

**Respondent Name**

De'Sean Quinn

**Complainant Name**

Glen Morgan

**Complaint Description**

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*(Mon, 28 Jun 2021 at 4:17 PM)*

To whom it concerns,

It has come to my attention that incumbent De'Sean Quinn has already violated multiple provisions of **RCW 42.17A** during his 2021 re-election campaign for Tukwila City Council. The violations are detailed as follows:

**1. Failure to report (or attempt to conceal) campaign expenditures, failure to file accurate and timely C4 (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235, .240, see WAC 390-16-037)**

Per his C1 filed with the PDC, Quinn began his campaign on April 14, 2021. Therefore, his first monthly C4 should have been filed by May 10, 2021, however his first and only C4 thus far wasn't filed until June 9th, 2021, but it did not include anything related to his website creation, domain name, web hosting, or photography. Yet, he already had a website in May 2021. (See next item.)

**2. Failure to properly identify who paid for the campaign website (Violation of RCW 42.17A.320)**

At the bottom of Quinn's webpage attached (Printed May 20, 2021) he shows "Paid for De'Sean Quinn." This does not match the campaign name on his C1, which should be "People for De'Sean Quinn" (please note, the screen capture I'm providing as an example from his campaign website clearly shows this mistake, but it also looks like they might have partially corrected it later - regardless it is a violation)

**3. Failure to report (or attempt to conceal) campaign expenditures from the public (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240, .235, WAC 390-16-037)**

I've attached the webpage source for Quinn's "About De'Sean" web page. In 3 places in this source file it says, "All photos by Jacqueline Olivia Photography" however, nowhere in Quinn's campaign records does he ever mention paying Jacqueline Olivia Photography for any services. Since her photography services appear to be an established business, her work has commercial value. Therefore, either Quinn

should have included this expense on a C4, or account for her services as an in-kind contribution of commensurate market value.

It should be noted that Mr. Quinn is not a new-comer to campaign finance laws, having run for office many times, and being both warned and fined by the PDC in the past. When establishing corrective actions and penalties, the PDC should consider Quinn's long history as a serial violator of campaign finance laws.

For more background on this candidate and to ensure that this complaint is placed in the proper context, this incumbent candidate has extensive experience both violating Washington State's campaign finance laws and also being reminded or warned by the PDC for these violations. Please see the following:

1. **PDC Case #10-119** – June 18, 2010 settled with a PDC issued **fine of \$100** for Mr. Quinn's failure to follow the state's campaign finance laws (see attached settlement)

2. **PDC Case #1258** – settled with a **reminder letter** from the PDC for false implication as an incumbent by a supportive PAC (see attached)

3. **PDC Case #16801** - April 14, 2017 complaint, **formal warning letter** issued by PDC to Mr. Quinn on June 7, 2017 for his various violations of campaign finance laws (see attached)

4. **PDC Case #17965** – May 9, 2017 complaint, **formal warning letter** issued by PDC to Mr. Quinn on June 7, 2017 for his various violations of campaign finance laws (see attached)

5. **PDC Case #20957** – June 27, 2017 complaint, **reminder letter** from PDC to Mr. Quinn on October 6, 2017 failure to report reimbursement of overlimit contributions (see attached)

6. **PDC Case #24240** – Aug 17, 2017 complaint, **reminder letter** from PDC to Mr. Quinn in January 2019 (see attached) (failure to list debts or in-kind contributions)

7. **PDC Case #25497** – Sept 22, 2017 complaint, **reminder letter** from PDC to Mr. Quinn in January 2019 (see attached) (failure to timely file reports or provide sponsor ID on Facebook posts)

8. **PDC Case #25972** – October 4, 2017 complaint, **reminder letter** from PDC to Mr. Quinn in January 2019 (see attached) (failure to timely file and breakdown expenditures)

9. **PDC Case #27229** - November 2, 2017 complaint, **reminder letter** from PDC to Mr. Quinn in January 2019 (see attached) (failure to timely report or break down expenditures)

In summary, Mr. Quinn has paid a fine, received warning letters, and received many reminder letters from the PDC since his time in public office over the past 12 years. He is an experienced candidate and experienced with a failure to comply with Washington State's campaign finance laws. At some point, it might be worthwhile for the PDC to recommend remedial PDC compliance training as part of settling this candidate's most recent complaint. I will also point out that the treasurers for Mr. Quinn's various campaigns have changed over the years, but the pattern of violating the law has not. Perhaps this time will indeed be different with a little help from the PDC.

Additionally, in early 2008, following his failed 2007 campaign, where he finished last place behind 2 other candidates, De'Sean Quinn was appointed to the Tukwila City Council by the other Council Members to fill a vacancy left when Jim Haggerton was elected as Tukwila Mayor. Yet after all this time, Quinn has evidently struggles with the spelling of "Tukwila" because he spelled it "Tuikwila" in the email address included at the bottom of each page of his website. ([info@quinnfortuikwila.com](mailto:info@quinnfortuikwila.com)). This concerns me because a failure to provide accurate contact information for a candidate can also introduce additional problems with compliance if both constituents, donors, and enforcement agencies are not able to contact him via a valid email address (I will grant Mr. Quinn the benefit of the doubt that this was not an intentional effort to conceal his contact information from the public)

If you have further questions about this complaint, feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public needs to know how this campaign is spending their money, if this campaign is concealing expenditures from the public, if vendors are concealing their assistance to this campaign, who is paying for the website, and the public deserves an accurate email where the city name "Tukwila" is spelled correctly.

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

1. Current C1 (referenced, but not attached)
2. Screen Capture of the website from a few weeks ago
3. June C4 (the May one is missing)
4. A variety of previous settlements, warning letters, and reminders letters from the PDC against this candidate for a very prolific history of campaign finance violations.

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

The treasurer, the website vendor, probably the missing photographer, and the candidate himself could all be helpful in clearing up this mess.

**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.