

Respondent Name

Julia Johnson

Complainant Name

Glen Morgan

Complaint Description

[Glen Morgan](#) reported via the portal
(Wed, 21 May 2025 at 4:28 PM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Sedro Woolley Mayor Julia M. Johnson has violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**). The details of this violation are as follows:

1) Successful attempt to conceal critical financial information from the public by deceiving the public with false Financial Public Disclosure Reports (Violation of RCW 42.17A.700)

Julia M. Johnson is the current Mayor of the City of Sedro Woolley and has been since January, 2018. During that period, she has submitted yearly F-1 financial disclosure reports.

According to the F-1 report covering January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024, submitted 3/11/2025 (see attached)
, Julia M. Johnson owns 66% of Tight Lies LLC, 516 Talcott Street, Sedro-Woolley WA 98284. On 10/17/2023, Tight Lies, LLC. applied for a Sedro-Woolley Community Development Grant for the purpose of refurbishing their building on the corner of Metcalf and State streets in Sedro-Woolley. The grant amount requested was \$9,231.00. On 8/14/24, a check was written by the city of Sedro Woolley to Tight Lies LLC, for \$9231.00, check number 202688.

Julia Johnson failed to report this grant amount on her F-1. For 2024, it shows that "No payments were received by Tight Lies LLC from a government agency where Julia M. Johnson sought or held office. Yet Tight Lies LLC actually received \$9231 from the city of Sedro-Woolley in August of 2024.

This is critical information that remained concealed by this politician who was in a position of authority and influence in government during this time to influence public policy and advocate for public policy which would have the impact of benefiting her personally. She could do this, of course, and probably does so on a regular basis, but **in this example, she should still not file fraudulent documents and follow the law and reveal the truth so that the public knows or is at least aware of the potential conflict of interest and self-interest this high profile elected official would have to influence and legislate public policy.**

While I do frequently catch elected officials falsifying these documents, these are generally challenging violations to uncover and it is generally possible for elected officials like this one to conceal the truth and file fraudulent illegal forms, however, usually when I find one violation like this, there are usually more yet to be found.

Obviously, if we fail to apply the law for open and flagrant violations like this and fail to impose penalties on a powerful state senator like this, then **we only encourage more fraudulent and illegal behavior with other candidates and incumbent politicians in the future, which is a concern I have with recent PDC staff actions.**

The attached documents speak for themselves.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
The public has a right to know when an elected official has concealed the truth from the public, particularly when that truth may expose their own corruption and self-dealing in the political position of power they currently occupy.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
All docs proving the inside dealing and self-dealing are attached and this documents the information she concealed from the public. I'm sure there is more the more I look.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
She and her business partner are a good first step.
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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City Of Sedro-Woolley

08/14/2024 To: 08/14/2024

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
			103 - 542 30 31 020 - Operating Supplies - Herbicide			734.66	
			103 - 542 64 31 004 - Street Sign Materials			530.73	
			001 - 595 10 31 001 - Address & Street Signs-Reimb			248.91	
8169	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202679	Skagit Cnty Sheriff Office	4,872.94	
			001 - 523 60 41 010 - Prisoner Transport			4,872.94	
8170	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202680	Skagit Cnty Treasurer	64,354.41	
			114 - 313 15 00 001 - Sales Tax - Jail (2/10)			-64,354.41	
8171	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202681	Skagit Council Of Governments	1,326.48	
			001 - 558 60 41 050 - SCOG			1,326.48	
8172	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202682	Skagit DV & SA Services	548.62	
			001 - 565 50 41 000 - Sk Domestic Violence			548.62	
8173	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202683	Skagit Farmers Supply	69.46	
			401 - 535 50 48 060 - Maintenance Of Buildings			69.46	
8174	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202684	PNG Media LLC, dba Skagit Publishing	687.04	
			001 - 511 60 31 001 - Legal Publications			96.84	
			001 - 558 60 41 010 - Advertising			96.84	
			001 - 558 60 41 010 - Advertising			118.36	
			001 - 558 60 41 010 - Advertising			375.00	
8175	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202685	Skagit River Steel	110.59	
			103 - 542 30 48 010 - Repair/Maintenance-Equip			110.59	
8176	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202686	Paul Taylor	2,100.00	
			001 - 521 20 27 000 - Retired Medical			2,100.00	
8177	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202687	Thompson, Guildner & Assoc, Inc P.S.	18,672.80	
			001 - 515 41 41 000 - Ext Legal-City Attorney			14,951.30	
			001 - 515 45 41 000 - Legal - Litigation			3,721.50	
8178	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202688	Tight Lies LLC	9,231.00	
			001 - 558 70 00 513 - Economic Development			9,231.00	
8179	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202689	Transportation Solutions, Inc.	1,264.75	
			104 - 544 40 41 000 - Transportation Plan Update			1,264.75	
8180	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202690	Uline, Inc.	1,366.84	
			001 - 522 21 31 010 - Office Supplies			717.29	
			412 - 537 80 31 000 - Operating Supplies			649.55	
8181	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202691	UniFirst Corp.	1,640.52	
			001 - 522 20 26 000 - Uniforms			321.47	
			001 - 522 20 26 000 - Uniforms			330.76	
			001 - 522 20 26 000 - Uniforms			327.06	
			001 - 522 20 26 000 - Uniforms			329.11	
			001 - 522 20 26 000 - Uniforms			332.12	
8182	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202692	United Parcel Service, Inc.	14.89	
			001 - 521 20 31 002 - Office/Operating Supplies			14.89	
8183	08/14/2024	Claims	2	202693	FA Bartlett Tree dba Urban Forestry Svcs	350.00	
			103 - 542 61 48 000 - Repair/Maint Sidewalk (REET)			350.00	

