

Complaint Description

[Glen Morgan](#) (Tue, 18 Jun 2019 at 12:06 PM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Debbie Bertlin of the Mercer Island City Council has violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (RCW 42.17A).

1) Actively campaigning, before filing "statement of organization" (C1). (Violation of RCW 42.17a.210(1))

State law requires each candidate, within 2 weeks after becoming a candidate, to file a statement of organization (C1) Debbie Bertlin filed with King County Elections, as a candidate for the Mercer Island City Council (position #7) , during filing week (May 13th thru 17th 2019). As of the date of this complaint she has still not filed her C1, which is far beyond the 2 weeks required in state law. This is a clear violation of state law.

By violating RCW 42.17a.210--failing to declare her candidacy (C1)--we also don't know who is serving as her treasurer, nor has she begun filing either C3s or C4s, to document her campaign donations and expenses, which are also now late at this time.

As an experienced long-term veteran politician (See was elected in 2011 and 2015 for this position), she knows better. 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?

By looking at the PDC website, the public has no idea this candidate is even running for office, nor can they find any information about this candidate's campaign.

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

Self-evident - described in complaint

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

The stealth candidate herself is the best witness, possibly the unknown and undefined treasurer as well.

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.