

Respondent Name

Katherine (Kate) Kruller

Complainant Name

Glen Morgan

Complaint Description

Glen Morgan reported via the portal Thurs, 19 Sept 2019 at 12:57PM

To whom it may concern (and hopefully it concerns someone),

It has come to my attention that Katherine (Kate) Kruller has further violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**) in her current campaign for the Tukwila City Council.

1) Failure to report filing fee (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240, .235)

Kruller once again has demonstrated her unwillingness to comply with Washington State's campaign finance laws by continuing to flout the reporting requirements. Please keep in mind, previous violations were reported to the PDC and documented in **PDC Case #52387** – not just the initial complaint, but the multiple supplemental filings made by this complainant in that case all provided evidence of violations. Based on the investigation of PDC staff, the revisions made by Kruller in response to the original complaints, and the evidence of updated campaign finance documents, Kruller was clearly made aware of the need to comply with Washington State's awesome campaign finance laws. Yet, despite that recent experience and the reminder provided by PDC staff to Kruller to follow the law ("go and sin no more" letter – see attached), Kruller continues to ignore the statute and continues to fail to comply.

For example, despite the information provided very publicly by the King County Auditor's office about the requirement of candidates for office to pay a filing fee (\$150), and the information provided by the City of Tukwila (where Kruller has been a councilmember for nine years now- see attached), the payment of this filing fee continues to be hidden from the public and remains unreported in the documents filed by the Kruller campaign with the PDC. Assuming the limited reporting that has been made by this campaign so far is semi-accurate (which is a risky assumption based on recent experience), there have not been a lot of expenditures made by this campaign - it shouldn't be a great burden to just report how they spend their campaign funds.

It has been crystal clear to all candidates running for office in Washington State that this information must be reported to the PDC. Please see the attached AGO opinion on this very issue from 1974 and signed by Attorney General Slade Gorton, which further reiterated this fact.

As an experienced, incumbent and a repeat candidate for Tukwila City Council, Kruller certainly knows better than to conceal this information from the public. I have expressed

similar concerns previously under my previous Complaint against this candidate (See **PDC Case # 52387**).

1) Failure to accurately describe expense. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240(6) & WAC 390-16-037, RCW 42.17A.235)

Kruller's campaign has regularly failed to follow Washington State's Campaign Finance laws as they apply to the reporting of expenditures (just look at how many "technical corrections" and changes my last complaint necessitated her campaign to make). The C4s this campaign has filed contains violations of the statute and the rules written by the Public Disclosure Commission which support the statute.

Here is another example that needs to be corrected by Kruller's campaign which should at least pretend to go through the motions of complying with the statute: Examples of a failure to provide sufficient detail of expenditures (unambiguous violations of **RCW 42.17A.240(6)** and **WAC 390-16-037** (see **example B** provided at **WAC 390-16-037(3)**):

For example, the expenditures reported on **PDC Report # 100930241** (see attached) failed to report how many pieces of campaign materials were printed and purchased from The Renton Printery. This is an additional clear violation of **WAC 390-16-037(3) example B** provided.

At some point, it should be possible for very experienced veteran politicians like Kruller to be able to comply with Washington State's clear, easy to follow campaign finance laws without the need for either citizens like myself or the PDC needing to continuously enforce compliance on a regular basis. There is just no incentive for candidates to comply if they can just assume they will get away with flouting the state's campaign finance laws without any consequences.

Let me know if you need any additional information.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

PDC Case 52387 Kate Kruller technical correction and reminder.pdf
110.73 KB

Kruller - C4 -100930241- Sept 10- 2019.pdf
26.83 KB

AGO opinion on reportability of filing fees.pdf
377.9 KB

2019-Election-and-Campaign-Filing-Information.pdf
150.44 KB

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

The public shouldn't be required to file complaints on this experienced politician and campaigner to force them to actually follow the law. The public has a right to know how candidates spend their campaign dollars, and they shouldn't be allowed to conceal this information from the public, as this candidate has done repeatedly.

