

Complaint Description

[Glen Morgan](#) (Tue, 4 Jun 2019 at 4:25 PM)

To Whom it May Concern,

It has come to my attention that Kathryn Campbell, former SeaTac City Councilmember has once again violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**).

1) Failure to timely file personal financial affairs statement (F1) for 2018. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.700 (2))

By April 15th of each year, state law requires each elected official to file with the Commission a statement of financial affairs (F1) for the prior year serving in public office. Kathryn Campbell failed in her re-election attempt in 2017, but she was still required by law to submit a final F1 by April 15th 2018. As of the date of this complaint Ms. Campbell has still not filed her 2018 F1, which is now more than one year late.

In April 2017 I submitted a Complaint to the PDC correctly and accurately identifying various violations of the Fair Campaign Practices Act by Kathryn Campbell (See PDCComplaint #16817). This complaint enumerated multiple violations of Washington State's campaign finance laws committed by Kathryn Campbell during her 2013 campaign. At the time of my complaint it was less than 4 years from the close of her 2013 campaign. However, that case was closed by the PDC approximately 20 months later with a written warning dated January 31st, 2019. The warning to Ms. Campbell contained these words: "While those two issues would appear to rise to the level of material violations, the five-year statute of limitations has expired for allegations related to the 2013 election cycle, so the PDC is prevented from taking enforcement action." It should probably be noted that only the PDC's tardiness in investigating Campbell for over a year and a half, allowed her to escape a fine for her violations. The warning also included these words: "The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules."

In her response to Complaint #16817 Ms. Campbell claimed she was a "first-time candidate" and that she was "not familiar with the PDC filing requirements" as a defense for her violations. It should be noted that by 2018 she already had 4 years of experience filing F1s. Inexperience is not a credible excuse in this case.

At the least, this violation reveals indifference to state law. Or it could be an indication that Ms. Campbell was fraudulently and maliciously attempting to hide her income during her final year in office. Consequently, the PDC should investigate whether it also violates **RCW 42.17A.750 (2) (a), (b), or (c)**. If the PDC determines malicious intent they should refer the case for criminal prosecution immediately.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public has a right to know the financial affairs of elected officials so that they can see if there are obvious conflicts of interest or other problems based on how those elected officials conduct themselves in public office. Willfully concealing this information from the public is a problem and it denies the public the right to know the truth.

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

Self evident vacume of missing information - PDC can verify this.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

Just Kathryn Campbell herself

Complaint Certification:

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.