

**Respondent Name**

Jimmy Matta

**Complainant Name**

Glen Morgan

**Complaint Description**

[Glen Morgan](#) (Mon, 13 Jul 2020 at 11:59 AM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Jimmy Matta, an elected Burien City Councilmember has, once again, violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**). The details of these violations are as follows:

**1) Failure to provide a financial affairs statement to the Public Disclosure Commission, (Violation of RCW 42.17A.700(2), and RCW 42.17A.710)**

This candidate has failed to file a completed Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) form with the PDC. This candidate has a clear track record of violating the state's campaign finance laws. It is clear the candidate knows that the law exists and has demonstrated at least a rudimentary effort to comply in the past. This candidate has just decided to ignore and flout the law this time around.

I will point out that the PDC has for many years provided helpful reminder emails to candidates to provide these documents and help them comply, but this candidate has clearly decided to ignore the law this time around.

For example, this candidate was officially reminded (see attached) by the PDC in **PDC Enforcement Case #25858** when this candidate willfully chose to file a large number of C3 and C4 reports late, concealing from the public sources of funding and campaign expenditures during the previous election. Yet, this candidate continued to break the law and ignore the reminder.

Again, this candidate broke the EXACT same statute which this complaint again repeats last year, and in **PDC Enforcement Case #57781** on November 15, 2019 the PDC again provided a very helpful reminder (see attached) to this candidate for his failings to comply with the statute.

Despite these two reminders from last year, this candidate continues to flout Washington State's campaign finance laws and continues to ignore the statute. Now, he apparently doesn't even bother to file his Financial Affairs statement.

It should also be recognized that this candidate may be attempting to conceal sources of illegal funding or embarrassing corporate employment from the public

which would indicate this candidate has chosen to willfully conceal this information from the public for nefarious and very questionable justifications. If this proves to be the case here, this candidate could also be sanctioned under **RCW 42.17A.750 (2)(a)**, which could lead to criminal or civil prosecution.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or evidence to support these very clear and obvious violations of Washington State's campaign finance laws by this political candidate.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

At some point, this experience candidate must comply with the campaign finance disclosure laws. As a serial violator of these laws, he clearly demonstrates that wrist slaps and "reminder letters" don't really matter. Now he just ignores the law completely. Perhaps he can be encouraged to follow the law at some point in the near future.

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

see attached documents which detail some of the PDC's reminder letters to this candidate just last year for his previous campaign finance violations.

**List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them**

Any officers with this candidate's political committee, but certainly the candidate needs to be contacted directly.

**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.



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January 31, 2019

Delivered electronically to "jimmymatta@msn.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 25858

Dear Jimmy Matta:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities, and the timely filings of all future PDC reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Fox Blackhorn  
Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
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Deputy Director  
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January 31, 2019

Delivered electronically to “glen@wethegoverned.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Jimmy Matta, PDC Case 25858

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 26, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Jimmy Matta may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign; and RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to accurately and completely disclose debts and obligations.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Jimmy Matta; the applicable PDC reports filed by Respondent; and queried the Respondent’s data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- Jimmy Matta late filed 8 C-3 reports, between 4-35 days beyond the deadlines set by RCW 42.17A.235, late disclosing \$2,047 in contributions, for 11% of contributions that election cycle.
- Two of the alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 presented in the Complaint were for ordinary interest, and 14 of the alleged violations were filed timely, as deadlines move forward to the next business day if they would fall on a weekend or holiday.
- Jimmy Matta properly reported debts in accordance with RCW 42.17A.240 for orders placed in a prior reporting period whose value exceeded \$50 that was outstanding for more than 30 days, or exceeded \$250 without time limitations.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file reports of contributions and expenditures does not amount to an actual violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Jimmy Matta about the importance of the timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities, and the timely filings of all future PDC reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov).

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cc: Jimmy Matta



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November 15, 2019

Delivered electronically to "jimmymatta@msn.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 57781

Dear Jimmy Matta:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of accurate and complete reporting of information on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement report (F-1 report). PDC staff expects in the future that you will report all information in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

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November 15, 2019

Delivered electronically to “[glen@wethegoverned.com](mailto:glen@wethegoverned.com)”

Subject: Complaint regarding Jimmy Matta, PDC Case 57781

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 20, 2019. The complaint alleged that Jimmy Matta (Respondent), a current City Council Member for the City of Burien may have violated RCW 42.17A.700, .710 for failure to report accurate and complete information on Personal Financial Affairs Statement reports (F-1 reports).

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses provided by the Respondent and the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700 the Respondent is required to file timely F-1 reports, either annually between January 1 and April 15 for incumbent officials or within two weeks of becoming a candidate.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.710 the Respondent is required to file accurate and complete F-1 reports, including all affiliations, customers, assets and obligations for themselves, their partner or spouse and any qualifying dependents.
- The Respondent filed the required F-1 reports in 2017, 2018 and 2019 within the statutory deadlines as set forth in RCW 42.17A.700.
- The Respondent had omitted business affiliates or customers on the F-1 supplement due to not understanding the requirements for disclosure levels for the 2017-2019 F-1 reports.
- The Respondent in a good faith effort for full transparency has amended all affected F-1 reports to include the required disclosure of business affiliates and customers.
- The Jurisdiction was entered incorrectly, as City of Brier, on the first F-1 filed and that information was then locked into the profile for the filer and could not be changed on the filers side, to City of Burien.
- The Complainant states that the claim of the Respondent being the Mayor of Brier is inaccurate and in fact this is true, however, it appears to have been a clerical error upon filing of the F-1 reports by the Respondent.
- As per the rules set up by the City of Burien the Mayor is elected from the City Council Members.

- PDC staff was able to assist the Respondent in amending the Jurisdiction to accurately display City of Burien on the F-1 reports that were amended on November 4, 2019, November 5, 2019 and November 7, 2019 for F-1 reports covering years 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- The Respondent has held the office of City Council Member in Burien since January 2018 and has no prior violations with the PDC.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to report accurate and complete information on the Personal Financial Affairs Statements does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Jimmy Matta about the importance of the importance of complete and accurate disclosure on Personal Financial Affairs Statement reports and complete and accurate disclosure on all future PDC reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov).

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