

## Candidate's Response

Re: Sidhu, Satpal: Alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.445 for personal use of campaign funds, and RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to accurately and completely report expenditures (EY 19; Sep 19)

**Case #57854**

**Respondent name:** Satpal Sidhu

**Complainant name:** Glen Morgan

**Date opened:** 09/26/2019

While I appreciate Mr. Morgan's tireless efforts to promote campaign finance reform, having filed over 500 complaints with the PDC, I believe his allegations are at least partially unfounded in this case.

Regarding Allegation One: Violations of RCW 42.17A.445 and WAC 390-16-238 for personal use of campaign contributions.

Contrary to Mr. Morgan's assertions, the indicated expenditures were all related to my election campaign as evidenced by the simple fact that had I not been running for office, I would not have made the expenditures for the seminar and the travel thereto. The mysterious "supplies" he refers to were in fact items used at public fundraising events put on by my campaign.

However, notwithstanding the above, and in order to avoid even the appearance of an improper use of campaign funds, on October 1<sup>st</sup>, I deposited a personal check into my campaign account to reimburse the campaign for all the amounts questioned by Mr. Morgan.

Regarding Allegation Two: Violations of RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-037 for failure to completely and accurately report expenditure details.

Upon review, I have instructed my Campaign Treasurer to amend any and all C4 Reports in which expenses for Printing or Advertising do not indicate the number of pieces printed and/or mailed, and the publication date of any newspaper advertising. He is currently in the process of doing that.

We will make a concerted effort to avoid any technical violations in future C4 Reports.

I am a supporter of the purpose and work of the Public Disclosure Commission and believe in running a transparent campaign that complies with all the PDC rules and regulations. I would encourage Mr. Morgan, or any member of the public, to contact me directly if they have any questions about my campaign reporting.