

**Respondent Name**

Christian McLachlan

**Complainant Name**

Glen Morgan

**Complaint Description**

[Glen Morgan](#) (Fri, 10 Jul 2020 at 2:15 PM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Christian McLachlan, a candidate for Washington State Legislature in the 6<sup>th</sup> District office has violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**). The details of these violations are as follows:

**1) Failure to file a Statement of Organization for this candidate's political committee. Attempt to conceal all information about this campaign from the public (Violation of RCW 42.17A.205)**

Christian McLachlan has failed to complete or even attempt to complete a statement of organization and file it with the Public Disclosure Commission as clearly required by **RCW 42.17A.205(1)**. This candidate has just chosen to flout and ignore the law this time.

**2) Failure to identify a campaign treasurer, possible attempt to conceal the identity of this candidate's treasurer (Violation of RCW 42.17A.210)**

In addition to concealing all information about this political campaign and committee from the public by not filing a statement of organization, this candidate has failed to identify a treasurer for this campaign, which is a clear and unambiguous violation of **RCW 42.17A.210**

**3). Failure to identify a campaign depository, possible attempt to conceal the campaign depository from the public (Violation of RCW 42.17A.215)**

In addition to concealing all information about this political campaign and committee from the public by not filing a statement of organization, and failing to identify a treasurer, this candidate has also willfully chosen to fail to identify a campaign depository for this political campaign, which is a clear and unambiguous violation of **RCW 42.17A.215**

**4). Failure to maintain campaign records or provide contact information for a treasurer to enable campaign books and accounts to be inspected (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235(6))**

As a result of this candidate's failure to comply with RCW 42.17A.205, this also ensures this campaign is in clear and unambiguous violation of RCW 42.17A.235(6) which requires all political campaigns provide their treasurer's contact information so that public inspection of their campaign books can be made. This is another clear and unambiguous violation of Washington State's campaign finance laws

and part of a pattern of behavior with this campaign to ignore the statute and presume the laws do not apply to them.

**5) Failure to provide a financial affairs statement to the Public Disclosure Commission, possible attempt to conceal embarrassing corporate employment or other sources of state-wide political candidate funding (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. Again, as proven by this candidate's previous experience and efforts to comply with the state's campaign finance laws during this candidate's failed 2015 Seattle City Council campaign, 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.

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?**

When a secretive, dark money candidate attempts to run for state-wide public office, the public has a right to know who they are. This candidate is attempting to conceal all details of their secretive, dark money (possible corporate?) funding concealed from the public. The public has a right to know.

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

Nothing to attach

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

candidate, any secretive dark money donors, treasurer, and others involved in this campaign

**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.