

Complaint Description

Glen Morgan (Tue, 16 Jul 2019 at 1:54 PM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Artur Wojnowski who is a candidate for the Port Angeles City Council, position #5, 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) and RCW 42.17A.205)

State law requires each candidate, within 2 weeks after becoming a candidate, to file a statement of organization (C1). This candidate failed to do so within two weeks of filing week (May 13th thru 17th 2019). As of the date of this complaint he has still not filed his C1, which is far beyond the 2 weeks required in state law. This is a clear, unambiguous violation of state law. The primary election itself is only a few days away now and ballots are mailed shortly.

By violating **RCW 42.17a.210** and **RCW 41.17A.205** --failing to declare this candidate's candidacy (C1) the voters also don't know who is serving as this candidate's treasurer, who the officers of this candidate's political committee are, where this candidate is banking the campaign funds for this political campaign, what address to use when inspecting the campaign books, etc. For proof of this active campaign, please see the attached screen shot of this candidate's voter's guide statement in the Clallam Voters Guide.

It is worthwhile to point out to the PDC that when a crowded primary for elected office like this one for the Port Angeles City Council position #5 contains three candidates for office, and when none of these candidates actually follow any of the campaign finance laws, then a variety of incentives against transparency are created, encouraged, and rewarded. Not only is the primary election outcome in this election race certain to result in electing at least two candidates who have never followed the campaign disclosure rules, but their success will certainly encourage others to repeat their failure to follow the law in the future with no consequences (and in fact electoral success) in the future. This is far more than a minor technical mistake – it is another example where electoral outcomes – potentially very significant for the local community will certainly occur, in part due to lawbreaking by the very candidates (in this case – every one of them) who should be at least pretending to follow that same law.

I will also add the observation that this candidate is experienced and has run for office before. In 2017, this candidate did file both a C1 (see attached) and F1 for that campaign for Port Angeles City Council (Position 3) , so it is mystifying as to why he chose to completely ignore the campaign finance laws this time.

2) Failure to file Personal Financial Disclosure Forms (F-1) (Violation of RCW 42.17A.700)

In addition to not registering their campaign with the PDC, this candidate has also failed to file his personal financial disclosure documents in a timely manner, although he at least filed them on June 26, 2019, which was two weeks late.

3). Failure to file Contribution or Expenditure Reports (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235)

This candidate has also failed to file any contribution or expenditure reports from his campaign. It should be noted that this failure to comply also includes a total absence of any reported information to the PDC for the public to see anything about this campaign and how it has spent the resources on this election campaign. Even if this campaign claims to be filing a "mini-reporting" campaign, their failure to provide an address to review their books means that it is impossible for the public to review the information about who is funding this campaign and how funds were spent to support this campaign.

While I have publicly advocated for many years on the need for more flexibility for the PDC to address and resolve minor technical mistakes, and this is why I was supportive of many of 2018's HB 2938 reforms, there still must be some clear penalty assigned to candidates who choose to completely ignore and mock **EVERY SINGLE** campaign finance rule that exists. In these cases, a slap on the wrist and a "naughty, naughty, naughty" statement is probably not much of a deterrent. Ghost campaigns like this one should be held accountable for a complete unwillingness to follow the state's campaign finance laws.

In this case, the candidate is an experienced veteran from a 2017 campaign where he at least partly complied with the campaign finance laws by timely filing both a C1 and F1.

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 campaign has a right to know who funds a political campaign, who the officers of that campaign may be, who the treasurer might be, how that campaign spends their campaign funds (even if it is just their own), and where one would be able to review the campaign books, which can't be done when the candidate runs a "ghost" campaign like this one. Total and complete lack of transparency or even to make an effort to pretend to be transparent for the voters. At least this candidate submitted his financial disclosure form - although it was two weeks late.

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

attached as referenced in complaint

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.
The candidate, his treasurer, and any officers associated with his campaign
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.

CITY OF PORT ANGELES – Council Position No. 5

4 Year Term – Clallam



Artur Wojnowski

Information

Candidate Statement

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Current Peninsula Area Public Access executive board/secretary.

Education: Studied architecture and computer aided drafting at college of DuPage and Harper College.

