

Respondent Names

Bartholomew Hansen

Complainant Name

Glen Morgan

Complaint Description

Glen Morgan
reported via the portal
2 days ago (Wed, 2 Aug 2023 at 1:01 AM)
To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Vancouver City Council candidate Bartholomew Hansen has violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (RCW 42.17A) during his current 2023 campaign for council position 4. The details are as follows:

1) Acceptance of Illegal overlimit contributions (Violation of RCW 42.17A.405(2))

This is a blatant violation and easy to identify. I've attached copies of the relevant C3 report proving this violation.

As PDC staff know well, and as all political candidates running for office in Washington State have been made aware, there are limits to the campaign contributions they can accept.

There is only one candidate for this Vancouver City Council seat for which Bartholomew Hansen is running. This means he does not have a primary. Despite this fact, he accepted at least \$1,000 in illegal overlimit contributions explicitly designated for a Primary election that will never happen. Candidate Hansen, at the time he accepted this illegal overlimit contribution, probably already knew that a primary would not be in the cards this election cycle, however, he has had several months to resolve this illegal behavior, and he has willfully chosen to ignore the law and keep the illegal cash.

He must refund or forfeit these illegal contributions immediately in order to at least pretend to comply with Washington State's campaign finance laws.

Specifically, the illegal overlimit contributions are as follows and clearly designated as "Primary" campaign contributions:

On April 25, 2023 - \$1,000 – from the Vancouver Firefighters IAFF local 452 – PDC C3 report # 110144119 (see attached)

Please note, this same donor also donated another \$1,000 to the Hansen campaign the same day on April 25, 2023 (See PDC C3 report # 110144120 attached). Technically, it is the original "Primary" election designated contribution of \$1,000 which must be refunded or forfeited from this campaign in order to come back into some type of compliance with Washington State's campaign finance laws.

I will keep this campaign in mind when I browse the frequent fliers for future violation reports.

Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public has a right to know if their elected officials like to break the law and keep illegal campaign cash for themselves, even when they don't need it. Perhaps someone should look closer into this candidate in regards to access to city cash?

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

all attached

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

The candidate is probably adequate. What was he thinking?

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.

