caught them breaking a variety of campaign finance laws back in 2017 (**See PDC Enforcement Case #26715, attached for staff reference**). There were no penalties issued by the PDC at that time for those violations. It appears that the PDC will have to make the penalty for this violation a bit more substantial before this crew appears to become willing to follow the law.

Let me know if you need anything more on this crew.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public has a right to know when secretive dark money groups like this one attempt to conceal large infusions of dark money from other sources. Why would they hide this from the public?

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

Referenced in the body of the complaint, and attached for reference

List of potential witnesses

Everyone involved or associated with this PAC. Their bank should also be contacted and subpoenaed to see what else is missing.

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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SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

C4

Washington State Democratic Committee - NonExempt

615 2nd Ave Suite 580 Seattle, WA Coverage: 07/25/2023 to 08/31/2023

Final report: No

Report number: 110172389 Reporting year: 2023

Date submitted: 09/11/2023

RECEIPTS

1. Previous total cash and in-kind contributions (last C4 line 8).		\$1,536,038.33
2. Cash received (Schedule A line 1).	\$132,025.00	
3. In-kind contributions received (Line 1 schedule B).	\$21,566.00	
4. Total cash and in-kind contributions received this period (Lines 2 + 3).		\$153,591.00
5. Loan principal repayments made (Line 2 schedule L).	\$0.00	
6. Corrections (Lines 1 or 3 schedule C).	\$0.00	
7. Net adjustments this period (Lines 5 + 6).		\$0.00
8. Total cash and in-kind contributions during campaign (Lines 1 + 4 + 7).		\$1,689,629.33
9. Total pledge payments due (Line 2 schedule B).	\$0.00	
EXPENDITURES		
10. Previous total cash and in-kind expenditures (Last C-4 line 17).		\$31,911.10
11. Cash expenditures (Line 3 schedule A).	\$46,378.01	
12. In-kind expenditures (Line 1 schedule B).	\$21,566.00	
13. Total cash and in-kind expenditures made this period (Lines 11 + 12).		\$67,944.01
14. Loan principal repayment made (Line 2 schedule L).	\$0.00	
15. Corrections (Lines 2 + 3 schedule C).	\$0.00	
16. Net adjustments this period (Lines 14 + 15).		\$0.00
17. Total cash and in-kind expenditures during campaign (Lines 10 + 13 + 16).		\$99,855.11
CASH SUMMARY		
18. Cash on hand (Lines 8 - 17)		\$1,589,774.22
Line 18 should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance.		
19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed)		\$0.00
20. Balance (Lines 18 - 19)		\$1,589,774.22

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

Treasurer's name and date

David Kim - 09/11/2023

Schedule A: Cash Receipts and Expenditure Detail

1. CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER CASH RECEIPTS REPORTED ON THE C3:

Deposit date	Amount	Deposit date	Amount	Deposit date	Amount
07/27/2023	\$25.00	08/09/2023	\$30.00	08/24/2023	\$35.00
07/27/2023	\$30.00	08/10/2023	\$5,000.00	08/25/2023	\$100,000.00
08/02/2023	\$20,000.00	08/15/2023	\$20.00	08/28/2023	\$20.00
08/03/2023	\$110.00	08/17/2023	\$20.00	08/28/2023	\$4,000.00
08/03/2023	\$10.00	08/17/2023	\$100.00	08/29/2023	\$25.00
08/07/2023	\$2,500.00	08/23/2023	\$100.00		

2. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS (LINE 2 OF C4):

