

Complaint Description

Glen Morgan (Wed, 17 Jul 2019 at 9:45 AM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Citizens for Ridgefield Schools PAC during the 2016 campaign session has violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**).

1) Accepting Illegal Over limit Anonymous Contributions (Violation of RCW 42.17A.220 (4))

This PAC violated Washington State's campaign finance laws by accepting more than \$300 in anonymous contributions from donors. Specifically, it appears that they accepted \$4,681 in anonymous contributions (apparently from one source), which is \$4,381 more than the allowable anonymous contribution limit defined in **RCW 42.17A.220 (4)**.

Upon reviewing the expenditures by this candidate's political committee, there is no evidence supporting any claim these funds were eschewed to the Treasury of the State of Washington as is required in law. Therefore this is a violation of the statute, and these funds should be immediately forfeited to the Washington State Treasury.

I have attached the relevant C3 report which provides the limited detail on the anonymous contributions received by this committee during the 2016 campaign. **This committee must forfeit \$4,381 to the Washington State Treasury immediately.** In this way, these funds can be squandered along with the rest of the general fund tax dollars, but at least this forfeiture of anonymous dark money funds may discourage others from attempting to hide their anonymous, secretive, dark money in this political campaign.

This committee should be warned about not taking secretive, dark money anonymously to fund political campaigns. This is a serious violation of Washington's State campaign finance laws and counter to the spirit and intention of transparency in the political process.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions on this matter.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public has a right to have political committees who do not fund their political campaigns by secretive, anonymous dark money funding as this campaign chose to do. This campaign

must forfeit these illegal dark money funds and send them to the Washington State Treasury where they can be squandered with the rest of the General Fund. At least it will send a message to future dark money anonymous donors that their money is not welcome, even in campaigns like this one.

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

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List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

All officers and the treasurer in this PAC should be contacted

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.