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

C4 example provided, also Tukwila's own documents detailing the unreported filing fee, also the original 1974 AG opinion which confirms the legal requirement to report this fee to the PDC, and the last PDC "reminder" letter sent to this scofflaw politician just a few months ago.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Kate Kruller

Certification (Complainant)

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.



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July 23, 2019

Delivered electronically to "kate@kate4tukwila.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 52387

Dear Kate Kruller:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities, including personal property used for campaign purposes, and the timely filings of all future PDC reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____

Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
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July 23, 2019

Delivered electronically to “glen@wethegoverned.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Kate Kruller, PDC Case 52387

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed on June 4, June 10 and June 18, 2019. The complaint alleged that Kate Kruller, a candidate for Tukwila City Council Member, Pos. 6 may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely register as a candidate and RCW 42.17A .235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses provided by Kate Kruller; the applicable PDC reports filed by Kruller; and reviewed Kruller’s data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- Kate Kruller was first elected to a four-year term on the Tukwila City Council in November 2011 and re-elected in 2015.
- Kruller does not have previous warnings or violations of PDC requirements.
- Kruller registered her 2019 campaign with the PDC on May 28, 2019, however mistakenly registered as a committee, not a candidate. With help from PDC staff, Kruller’s registration was corrected and her candidate filing was filed, dated June 10, 2019.
- In her response, she stated “The P.O. Box I listed for use in my campaign is my personal USPS P.O. Box. The USPS normally only allows delivery a specific spelling of my name or the name of my dormant business (the business is listed in my C1). On June 11, 2019, I called the USPS to authorize them to place mail in my name or labeled Kate4Tukwila in my P.O. Box. Because it is a P.O. Box that I use personally, I will list it as a personal in-kind contribution in the second C4 report cycle.”
- On an amended C-4 filed June 20, 2019, Kruller reported a \$21.22 in-kind donation for a post office box, contributed by Kate Kruller

- In her response, Kruller stated “I categorically deny declaring I was a candidate or was campaigning prior to May 15, 2019. The website was established in my first run for election and remains dormant between elections. Specifically, no updates are made from the day after the King County Elections Department validates the returns until I register to run for election in the following cycle.”
- On an amended C-4 filed July 15, 2019, Kruller reported a total of \$33.22 in in-kind donations for web hosting, contributed by Kate Kruller.
- Kruller filed an amended May 2019 C-4 on June 20, 2019, listing a \$3,096.52 starting balance, and stated in her response “In attempting to declare the Carry Forward amount in my first C4 for my 2019 candidacy, I looked up my 2015 campaign information and on the General Tab saw two amounts listed 1) Contributions \$7951.79; and 2) Expenditures \$5545.59. I subtracted the lower amount from the higher amount and got the amount of \$2406.20. In error, I believed that to be the ending amount on record at the PDC and put that amount in the C4 in an effort to be transparent about money remaining from my campaign in 2015. The last C4 report from the 2015 campaign, filed on 11-01-2015 show the amount of \$3096.52. The campaign account has not been actively used since the end of the election cycle in 2015 (after the election returns were validated by King County Elections). When I looked at my account total in the bank for the campaign, the amount is \$3099.24. The variance in the total from the C4 report in 2015 is the result of a savings account interest accrual. As of this evening, I amended the C4 to reflect the amount of \$3096.52. Tomorrow, I will make an additional amendment to account for the interest of \$2.72, once I learn exactly what type of contribution to list it as from the PDC Advisors.”
- Also in her response, Kruller noted she has not yet started door-belling due to medical reasons.
- After direction from the PDC, Kruller made a note in her campaign records that she is using campaign signs purchased and reported in 2011 and 2015.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

Kate Kruller made minor or ministerial errors on her required C-1 report, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, Kruller timely re-filed the report, making the necessary technical corrections as requested by staff.

Kate Kruller also made minor or ministerial errors on her initial C-4 report, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, Kruller timely re-filed the report, making the necessary technical corrections as requested by staff.

