

Respondent Names
Citizens for Ridgefield Schools (C4RS) PAC
Complainant Name
Glen Morgan
Complaint Description
<p>Glen Morgan Sun, 5 Mar 2023 at 9:45 PM</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>It has recently come to my attention that the Citizens for Ridgefield Schools (C4RS) PAC has violated Washington State campaign finance disclosure laws per RCW 42.17A. The violations are as follows:</p> <p>1) Acceptance of illegal overlimit anonymous contributions (Violation of RCW 42.17A.220(4))</p> <p>Based on the information reported by this campaign to the PDC, it appears that this campaign has accepted \$5,407.00 in anonymous contributions (See PDC C4 report # 110134616 attached for reference) This campaign has only reported raising enough money to accept up to \$300 in anonymous contributions as the statute so clearly details in RCW 42.17A.220(4), so at least \$5,107.00 must be forfeit to the State Treasurer of this secretive anonymous contribution.</p> <p>It appears this is the same PAC that already violated this same statute a few years ago (See PDC Enforcement Case #54858). I've attached a copy of my complaint from that case, and at the time the PDC issued a reminder to this PAC to go and sin no more. It appears that the reminder was not taken seriously.</p> <p>Let me know if you need additional information on this one.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p> <p>Glen Morgan</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
The public has a right to know who funds political activity. Secret sources of funding is not allowed. This is particularly true if the dark money PAC seems to keep breaking the law
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
Referenced inside complaint, and attached where relevant

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

The treasurer and the officers

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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CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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Citizens For Ridgefield Schools (C4RS) - [\(Registration\)](#)

Citizens For Ridgefield Schools

PO Box 1304

Ridgefield, WA 98642

Deposit date: 02/03/2022

Report number: 110134616

Submitted date: 02/06/2023

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received	Amount	Total
a. Anonymous	\$0.00	\$0.00
b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c)	\$0.00	\$0.00
c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	\$0.00	
d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	\$0.00	
e. Small contributions \$25 or less not itemized	\$0.00	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$5,407.00

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and itemized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS OVER \$25

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Contributions over \$100 Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
02/03/2022	ANONYMOUS		\$5,407.00	N \$5,407.00

Date of deposit
02/03/2022

I certify this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge
 Treasurer's signature and date
 Alisha Lasch - 02/06/2023

Complaint Description

Glen Morgan (Wed, 17 Jul 2019 at 9:45 AM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Citizens for Ridgefield Schools PAC during the 2016 campaign session has violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**).

1) Accepting Illegal Over limit Anonymous Contributions (Violation of RCW 42.17A.220 (4))

This PAC violated Washington State's campaign finance laws by accepting more than \$300 in anonymous contributions from donors. Specifically, it appears that they accepted \$4,681 in anonymous contributions (apparently from one source), which is \$4,381 more than the allowable anonymous contribution limit defined in **RCW 42.17A.220 (4)**.

Upon reviewing the expenditures by this candidate's political committee, there is no evidence supporting any claim these funds were eschewed to the Treasury of the State of Washington as is required in law. Therefore this is a violation of the statute, and these funds should be immediately forfeited to the Washington State Treasury.

I have attached the relevant C3 report which provides the limited detail on the anonymous contributions received by this committee during the 2016 campaign. **This committee must forfeit \$4,381 to the Washington State Treasury immediately.** In this way, these funds can be squandered along with the rest of the general fund tax dollars, but at least this forfeiture of anonymous dark money funds may discourage others from attempting to hide their anonymous, secretive, dark money in this political campaign.

This committee should be warned about not taking secretive, dark money anonymously to fund political campaigns. This is a serious violation of Washington's State campaign finance laws and counter to the spirit and intention of transparency in the political process.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions on this matter.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public has a right to have political committees who do not fund their political campaigns by secretive, anonymous dark money funding as this campaign chose to do. This campaign

must forfeit these illegal dark money funds and send them to the Washington State Treasury where they can be squandered with the rest of the General Fund. At least it will send a message to future dark money anonymous donors that their money is not welcome, even in campaigns like this one.

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

see attached

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

All officers and the treasurer in this PAC should be contacted

Complaint Certification:

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.