

Complaint Description

[Glen Morgan](#) (Thu, 21 Nov 2019 at 4:01 PM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Siri Bliesner, who ran for the Lake Washington School Director position #5 this year has committed numerous violations of Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**).

1) Failure to accurately describe expense. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240(6) & WAC 390-16037, RCW 42.17A.235)

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

Here are some examples that need to be corrected by Bliesner's campaign to at least 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 #100942746** failed to report the number of "yard signs" and stakes when this campaign claims they spent \$1,803.89 with vendor "Minuteman Press" on 6/28/19. On the same report this campaign purchased \$694.20 for "door hangers" for which there are also no legally required details provided. On **PDC Report # 100942751** nebulous "printing" was purchased from vendor "Minuteman Press" on 10/18/19 for \$3,639.70. The details of what it is, and the quantity must be reported. These are clear violations of **WAC 390-16-037(3) example B** provided. On **PDC Report #100942747** a purchase of \$447.24 for "door drop flyers" was also similarly undefined and lacked the legally required amount.

Most of the C4s which this campaign filed and which mention literature, signs, handouts, or other campaign advertisement materials has failed to provide proper detail as required under the statute. This is a total failure to comply with the statute. There is no excuse for a failure to be fully transparent or compliant with the statute.

2) Failure to file timely C1 (Violation of RCW 42.17A.205, .210, .215). See also WAC 390-05-200

It appears that the Bleisner campaign was substantially late in filing the C1 for their campaign.

According to **PDC Report #100902616** this campaign's first contribution of \$100 was received on 4/13/2019, and according to **PDC Report #100902620** this first contribution was deposited the

same day. It appears this campaign had already set up their bank account and taken other steps to organize this political campaign, yet the C1 wasn't filed with the PDC until June 2, 2019, which is substantially later than it should have been filed with the PDC (See **WAC 39-05-200**). At a minimum this is over 30 days late, likely it is closer to 45 or 60 days late filed depending on when the bank account was set up or other public announcements were made by this candidate for office.

The PDC should conduct a thorough review of this campaign to identify other violations which certainly have been committed.

3) Failure to provide candidate disclosure statement on website or Facebook Page (Violation of RCW 42.17A.320(1))

This candidate appears to have failed to include the candidate's required disclosure statement including name and address and indications that her campaign paid for the website and sponsored the Facebook page. Please see attached screenshots of both the website and the Facebook page lacking this legally required information.

This was a contested race and this candidate prevailed, and apparently did so, in part, by failing to comply with Washington State's wonderful and very easy to understand campaign finance laws.

While these violations are serious and significant, they are not as serious as other violations I have documented and provided to the PDC about other PACs and candidates. However, there is a moral hazard problem created here when candidates like this can just ignore the campaign finance laws, run contested campaigns (and prevail) , and use these late reporting events to conceal (for a time) their campaign and obscure their expenditures from the public. In small, local races like this – this type of active concealment is concerning and needs to be confronted, otherwise why should any candidate even bother complying?

It isn't necessary to do the Tim Eyman - style scorched earth campaign of personal destruction against this candidate. However, they should face some token wrist-slap, penalty for failing to comply with the state's campaign finance laws.

Otherwise, of course, the PDC is only encouraging worse violations next time. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public has a right to know someone is running for office. Politicians don't get to conceal this fact from the public for a month or more like this. Additionally, the public has a right to know how candidates are spending their money.

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

All relevant PDC filings are referenced by tracking number within the body of the complaint

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

The candidate and anyone else who helped her with her 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.



Re-Elect Siri Bliesner

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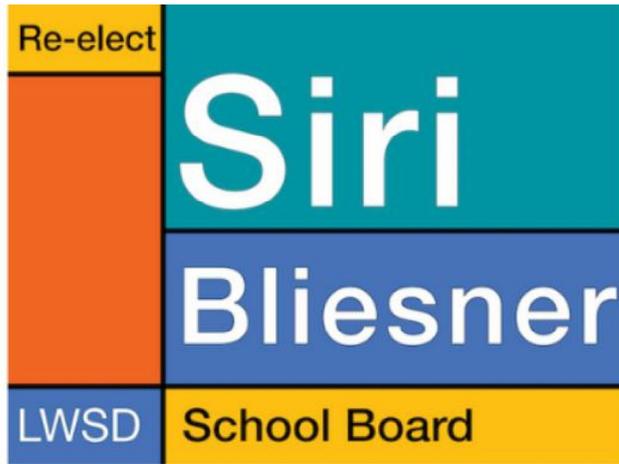
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