PDC staff is also reminding Kate Kruller about the importance of timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities, including personal property used for campaign purposes, and the timely filings of all future PDC reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
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Executive Director

cc: Kate Kruller

SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

C4 (3/97)	PDC OFFICE USE
	100930241
	09-10-2019

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Include full name)
(Kate Kruller)

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 69534

City
Tukwila, WA

Zip + 4 98168	Office Sought (Candidates) CITY COUNCIL MEMBER	Election Date 2019
Report Period Covered From (last C-4) 07/30/19 To (end of period) 08/31/19	Final Report? Yes No X	

***For PACs, Parties & Caucus Committees:** During this report period, did the committee make an **independent expenditure** (i.e., an expense not considered a contribution supporting or opposing a state or local candidate?)

RECEIPTS	*See next page	Yes	No
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)	\$		\$5,128.74
2. Cash received (From line 2, Schedule A)	\$		\$120.00
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).....			\$120.00
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)			\$5,248.74
9. Total pledge payments due (From line 2, Schedule B).....	\$0.00		

EXPENDITURES		
10. Previous total cash and in kind expenditures (From line 17, last C-4) (If beginning a new campaign or calendar year, see instruction booklet)		\$32.22
11. Total cash expenditures (From line 4, Schedule A)	\$371.80	
12. In kind expenditures (goods & services) (From line 1, Schedule B)	\$0.00	
13. Total cash and in kind expenditures made this period (Line 11 plus line 12).....		\$371.80
14. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L).....	\$0.00	
15. Corrections (From line 2 or 3, Schedule C)..... Show + or (-)	\$0.00	
16. Net adjustments this period (Combine lines 14 & 15)..... Show + or (-)		\$0.00
17. Total cash and in kind expenditures during campaign (Combine lines 10, 13 and 16).....		\$404.02

CANDIDATES ONLY				Name not on ballot
Won	Lost	Unopposed		
Primary election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.:

CASH SUMMARY	
18. Cash on hand (Line 8 minus line 17)	\$4,844.72
[Line 18 should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance.]	
19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed)	\$0.00
20. Balance (Surplus or deficit) (Line 18 minus line 19)	\$4,844.72

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information herein and on accompanying schedules and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Candidate's Signature KATE KRULLER	Date 09/10/19	Treasurer's Signature Kate Kruller	Date 09/10/19
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CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

SCHEDULE A
 to C4
(11/93)

2

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.)

Report Date

(Kate Kruller)

07/30/19

08/31/19

1. CASH RECEIPTS (Contributions) which have been reported on C3. List each deposit made since last C4 report was submitted.

Date of deposit	Amount	Date of deposit	Amount	Date of deposit	Amount	Total deposits
08/16/2019	\$100.00					
08/22/2019	\$20.00					

2. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS

Enter also on line 2 of C4 \$ \$120.00

CODES FOR CLASSIFYING EXPENDITURES: If one of the following codes is used to describe an expenditure, no other description is generally needed. The exceptions are:

- 1) If expenditures are in-kind or earmarked contributions to a candidate or committee or independent expenditures that benefit a candidate or committee, identify the candidate or committee in the Description block;
- 2) When reporting payments to vendors for travel expenses, identify the traveler and travel purpose in the Description block; and
- 3) If expenditures are made directly or indirectly to compensate a person or entity for soliciting signatures on a statewide initiative or referendum petition, use code "V" and provide the following information on an attached sheet: name and address of each person/entity compensated, amount paid each during the reporting period, and cumulative total paid all persons to date to gather signatures.

