

July 22, 2019

Public Disclosure Commission
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Public Disclosure Commission –

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the complaint filed on July 16th by Glen Morgan (case #55044). Below is the quick response to his claim:


According to [RCW 42.17A.220 \(4\)](#) and the PDC's online [Candidate Instruction manual](#):

(4) Accumulated unidentified contributions, other than those made by persons whose names must be maintained on a separate and private list by a political committee's treasurer pursuant to RCW 42.17A.240(2), in excess of one percent of the total accumulated contributions received in the current calendar year, or three hundred dollars, whichever is more, may not be deposited, used, or expended, but shall be returned to the donor if his or her identity can be ascertained. If the donor cannot be ascertained, the contribution shall escheat to the state and shall be paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund.

Additionally, the candidate instruction manual says this:

Occasionally, campaigns receive funds from truly anonymous sources; that is, no one involved in the campaign knows who donated the money. Up to a point, the law allows campaigns to keep these anonymous contributions. Specifically, candidates may receive as much as \$300 or one percent of the total contributions received in a calendar year, whichever is greater.

In the CY 2018, Victoria Mena raised \$47,492.01, according to her December 2018 C4 report.

 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 711 CAPITOL WAY RM 206 PO BOX 40908 OLYMPIA WA 98504-0908 (360) 753-1111 TOLL FREE 1-877-601-2828		SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES		C4 (3/97)	PDC OFFICE USE 100880019 01-09-2019
Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Include full name) Victoria Mena (Friends Of Victoria Mena)					
Mailing Address PO Box 2447				City Auburn, WA	
Zip + 4 98071		Office Sought (Candidates) STATE REPRESENTATIVE		Election Date 2018	
Report Period Covered 12/01/18		To (end of period) 12/31/18		Final Report? Yes No X	
*For PACs, Parties & Caucus Committees: During this report period, did the committee make an <u>independent expenditure</u> (i.e., an expense not considered a contribution) supporting or opposing a state or local candidate? *See next page Yes No					
RECEIPTS					
1. Previous total cash and in kind contributions (From line 8, last C-4) (if beginning a new campaign or calendar year, see instruction booklet)				\$ \$47,392.01	
2. Cash received (From line 2, Schedule A)				\$ \$100.00	
3. In kind contributions received (From line 1, Schedule B).....				\$ \$0.00	
4. Total cash and in kind contributions received this period (Line 2 plus 3).....				\$ \$100.00	
5. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L).....				\$ \$0.00	
6. Corrections (From line 1 or 3, Schedule C)..... Show + or (-)				\$ \$0.00	
7. Net adjustments this period (Combine line 5 & 6)..... Show + or (-)				\$ \$0.00	
8. Total cash and in kind contributions during campaign (Combine lines 1, 4 & 7)				\$ \$47,492.01	
9. Total pledge payments due (From line 2, Schedule B).....				\$ \$0.00	

Therefore, she was legally allowed to accept \$300 or \$474.92 in truly anonymous donations, whichever was more. As Mr. Morgan asserts in his claim, Victoria Mena accepted \$420, which is under her allowable limit for that year.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this matter. We hope you agree that the complaint is baseless and dismiss the complaint accordingly.

Sincerely,

Jason Bennett, Treasurer
Friends of Victoria Mena