\$132,025.00

3. EXPENDITURES (CASH AND CREDIT TRANSACTION DETAIL):

Date paid	Vendor or recipient (Name and address)	Purpose of expense and/or description	Cash
N/A	Expenses	Non-itemized expenditures	\$30.32
08/02/2023	Paragon 3901 Centerview Dr Ste W , Chantilly, VA 20151-3229	G Bank Fees	\$27.50
08/23/2023	10th District Democrats PO Box 1473 , Stanwood, WA 98292-1473	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
08/23/2023	11th District Democrats 17917 162nd PI SE , Renton, WA 98058-9166	C Contribution	\$500.00
08/23/2023	18th Legislative District Democrats 2125 Seaview St West 2125 Ave W , University Place, WA 98466	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
08/23/2023	19th LD Democrats PO Box 823 , Montesano, WA 98563-0823	C Contribution	\$500.00
08/23/2023	23rd Legislative District Democrats 7245 Cornell Ct Northwest 7245 Ct NW , Bremerton, WA 98311	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
08/23/2023	27th District Democrats PO Box 1532 , Tacoma, WA 98401-1532	C Contribution	\$4,000.00
08/23/2023	31st Legislative District Democrats PO Box 161 , Sumner, WA 98390-0030	C Contribution	\$564.00
08/23/2023	33rd District Democratic Organization PO Box 90608 , Bellevue, WA 98009	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
08/23/2023	39th LD Democratic Party Organization 4405 95th Northeast 4405 - St NE , Marysville, WA 98270	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
08/23/2023	40th LD Democrats 422 N Barker St , Mount Vernon, WA 98273-3118	C Contribution	\$450.00
08/23/2023	49th Legislative District Democrats 7010 NE 56th St , Vancouver, WA 98661-3639	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
08/23/2023	Clallam County Democratic Central Committee PO Box 2454, Port Angeles, WA 98362-0314	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
			\$46,378.01

	PO Box 1423 , Aberdeen, WA 98520-0299		
08/23/2023	Jefferson County Democrats PO Box 85 , Port Townsend, WA 98368-0085	C Contribution	\$1,300.00
08/23/2023	Kittitas County Democratic Central Committee 1106 E 3rd Ave , Ellensburg, WA 98926-3525	C Contribution	\$1,991.19
08/23/2023	Klickitat County Democratic Central Committee PO Box 154 , Lyle, WA 98635-0004	C Contribution	\$500.00
08/23/2023	Mason County Democratic Central Committee PO Box 1272 , Shelton, WA 98584-0952	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
08/23/2023	NCW Democrats 1 S Chelan Ave Bsmt STE , Wenatchee, WA 98801-2202	C Contribution	\$1,060.00
08/23/2023	Skagit County Democratic Party 1919 Tweed PI, Anacortes, WA 98221-3132	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
08/23/2023	Snohomish County Democrats 2720 Rucker Ave Ste 101 , Everett, WA 98201-3464	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
08/23/2023	Spokane County Democratic Central Committee 321 S Cedar St , Spokane, WA 99201-7029	C Contribution	\$5,000.00
08/23/2023	Walla Walla Democratic Central Committee PO Box 1323 , Walla Walla, WA 99362-0024	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
08/23/2023	Whatcom County Democrats PO Box 3095 , Bellingham, WA 98227-3095	C Contribution	\$4,000.00
08/23/2023	Yakima Democratic Club 1607 S 1st Ave , Yakima, WA 98902-6005	C Contribution	\$2,000.00
			\$46,378.01

Purpose of expense

and/or description

C Contribution

C Contribution

Cash

\$1,955.00

\$500.00

\$46,378.01

Vendor or recipient

(Name and address)

Cowlitz County Democratic Central Committee

536 Oregon Way , Longview, WA 98632-1536

Grays Harbor Democratic Committee

Date paid

08/23/2023

08/23/2023

4. TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

Schedule B: In-kind Contributions, Pledges, Orders, Debts and Obligations

1. IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED:

Date Received	Contributor	Employer/Occupation	Description	Amount
08/16/2023	Empowering Resources LLC 24 A Trolley Sq # 1223, Wilmington, DE 19806-3334		Training Fees	Fair market value: \$3,216.00 Aggregate total (N): \$3,216.00
07/31/2023	Eric Schmidt 1600 Amphitheatre Pkwy , Mountain View, CA 94043- 1351	CEO, Hillspire LLC Mountain View, CA	Stac Labs, Inc - Data Software	Fair market value: \$18,350.00 Aggregate total (N): \$18,350.00

2. PLEDGES RECEIVED BUT NOT YET PAID:

No pledges reported this period

3. ORDERS PLACED, DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS:

No debt reported this period

Report notes/attachments

In Kind Contributions

File a Formal Complaint - Glen Morgan

Glenmorgan89 reported (Fri, 13 Oct at 1:32 AM) via Portal Meta To Whom it May Concern --

It has come to my attention that the Cowlitz County Democratic Central Committee have habitually and willfully committed frequent and multiple violations of **RCW 42.17A**.