CODE DEFINITIONS ON NEXT PAGE	C - Contributions (monetary, in-kind & transfers) I - Independent Expenditures L - Literature, Brochures, Printing B - Broadcast Advertising (Radio, TV) N - Newspaper and Periodical Advertising O - Other Advertising (yard signs, buttons, etc.) V - Voter Signature Gathering	P - Postage, Mailing Permits S - Surveys and Polls F - Fundraising Event Expenses T - Travel, Accommodations, Meals M - Management/Consulting Services W - Wages, Salaries, Benefits G - General Operation and Overhead
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3. EXPENDITURES

- a) Expenditures of \$50 or less, including those from petty cash, need not be itemized. Add up these expenditures and show the total in the amount column on the first line below..
- b) Itemize each expenditure of more than \$50 by date paid, name and address of vendor, code/description, and amount.
- c) For each payment to a candidate, campaign worker, PR firm, advertising agency or credit card company, attach a list of detailed expenses or copies of receipts/invoices supporting the payment.

Date Paid	Vendor or Recipient (Name and Address)	Code	Purpose of Expense and/or Description	Amount
N/A	Expenses of \$50 or less	N/A	N/A	
08/12/19	RENTON PRINTERY P.O. Box 4034 Renton, WA 98057-4034		Print campaign materials	\$371.80

4. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES

Total from attached pages \$ **\$0.00**
 Enter also on line 11 of C4 \$ **\$371.80**



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Attorney General Slade Gorton

ELECTIONS -- INITIATIVE NO. 276 -- FILING FEES AS REPORTABLE EXPENDITURES
UNDER INITIATIVE NO. 276

A candidate for elective office who is required to pay a filing fee under RCW 29.18.050 must treat that fee as an expenditure under the campaign expenditure reporting requirements of Initiative No. 276.

July 29, 1974

Honorable Kenneth Kennedy
Chairman, Washington Public
Disclosure Commission
Insurance Building
Olympia, Washington 98504

Cite as: AGO 1974 No. 16

Dear Sir:

By letter previously acknowledged the commission has requested our opinion on a question which we paraphrase as follows:

Must a candidate for elective office who is required to pay a filing fee under RCW 29.18.050 treat that fee as an expenditure under the campaign expenditure reporting requirements of Initiative No. 276?

We answer this question in the affirmative for the reasons set forth in our analysis.

ANALYSIS

Your question involves the campaign financing provisions of Initiative No. 276 (now codified as chapter 42.17 RCW), insofar as they relate to expenditures by candidates or [[Orig. Op. Page 2]] political committees.^{1/}

This new disclosure law, which was approved by the voters at the November, 1972, state general election, contains several provisions relating to the reporting of political campaign

expenditures. First, § 8 (now codified as RCW 42.17.080) provides that when a campaign treasurer is designated by a candidate or political committee there must be filed a "report of all contributions received and expenditures made in the election campaign prior to that date." (Emphasis supplied.) Then, RCW 42.17.090 (codifying § 9) sets out the general requirements for the reporting of such expenditures. Among the items of information that must be reported pursuant to this section are "the name and address of each person to whom an expenditure was made in the aggregate amount of \$25.00 or more, and the amount, date and purpose of each such expenditure." (RCW 42.17.090(1)(f).) Further, subsection (1)(g) of RCW 42.17.090 requires the continual reporting of the total sum of a candidate's campaign expenditures.

The term "expenditure" itself is defined in § 2 of the act (RCW 42.17.020(12)) as meaning:

". . . a payment, contribution, subscription, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value, and includes a contract, promise, or agreement, [[Orig. Op. Page 3]] whether or not legally enforceable, to make an expenditure. The term 'expenditure' also includes a promise to pay, a payment or a transfer of anything of value in exchange for goods, services, property, facilities or anything of value for the purpose of assisting, benefiting or honoring any public official or candidate, or assisting in furthering or opposing any election campaign."

In other words, an expenditure, for the purposes of the act, includes any transfer or payment of anything of value which is made for the purpose of assisting a public official or candidate in furthering his election campaign. This leads us to your present question; i.e., whether the statutory filing fee provided for in RCW 29.18.050 constitutes such an "expenditure."

