

Respondent Name

Partnering for Spokane's Future

Complainant Name

Glen Morgan

Complaint Description

Glen Morgan reported via the portal Wed, 23 Oct 2019 at 11:42PM

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that widespread, egregious violations of Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**) have been committed by Partnering for Spokane's Future PAC during the 2018 political campaign season in support of Prop1.

1) Failure to accurately describe expenses with proper detail. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240(6) & WAC 39016037, RCW 42.17A.235)

This PAC's campaign has regularly failed to follow Washington State's Campaign Finance laws as they apply to the reporting of expenditures. Most C4s this campaign has filed contain violations of the statute and the rules written by the Public Disclosure Commission which support this statute.

Here are some examples that need to be corrected by this well-funded PAC's campaign to at least go through the motions and pretend they are complying with the statute: Examples of a failure to provide sufficient detail of expenditures (unambiguous violations of **RCW 42.17A.240(6)** and **WAC 390-16037** (see example B provided at **WAC 390-16-037(3)**) as follows:

For example, the expenditures reported on **PDC Report # 100873191** failed to report how much "advertising" and "printing" were printed and purchased from "Alliance Pacific" on 10/16/18 for three transactions totaling \$34,615. On **PDC Report #100873190**, this PAC also failed to provide the legally required detail for the amount of signs from vendor "Alliance Pacific" for \$8,456 on 10/11/18. On this same report with vendor "Copy Rite" on 10/11/2018 for 5 different transactions of hundreds of dollars of "printing." Again without legally sufficient detail provided. A purchase of \$8,200 for "billboards" from "Alliance Pacific" is also not properly or legally detailed. More yard signs for \$7,946 were purchased from "Alliance Pacific" again on 10/9/18. These are clear violations of **WAC 390-16-037(3)**.

This is a well-funded campaign. They have enough money to spend thousands per month on "Professional konsulting"(sic) (see second page **PDC Report #100873190**). This PAC raised over \$114,000 for a local proposition. They should be expected to follow the law as well. At a minimum they need to correct and refile all their deficient reports, and a small fine should be imposed to hopefully remind them to follow the law next time.

There is no excuse for a failure to be fully transparent or compliant with the statute. Far smaller and less experienced PACs run by volunteers are able to be more compliant than this.

Let me know if you need additional information.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

Even PACs that raise more than \$114,000 to push a local tax increase should still be expected to follow and comply with the law. This group did not.

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

All PDC reports are referenced by tracking number within the report

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

All officers

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.