1) Failure to file accurate, timely C3 and C4 reports. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235)

State law requires that candidates and committees file frequent, accurate reports of contributions, expenditures, in-kind contributions, and debt. Unfortunately, the Cowlitz County Democratic Central Committee has failed on numerous occasions to do this. (See Exhibits A - "Illegally late reported C3 and C4 reports")

2) Failure to accurately, timely report debt. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240 (8), see WAC 390-05-295)

State law requires that the name and address of any person and the amount owed for any debt, obligation, note, unpaid loan, or other liability in the amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars or in the amount of more than fifty dollars that has been outstanding for over thirty days be reported on form C4. Per WAC 390-05-295, this includes any oral or written order placed, debt or obligation to purchase goods or services or anything of value, or any offer to purchase advertising space, broadcast time or other advertising related product or service.

The Cowlitz County Democratic Central Committee illegally failed to report the following debts: (See Exhibit B - "Illegal failure to timely report debts").

3) Failure to properly break down, describe expenses. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235, see WAC 390-16-205, WAC 390-16-037)

State law requires that expenditures made on behalf of a candidate or political committee by any person, agency, firm, organization, etc. employed or retained for the purpose of organizing, directing, managing or assisting the candidate's or committee's efforts shall be deemed expenditures by the candidate or committee. In accordance with WAC 390-16-037 and WAC 390-16-205, such expenditures shall be reported by the candidate or committee as if made or incurred by the candidate or committee directly. Additionally, in accordance with WAC 390-16-037, the exact purpose of the expenditure, the quantity of items printed, and the individual value of broadcast ads distributed on various media outlets must be disclosed on form C4.

The Cowlitz County Democratic Central Committee illegally failed to break down the following expenses. (See Exhibit C - "Illegal failure to break down expenditures")

The PDC should investigate the possibility that the Cowlitz County Democratic Central Committee committed the above violations maliciously, which would be a class C felony per RCW 42.17A.750 (2)(c). If the PDC determines that is the case, they should refer the case to the Attorney General's office for criminal prosecution immediately. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

Exhibit C -- Illegal Failure to breakdown expenditures.

	oximate Cumulative Days Late # Vendor	1224 Date	Amount	Description	As of	Violation 10,	/13/2017 Report #	Approx. days late as of today
	1 PURCELL MARK	8/30/2016	\$ 800.00	2 MONTHS OFFICE RENTAL		Failure to identify subvendor.	100723483	396
	2 MCLAIN PAUL	8/1/2016	\$ 60.00	INSURANCE FOR COWLITZ COUNTY FAIR BOOTH		Failure to identify subvendor.	100723483	396
	3 MCLAIN PAUL	9/22/2016	\$ 300.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR SIGNS, BUTTONS, AND BUMPER STICKERS		Failure to identify subvendor, failure to iden number of items printed.	tify 100728436	360
	4 MCLAIN PAUL	2/9/2017	\$ 87.45	LASER PRINTER POSTCARDS FOR SAVE THE DATE CARDS FOR GIVE EM HELL HAI	RRY	Failure to identify subvendor.	100752276	217
	5 CORRIE TWYLLA S	2/3/2017	\$ 93.70	ENVELOPES AND INK FOR GIVE EM HELL HARRY MAILING		Failure to identify subvendor, failure to iden number of items printed.	tify 100752276	217
	6 ELDRIDGE DEBRA	5/24/2017	\$ 317.18	ITEMS BOUGHT FOR GIVE EM HELL DINNER & AUCTION		Failure to identify subvendor.	100768971	125
	7 CORRIE TWYLLA S	6/2/2017	\$ 44.31	INK FOR PRINTING		Failure to identify subvendor.	100774730	94
	8 CORRIE TWYLLA S	6/2/2017	\$ 195.61	AUCTION ITEMS FOR GIVE EM HELL HARRY		Failure to identify subvendor.	100774730	94
	9 CORRIE TWYLLA S	6/2/2017	\$ 206.69	AUCTION ITEMS FOR GIVE EM HELL HARRY		Failure to identify subvendor.	100774730	94
:	10 MCLAIN PAUL	6/27/2017	\$ 172.94	PRINTING BOOKLETS FOR GIVE EM HELL HARRY AUCTION		Failure to identify subvendor, failure to iden number of items printed.	tify 100774730	94
:	11 RICHIE MEGAN	6/24/2017	\$ 81.76	DECORATIONS FOR GIVE EM HELL HARRY AUCTION		Failure to identify subvendor.	100774730	94
:	12 THOMPSON MELISSA	6/29/2017	\$ 229.07	AUCTION ITEMS PURCHASED FOR GIVE EM HELL HARRY AUCTION		Failure to identify subvendor.	100774730	94
:	13 CORRIE TWYLLA S	6/29/2017	\$ 50.00	INSURANCE FOR GO 4TH BOOTH		Failure to identify subvendor.	100774730	94
:	14 CORRIE TWYLLA S	6/29/2017	\$ 50.00	INSURANCE FOR COWLITZ COUNTY FAIR BOOTH		Failure to identify subvendor.	100774730	94
1	15 THOMPSON MELISSA	8/21/2017	\$ 19.95	REGISTRATION FOR GREATER GIVING FUNDRAISING SEMINAR		Failure to identify subvendor.	100786965	32
:	16 THOMPSON MELISSA	8/21/2017		GAS & DINNER FROM TRAVELING TO MERCER ISLAND FOR THE SEMINAR		Failure to identify subvendor.	100786965	32
		Total	\$ 2,738.71					