Insofar as is here material, this statute provides as follows:

"A fee of one dollar must accompany each declaration of candidacy for a precinct office without salary; a fee of ten dollars for any office with a compensation attached of one thousand dollars per annum or less; a fee equal to one percent of the annual compensation for any office with a compensation attached of more than one thousand dollars per annum."

The significance of this filing fee will readily be seen when the foregoing statute is read in conjunction with RCW 29.18.030, which provides that:

"The name of no candidate shall be printed upon the official ballot used at a state primary, unless not earlier than the last Monday of July nor later than the next succeeding Friday, a declaration of candidacy is filed in the form hereinafter set forth . . ."

Although situated in a chapter of the election code dealing with partisan primaries and elections, these two statutes (RCW 29.18.030 and 29.18.050) apply not only to elections for partisan offices but, as well, to elections for nonpartisan offices under chapter 29.21 RCW. See, RCW 29.21.020. In [[Orig. Op. Page 4]] AGO 1974 No. 12 [[to A. Ludlow Kramer, Secretary of State on June 28, 1974]], copy enclosed, however, we recently advised that the filing fee requirement of RCW 29.18.050 is no longer constitutionally enforceable, in view of a recent United States Supreme Court decision, in the case of indigent persons who are financially unable to pay the fee required for the particular office they are seeking.

With this exception, however, it is readily to be seen that for the purposes of the election law, a person seeking election to a particular office for which a filing fee is prescribed may not become an official candidate unless he has paid the required filing fee in conjunction with the filing of his

declaration of candidacy. From this it follows, in our opinion, that the filing fee does constitute an "expenditure," for the purposes of Initiative No. 276, in view of the definition contained in § 2 (RCW 42.17.020(12)),supra.

In simplest terms, this payment (in those cases in which it is required) is a necessary part of the candidate's financial outlay if he is to have his name appear on the ballot and, in that manner, become eligible to be elected to the office he is seeking. Moreover, the payment is very clearly a transfer of something of value and it cannot be doubted that it is for the purpose of assisting the candidate and furthering his election campaign. Payment of the filing fee is thus precisely within the broad definition of "expenditure" as set forth above. We must therefore answer your question, as above paraphrased, in the affirmative.

We trust the foregoing will be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

SLADE GORTON
Attorney General

JAMES VACHE
Assistant Attorney General

***** FOOTNOTES *****

1/The terms "candidate" and "political committee" are defined in RCW 42.17.020(5) and (22), respectively, as follows:

"(5) 'Candidate' means any individual who seeks election to public office. An individual shall be deemed to seek election when he first:

"(a) Receives contribution or makes expenditures or reserves space or facilities with intent to promote his candidacy for office; or

"(b) Announces publicly or files for office.

". . .

"(22) 'Political committee' means any person (except a candidate or an individual dealing with his own funds or property) having the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in support of, or opposition to, any candidate or any ballot proposition."



City of Tukwila

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2019 ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN FILING INFORMATION

Following is an overview of information for candidates interested in running for local election in Tukwila this year. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact King County Elections at (206) 296-1565 or email to election.services@kingcounty.gov. Election information may also be found on King County's website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx>.

Candidates must be registered voters in the jurisdiction they want to represent. Candidates in a Code City, such as Tukwila, must have lived within the Code City for one year before the date of the election (RCW 35A.12.030). The election officer with whom declarations are filed shall review each declaration for compliance with the law (RCW Chapter 29A.24).

Candidates wishing to file for an elected office must obtain a *Declaration of Candidacy* form from King County Elections at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx>. *Declaration of Candidacy* forms will be available online approximately 30 days prior to the candidate filing period.

Deadlines to file for office are shown in the box to the right. The courts have upheld that mail misdirected by error is not a valid excuse for late filing.

All candidates filing a *Declaration of Candidacy* form must pay the applicable (non-refundable) filing fee at the time of filing. The filing fee for City of Tukwila **Council Positions** is **\$150.00**, which is equal to 1% of the current annual salary.

The filing fee for the position of **Mayor** is **\$1,109.88**, which is equal to 1% of the current annual salary.

