

Vivian Queija and the 43rd District Democrats

[Dem Oddee](#) reported 20 days ago (Tue, 26 Dec, 2017 at 2:31 PM) via Email

To: pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Hello,

I'm a resident of Seattle and concerned with the behavior at the 43rd District Democrats, specifically by the treasurer Vivian Queija.

I tried to file this via the website, but the reCAPTCHA wasn't working on my old computer. Please accept here:

Legal name: Demi Oddee

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.

In the description below I have described the allegations and attached any available evidence to support my complaint.

Vivian Queija (Treasurer of the 43rd District Democrats) and other committee members of the 43rd District Democrats violated RCW 42.17A.235, WAC 390-16-205, and WAC 390-16-037, as well as other various sections of state law and WA code, by knowingly filing fraudulent reports, making illegal expenditures, misappropriating funds, and attempting to fraudulently convey funds to avoid outstanding debts and obligations.

Please see the attached documentation.

Thank you.

To whom it may concern:

Beginning on or around 11/18/2017 and through at least the reporting date of 11/26/2017, 43rd District Democrats and their treasurer, Vivian Queija, paid the following volunteers at least \$6,070.36 for "Bookkeeping to close PAC," as well as spent \$279.90 on "pizza and salad."

Name	Occupation	Amount
Richard Alspach	Software Engineer	\$806.82
James Apa	Communications	\$537.88
Angelique Bender	Unemployed	\$461.04
Tara Gallagher	Bookkeeper ¹	\$230.52
Laurie Goff	Teacher	\$153.68
Galaxy Marshall ²	Student	\$153.68
Arvia Morris ³	Retired	\$153.68
Betsy Walker	Program Manager	\$3,073.60
Ryan Whitney	Home Inspector	\$499.46

1. This individual is a "bookkeeper" employed by a small business which sells crafts, not a professional accountant.
2,3. No reason was given for these payments, but I assumed it was the same "Bookkeeping to close PAC" reason.
Source: <http://web.pdc.wa.gov/rptimg/default.aspx?batchnumber=100801524>

Vivian Queija, who is the treasurer and authorized these payments, knowingly paid unskilled volunteers what I can only assume is \$76.84 per hour (as this is the common denominator among all of the payments) for 79 hours of "work" during a 40 hour work week. According to other PDC filings, none of the individuals paid are professional accountants. Paying volunteers a rate of \$76.84 per hour (a \$159,827.00 per year salary, over 4X the average salary of most WA residents, and over 2X the salary of a professional accountant) is not reasonable in this case, as they are volunteers who are not professional accountants, and are not entitled to reimbursement for their time.

Many of these individuals are chairs or officers of other related non-exempt political committees, and personal friends of Vivian Queija (as seen via her public Facebook profile). Additionally, the reason for the expense, "Bookkeeping to close PAC," is in violation of WAC 390-16-205 and WAC 390-16-037, as there are no details or itemized reports for the expense or related receipts or paperwork.

In addition, the 43rd and Vivian Queija are currently facing a PDC investigation (24562) and a court case in Thurston County over previous campaign finance violations (17-2-05695-34). For Vivian Queija to dissolve the 43rd is in violation of RCW 42.17A.235(8), which states you must not have outstanding "debts or obligations." It is clear that this is an attempt of fraudulent conveyance of funds to avoid debts and obligations.

As a member of the 43rd District Democrats, I am deeply disturbed by what I am seeing. The funds we donated to the organization were for furthering our ideas and getting out the vote, not paying friends of the treasurer to hang out and eat pizza while illegally dissolving the org to avoid being held responsible for the mistakes they had previously made.

Please investigate this organization and the individuals named in this complaint, and if necessary, forward this complaint to the Washington State Attorney General's office.

Re: PDC - Vivian Queija and the 43rd District Democrats

[Dem Oddee](#) (Thu, 11 Jan at 3:24 PM) via Email

To: pdc@pdc.wa.gov

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: PDC - Vivian Queija and the 43rd District Democrats

Local Time: January 11, 2018 1:03 PM

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From: pdc@pdc.wa.gov

To: dem_oddee@protonmail.com

Hello Demi Oddee,

Thank you for submitting your complaint regarding the 43rd District Democrats. It looks like we're missing a bit of contact information that we need in order to investigate your complaint. Please provide the following information by 1/18/17, or we will close this complaint without taking any further action.

Per WAC 390-37-040(d), every complaint must include the "*complainant's name, email address, U.S. mail address, and telephone number;*"

- Please provide the required contact information for our files.

Thank you,

Fox Blackhorn

Compliance Coordinator

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