Exhibit A -- Illegally Late filed C3 and C4 reports

Approximate Cumulative Days Late -- 93

Violation # Report #	Report Type	Amended? Y/N	Deposit Date	Due Date	Day Reported	Approximate Days Lat
1 100672840	C3	N	11/9/2015	12/10/2015	12/29/2015	19
2 100676291	C4	Υ		1/11/2016	1/27/2016	16
3 100723482	C3	N	9/14/2016	9/19/2016	10/1/2016	12
4 100733717	C3	N	10/19/2016	10/24/2016	11/3/2016	10
5 100728392	C3	N	10/5/2016	10/10/2016	10/18/2016	8
6 100768967	C3	N	6/2/2017	6/5/2017	6/12/2017	7
7 100738747	C4	N		12/12/2016	12/18/2016	6
8 100769551	C3	N	6/9/2017	6/12/2017	6/16/2017	4
9 100756389	C4	N		4/10/2017	4/13/2017	3
10 100733720	C4	N		11/1/2016	11/3/2016	2
11 100768971	C4	N		6/10/2017	6/12/2017	2
12 100690557	C4	N		4/11/2016	4/12/2016	1
13 100695197	C4	N		5/10/2016	5/11/2016	1
14 100702343	C3	N	6/10/2016	6/13/2016	6/14/2016	1
15 100707755	C3	N	7/9/2016	7/11/2016	7/12/2016	1

Exhibit B -- Illegal failure to timely report Debt

	Approximate Cumulative Days Late	2936		As of	10/13/2017	
Violation # Vendor		Date	Amount	Description	Debt that was illegally not reported.	Approx. days late
1 SUMME	RLAND CATERING SERVICES	11/8/2016	\$ 1,000.00	FOOD FOR ELECTION NIGHT PARTY RENT FOR STORAGE	This should have been reported as debt on the 7 day pre-general C4.	346
2 H & H ST	ORAGE	2/1/2016	\$ 600.00	UNIT	This should have been reported as debt on the C4 covering the time period of January 2016.	611
3 GREATER	R GIVING	1/3/2017	\$ 795.00	RENEWAL ONLINE SERVICES FOR GIVE EM HELL HARRY AUCTION	This should have been reported as debt on the C4 covering the time period of December 2016.	276
				4 ADS FOR PRESIDENTIAL		
4 THE DAII	LY NEWS	3/9/2016	\$ 695.00	PRECINCT CAUCUSES	This should have been reported as debt on the C4 covering the time period of February 2016.	582
5 PURCELL	MARK	8/30/2016	\$ 800.00	2 MONTHS OFFICE RENTAL	This should have been reported as debt on the 7-day pre-primary C4.	444
				REIMBURSEMENT FOR SIGNS, BUTTONS, AND		
6 MCLAIN	PAUL	9/22/2016	\$ 300.00	BUMPER STICKERS STORAGE UNIT	This should have been reported as debt on the post-primary C4.	396
7 H & H ST	ORAGE	1/16/2017	\$ 660.00	RENEWAL	This should have been reported as debt on the C4 covering the time period of December 2016.	276
				ITEMS BOUGHT FOR GIVE EM HELL DINNER &		
8 ELDRIDG	E DEBRA	5/24/2017	\$ 317.18	AUCTION	This should have been reported as debt on the C4 covering the time period of April 2017.	156
9 COWLITZ	? REGIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER	6/13/2017	\$ 9,797.45	RENTAL SPACE & CATERING FOR GIVE EM HELL HARRY AUCTION	This should have been reported as debt on the C4 covering the time period of May 2017.	125

Total \$ 14,964.63