Proposal - provide an explanation of the project including who/what/where/when/why, attach at least three photos of the area/areas needing improvement (500 words or less):

Tight Lies, LLC is the owner of the iconic building on the corner of Metcalf and State streets. As owners, we are responsible for the exterior maintenance of the structure.

In 1915 this building housed the Sedro-Woolley JC Penney department store. After JC Penney closed in 1983, numerous businesses have used the building to provide goods and services to the Sedro-Woolley community.

In most recent years the building has been known to the Sedro-Woolley community as the Woolley Market. Currently, Bigfoot's Den is soon to be operating a family-friendly business of food, games, and live entertainment.

With the face of the property located on two main streets, the building is visual to both locals in the community and visitors to the downtown area. A renovation of the exterior will maintain the historical nature and the over-all aesthetics of this cornerstone building that is the hub of the city.

Over time the awning, gutter, and drainage systems have failed. As the photos reveal, these failed systems resulted in staining to the building and paint deterioration. As part of our investment to improve the exterior, we recently had the awning inspected as well as the gutter and drainage system inspected, cleaned, and repaired. The systems appear to be functioning properly at this time to avoid future damage.

The building is in need of a face-lift to restore its historical appearance. Our proposal for this grant is to hire a professional painting contractor with the necessary knowledge, skills, and experience to refurbish the exterior of the building. Our objective is to restore the essence of this historical Sedro-Woolley landmark.

We plan to maintain the body color of the building with a light, white tone however we are discussing the possibility of changing the red accent color to a dark gray or black.

Sedro-Woolley Community Development Grant Program
Application

Date of Application: 10/17/2023

Full Legal Name (Organization): Tight Lies, LLC.

Applicant Mailing Address: 143 Three Firs Lane, Sequim, WA 98382

Project Physical Address: 829 Metcalf Street

Phone Number: (425) 356-7650

Primary Contact: Robert Stiles

Website (if applicable): _____

Email Address: r2stiles@gmail.com

Grant Amount Requested (maximum \$5,000 per nonprofit and \$10,000 per business): \$ 9,231.00

Optional Matching Funds: _____

Grant Eligibility Requirements:

- Businesses and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funds
- Businesses must possess and active City of Sedro-Woolley business license, if required by law
- Applications must be approved prior to the project start date
- Maximum funding limit is \$5,000 per nonprofit, or \$10,000 per business
- National franchises are not eligible
- Improvements must be made to a public-facing area.
- Projects will be vetted for completeness by City staff, may go to the Arts Commission for recommendation to the City Council, and will be subject to a public advisory vote. The City Council will make the final decision on whether to fund a project.
- Once funded, grants will be reimbursement grants. One exception is for projects greater than \$20,000 in total. Those projects can have their city-eligible funds reimbursed when they are more than 50% complete.

Financial Affairs



Security given: Commercial Mortgage

Business associations

Business entities where Julia M Johnson owns 10 percent or more, or serves as an officer, director or general partner.

Tight Lies LLC (Spouse or registered domestic partner)

516 Talcott Street

Sedro Woolley WA 98284

Commercial

66% ownership

Washington properties worth more than \$24,000:

Skagit County

Parcel number: P76161

Government Payments

No payments were received by Tight Lies LLC from a government agency where Julia M Johnson sought or held office.

Other Government Payments

No payments were received by Tight Lies LLC in excess of \$12,000 from a government agency where Julia M Johnson **did not** seek or hold office.

Business Payments

Payments of \$12,000 or more that were received by Tight Lies LLC from business customers between 1/1/2024 and 12/31/2024:

Business

Purpose ↑

Woolley Market LLC

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Lobbying activity

