

Complaint Description

Glen Morgan Mon, 18 Nov 2019 at 3:21 PM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that successful candidate for the Pullman City Council Ann Parks has violated the campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**) once again in her recent 2019 campaign.

1) Failure to timely file campaign registration report (Violation of RCW 42.17A.205)

Even though this candidate is a serial campaign finance violator (See **PDC Enforcement Case #5520** – note, she was fined \$300 for the same violation in 2016 - also **PDC Enforcement Case #16-144** – note, she was fined \$300 for the same violation in 2015), she still decided to not timely file her registration as a candidate for office in this recent election cycle. I have attached the previous notices of violation and the order from the PDC for the 2015 violation for PDC staff reference. This candidate knows the law, even if she decides to break it every time she runs for office.

When she did finally get around to sorta complying with the statute, she chose to take the mini-reporting option, and filed her candidate registration 45 days late.

I am not sure yet if she filed her F1 on time this year, but if that report was also late, it would be an additional violation of **RCW 42.17A.700**.

I have additional concerns about this campaign and the "mini-reporting" choice made by this serial violator for this campaign. It seems almost certain that this campaign needs to be audited to verify they actually followed the mini-reporting rules in this campaign.

Normally, I think it is appropriate for the PDC to issue a warning for late reporting like this, particularly in the case of new candidates. However, this is an experienced candidate, a serial campaign finance violator, and in this case, she also was able to prevail in a local election over a candidate who appears to have largely followed the law.

Again, I don't believe this merits a "Tim Eyman" style scorched earth campaign of personal destruction for violating the campaign finance laws, however, a more substantial fine (the 3rd one for this candidate) might be appropriate at least as a reminder so that in 4 years when she runs again, she might reconsider her serial actions to violate this law every time she runs for office.

Let me know if you need any further information.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public should expect their elected officials to follow the law and not profit from ignoring the law. In this case, a serial campaign finance violator, broke, once again the same laws for which she has been fined twice before, and has had no consequences for doing so.

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

One file is attached just for staff reference on the first time this candidate broke the same law.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

The candidate, and anyone who actually helped with this campaign.

Complaint Certification:

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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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

ANN PARKS
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In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

ANN PARKS

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 16-144

Findings of Fact,
Conclusions of Law, and
Order Imposing Fine

On Thursday, August 13, 2015, the Public Disclosure Commission held a brief adjudicative proceeding in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington.

Held in accordance with RCW Chapters 34.05, 42.17A, and WAC Chapter 390-37, the hearing determined whether the respondent violated RCW 42.17A.205 and/or .700 by failing to file the required Candidate Registration (C1) and/or Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F1) within two weeks of declaring candidacy for the 2015 election.

Public Disclosure Commission Chair Katrina Asay was the Presiding Officer. Jacob Berkey, Compliance Coordinator, and Kurt Young, Compliance Officer represented Commission Staff. Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer found:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Commission staff mailed a brief enforcement hearing notice to the respondent on July 24, 2015.
- First-time candidate, no PDC filing history.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concluded:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened and all jurisdictional, substantive and procedural requirements were satisfied.

2. Violation of RCW 42.17A.205 and 700, which require reports to be filed no later than two weeks after declaring candidacy.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$300 in accordance with WAC 390-37-165, conditions:

Penalty is payable within 30 days.

This is an Initial Order of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered August 21, 2015.


Public Disclosure Commission

**Fredrick
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SEND CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent(s) at his/her/its respective address, postage pre-paid, on the date stated herein.	Jacob T. Berkey
Signed	
Date	8/21/15