If a candidate lacks sufficient assets or income to pay the filing fee, they can contact King County Elections about the process to submit a filing fee petition in lieu of the fee.

2019 Candidate Filing Deadlines

MAIL:

Monday, April 29 through Friday, May 17,
4:30 p.m., regardless of postmark

IN PERSON:

Monday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. through
Friday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m.

ONLINE:

Monday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m. through
Friday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m.

>>Deadline to Withdraw Candidacy

Monday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: According to the Washington State disclosure law, *you become a candidate* when you do one of these things: accept a contribution or spend money for your campaign; reserve space or purchase advertising to promote your candidacy; authorize someone else to do any of these activities for you; state publicly that you are seeking office; or file a declaration of candidacy.

Within two (2) weeks of the date you become a candidate, you must file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement and a Candidate Registration with the PDC (Public Disclosure Commission). Please visit the PDC website at <http://www.pdc.wa.gov> for additional information.

For the full documentation regarding elections, please refer to the King County Elections website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx> or contact King County Elections at (206) 296-1565 or via email to election.services@kingcounty.gov.

City of Tukwila Positions for 2019 Election

Mayor - currently held by Allan Ekberg
Position #2 - currently held by Kathy Hougardy
Position #4 - currently held by Dennis Robertson
Position #6 - currently held by Kate Kruller

1. Election dates are as follows:

Primary Election	August 6, 2019
General Election	November 5, 2019
2. Political campaign signs displayed in the City of Tukwila are regulated by Tukwila Municipal Code (TMC) Section 19.24, Temporary Signs.
3. City employees are prohibited from campaigning for candidates or issues during working hours, while in any City vehicles, when in a uniform that identifies them as a City employee, or by using City facilities, equipment, or supplies. (TMC Chapter 2.94)

Tukwila City Council Information / Duties / Responsibilities

<i>Term of Office</i>	January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023
<i>Positions Open</i>	City Council Positions #2, #4, #6, which are full-term positions (4 years).
<i>Salary</i>	\$1,250 per month (2019), plus certain medical benefits.
<i>General Purpose</i>	City Councilmembers serve at large, representing the residents of Tukwila in decision-making about City policy and budget.
<i>Requirements</i>	The candidate must be a registered voter and a resident of Tukwila for at least one year.
<i>Duties</i>	<p>As the legislative body, the City Council enacts City ordinances, appropriates funds to conduct City business, and provides policy direction for City staff. Statutory duties of the Council are performed as a whole, and include the power to tax, borrow money, operate and supply utilities, set employee compensation, acquire, improve, maintain or vacate public property, and render local social, cultural or recreational services as they see fit.</p> <p>Council duties in Tukwila include reviewing, studying, discussing and deciding on policy and budget questions. Interaction with members of the community involves public and personal meetings, email or other written correspondence, and phone conversations. Councilmembers should have a working knowledge of the laws that regulate City government. Tukwila elected officials are bound by Tukwila Municipal Code Chapter 2.97, Code of Ethics for Elected Officials.</p>
<i>Time</i>	All Councilmembers attend Regular Council meetings on the first and third Monday of each month and Committee of the Whole meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Both types of meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and last between 1 and 4 hours.

Every Councilmember (except the annual Council President) serves on two standing committees, each of which meets twice monthly on Mondays or Tuesdays. Committee meetings begin between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. and average one hour in length, although the duration can vary from 15 minutes to over two hours. Preparation for Council and Committee meetings involves weekly independent study of agenda materials.

Special meetings such as work sessions, ad-hoc committees, and joint meetings with other organizations such as the School Board are scheduled throughout the year. A weekend retreat is held annually in January. Service on the City Council includes opportunities for travel at various trainings and events both inside and outside the state.

Councilmembers typically serve on one or more intergovernmental advisory boards, committees or commissions.

Selection Process Three Council positions are open for election this year. Persons who are interested in running for office must file with King County Elections.