

[Howellyeahdistrict6](#) replied Tues, 23 July 2019 at 2:28PM  
to: "PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Dear Tabitha Blacksmith,

With integrity and a clear conscience I reply to admit to no guilt beyond my misunderstanding of the process and lack of experience.

I have read the attached PDF and filed with the PDC prior to the date when this complaint was sent. I do fear that I missed an important step in the process and would appreciate being pointed in the right direction. The genuine intention was never to run a "ghost campaign" nor to hide important financial information from the public. My run for office occurred last minute and after having filed a withdrawal "before the end of business day", as posted on the Kitsap County website without the specific time for clarity, I had missed the deadline with a submission at 4:36pm. Shortly after this, an illness in the family diverted attention from the immediate needs of the campaign, and without a hired manager nor the previous experience of the process, I was unaware of the sensitivity of the issue. Again, I have nothing to hide. I have not taken any campaign contributions, but should my campaign proceed beyond the primary, I will be reaching out to one of the CPAs in the office where I currently work full-time to be the official treasurer of the campaign. As I, professionally, represent the extremely sensitive information of thousands of clients, I would dutifully submit a letter from any one of the individuals within my workplace who would stand by my trustworthiness, integrity and strong sense of justice.

Glen Morgan filed a complaint and within the complaint written about me, "State law requires each candidate, within 2 weeks after becoming a candidate, to file a statement of organization (C1) Debbie Bertlin filed with Kitsap County Elections, as a candidate for the Bremerton City Council (position #6) , during filing week (May 13th thru 17th 2019)." I do not know who this person is and can only surmise that while satisfying the duty of his due diligence, he mistakenly confused details of this complaint?

I phoned the Kitsap County Elections office and spoke with Paul Andrews about this for further guidance. I've left two messages with you and hope this message inspires information directing me to the path of good graces in the eyes of the PDC. This process is intimidating and I am learning a lot as I go. Your understanding and advisement is dearly appreciated.

Thank you,

Erinn Howell