Community Service: Fundraiser and out reach for Peninsula area public access, "PAPA movie at the parks"

Statement: Port Angeles is a wonderful city with a diverse community with lots to offer, and as a part of this community I feel it is my responsibility to give back with my diverse experience and to inspire others to participate in there community to strengthen it.


Contact

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Links

[Email Candidate](#)

[Campaign Contributions](#)

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  711 CAPITOL WAY RM 206 PO BOX 40908 OLYMPIA WA 98504-0908 (360) 753-1111 Toll Free 1-877-601-2828		<h1 style="margin: 0;">Candidate Registration</h1>		<h1 style="margin: 0;">C1</h1> <small>(1/2008)</small>	100761587 05-21-2017
Candidate's Name (Give candidate's full name.)				Telephone Number	
ARTUR K WOJNOWSKI				360-808-5597	
Candidate's Committee Name (Do not abbreviate.)				Fax Number	
THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT ARTUR WOJNOWSKI					
Mailing Address				Candidate's E-Mail Address	
1714 W 6TH ST				ARTUR@HOME-GUYS.COM	
City		County		Zip + 4	
PORT ANGELES		CLALLAM		98363	
				Campaign E-Mail Address	
				artur@home-guys.com	
1. What office are you running for?		Legislative District, County or City		Position No. Do you now hold this office?	
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER		CITY OF PORT ANGELES		3 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Political party (if partisan office)			3. Date of general or special election		
NONE			11-07-2017		
4. How much do you plan to spend during your entire election campaign, including the primary and general elections? Based on that estimate, choose one of the reporting options below. If no box is checked you are obligated to use Option II, Full Reporting. See instruction manuals for information about reports required and changing reporting options.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option I MINI REPORTING: In addition to my filing fee of \$66.00, I will raise and spend no more than \$5,000, including any charges for inclusion in state and local voters pamphlets. I will not accept more than \$500 in the aggregate from any contributor except myself.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Option II FULL REPORTING: I will use the Full Reporting system. I will file the frequent, detailed campaign reports required by law.					
5. Treasurer's Name and Address. Does treasurer perform <u>only</u> ministerial functions? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . See WAC 390-05-243 and next page for details. List deputy treasurers on attached sheet.				Daytime Telephone Number	
CHRISTI A WOJNOWSKI 1714 W 6TH ST, PORT ANGELES WA 98363				360-808-5526	
6. Persons who perform only ministerial functions on your behalf <u>and</u> on behalf of other candidates or political committees. List name, title and address of these persons. See WAC 390-05-243 and next page for details. <input type="checkbox"/> Continued on attached sheet.					
7. Committee Officers and other persons who authorize expenditures or make decisions on your behalf. List name, title and address. See next page for definition of "officer." <input type="checkbox"/> Continued on attached sheet.					
ARTUR WOJNOWSKI, CANDIDATE, 1714 W 6TH ST, PORT ANGELES WA 98363 CHRISTI WOJNOWSKI, TREASURER, 1714 W 6TH ST, PORT ANGELES WA 98363					
8. Campaign Bank or Depository		Branch		City	
CHASE BANK		PORT ANGELES		PORT ANGELES	
9. Related or Affiliated Political Committees. List name, address and relationship. <input type="checkbox"/> Continued on attached sheet.					
10. Campaign books must be open to the public by appointment between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. during the eight days before the election, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. In the space below, provide contact information for scheduling an appointment and the address where the inspection will take place. It is not acceptable to provide a post office box or an out-of-area address.					
Street Address, Room Number, City where campaign books will be available for inspection 1714 W 6TH ST, PORT ANGELES In order to make an appointment, contact the campaign at (telephone, fax, e-mail): 360-808-5597 ARTUR@HOME-GUYS.COM					
11. CERTIFICATION: I certify that this report is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.					
Candidate's Signature ARTUR K WOJNOWSKI				Date 05-21-2017	

Attachment to C1 – Candidate Committee Registration

Name ARTUR K WOJNOWSKI

5. Deputy Treasurers Name and Address.

CHRISTI WOJNOWSKI

1714 W 6TH ST, PORT ANGELES WA 98363

6. Persons who perform only ministerial functions, Name, Title and Address.

7. Committee Officers, List Name, Title and Address.