

Respondent Name

Martin Morgan

Complainant Name

David Asher

Complaint Description

[Dave Asher](#) reported via the portal Thurs, 10 Oct 2019 at 11:58PM

Martin Morgan filed for elective office in May 2019, paid the filing fee, and made a timely submission of the voters' pamphlet statement for position 5, Kirkland City Council in King County. This is, at least, the 6th time Mr Morgan has filed for office in Kirkland. Previous campaigns were in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2017. Registration of campaigns with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission is required to be accomplished within two weeks of campaign organization, donation receipt, or expenditure of funds.

Candidate filing is an act requiring public declaration of candidacy and expenditure of funds. Candidate filing occurs generally in the week in the middle of May, which would make timely reporting in late May or very early June. Martin Morgan's campaigns C-1 forms have been filed on the following dates over the span of elections available for inspection: June 19, 2009, July 26, 2011, July 17, 2013, August 12, 2015, and July 11, 2017. There has been no filing for 2019 as of October 10, 2019. This is a violation of campaign disclosure laws, and the repeated nature indicates this pattern constitutes actual malice according to the statutory definition in RCW 42.17A.005.

The lack of accountability for Martin Morgan's campaigns does not stop with disregard for timely reporting. The donation and depositing of contributions in which to pay the filing fee has not been reported during this election cycle or any of the previous cycles. Neither have expenditures been reported during any election cycle between 2009 and 2019.

Martin Morgan has had multiple campaign yard signs printed that I have personally observed over these years. He handed out printed, campaign business cards to me during one election. The 2019 campaign has a campaign website at <http://www.martinmorganforkirkland.com>. The payment or donation of the website has never been reported in any election cycle.

Martin Morgan's campaigns are capable of timely actions when it comes to meeting filing deadlines and submission of voters' pamphlet statements and photographs. Not meeting timeliness standards for public disclosure laws indicates a fundamental disregard of them.

There have been declarations of depository banks for campaign accounts; however, the pattern of evident expenditures would indicate that a single amount was donated and expended during the filing week. Maintaining a campaign bank account with only one transaction for the total

amount of the contributions over a campaign cycle seems improbable. An inspection of bank statements would clarify this.

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

Political campaign contributions and expenditures are not being fully disclosed to the public as required by law and known by the political campaign in question. The public's right to know is being flagrantly impeded by the political campaign in question and the financial affairs of the candidate remain secret and private. These violations have continued for a decade and constitute actual malice as defined by RCW 42.17A.005.

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

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

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.