

Respondent Name
Melanie Morgan
Complainant Name
Glen Morgan
Complaint Description
<p>Glen Morgan reported via the portal (Thu, 26 Oct 2023 at 1:44 AM)</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>It has come to my attention that Washington State Representative Melanie Morgan, from the 29th Legislative District has committed violations of Washington State’s campaign finance laws (RCW 42.17A). The details are as follows:</p> <p>1) Complete failure to accurately report contributions or expenditures (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235, .240)</p> <p>First, I wanted to clarify for the record, despite the same last name I do not believe that I am related to this politician. However, despite sharing a great last name, it appears this politician has broken the law by concealing the truth about her campaign’s finances in her 2018 campaign. For example, I’ve attached a copy of a C4 report filed by her campaign on January 7, 2019 (See PDC C4 Report # 100879431, attached for staff reference). It clearly indicates a negative balance on Line 18 of \$12, 103.94, which is impossible because, as the report itself so clearly indicates – Line 18, MUST match the bank account balance at the time this report was filed. Clearly it did not.</p> <p>Usually this indicates unreported contributions to the campaign that have not been disclosed to the public, but we can’t know for sure until this politician is able to go back and report the truth about what they did with the missing cash stash.</p> <p>For further reference verifying that money is missing here – see the first C4 filed for this politician’s 2020 campaign (See PDC C4 Report # 100909128, attached for staff reference). Staff will notice that this campaign started with a zero balance. What happened to the missing \$12, 103.94? Who paid it? What else is wrong with this campaign?</p> <p>The violation here is obvious and self-evident. The answer to the questions raised in this complaint are not so obvious. Clearly, this candidate must go back and resolve these questions.</p> <p>Let me know if you need anything else here.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p> <p>Glen Morgan</p> <p>(For Internal PDC Staff reference – based on my written testimony submitted to the PDC last month, I am counting this as complaint #11 for October)</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
The public has a right to know what happened to the missing \$12,000+. Where did it come from? What happened to it, and why did it vanish without being reported to the public?
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
C4 (expenditure reports) are attached
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
Anyone associated with this politician's campaign at the time.
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.

SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

C4
(3/97)

PDC OFFICE USE
 100909128
 06-10-2019

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Include full name)
(The Friends of Melanie Morgan)

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 39063

City
Lakewood, WA

Zip + 4 98496	Office Sought (Candidates) STATE REPRESENTATIVE	Election Date 2020	*For PACs, Parties & Caucus Committees: During this report period, did the committee make an independent expenditure (i.e., an expense not considered a contribution supporting or opposing a state or local candidate?)
Report Period Covered From (last C-4) 05/01/19 To (end of period) 05/31/19	Final Report? Yes No X		

RECEIPTS

	Yes	No
1. Previous total cash and in kind contributions (From line 8, last C-4) (if beginning a new campaign or calendar year, see instruction booklet)		
2. Cash received (From line 2, Schedule A)	\$ \$18,714.25	
3. In kind contributions received (From line 1, Schedule B).....	\$0.00	
4. Total cash and in kind contributions received this period (Line 2 plus 3).....	\$18,714.25	
5. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L).....	\$0.00	
6. Corrections (From line 1 or 3, Schedule C)..... Show + or (-)	\$0.00	
7. Net adjustments this period (Combine line 5 & 6)..... Show + or (-)	\$0.00	
8. Total cash and in kind contributions during campaign (Combine lines 1, 4 & 7)	\$18,714.25	
9. Total pledge payments due (From line 2, Schedule B).....	\$0.00	

EXPENDITURES

10. Previous total cash and in kind expenditures (From line 17, last C-4) (If beginning a new campaign or calendar year, see instruction booklet)	\$0.00
11. Total cash expenditures (From line 4, Schedule A)	\$1,041.96
12. In kind expenditures (goods & services) (From line 1, Schedule B)	\$0.00
13. Total cash and in kind expenditures made this period (Line 11 plus line 12).....	\$1,041.96
14. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L).....	\$0.00
15. Corrections (From line 2 or 3, Schedule C)..... Show + or (-)	\$0.00
16. Net adjustments this period (Combine lines 14 & 15)..... Show + or (-)	\$0.00
17. Total cash and in kind expenditures during campaign (Combine lines 10, 13 and 16).....	\$1,041.96

CANDIDATES ONLY				CASH SUMMARY		
Won	Lost	Unopposed	Name not on ballot			
Primary election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Cash on hand (Line 8 minus line 17)	\$17,672.29
General election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	[Line 18 should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance.]	
Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.:					19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed)	\$0.00
(206) 335-8815					20. Balance (Surplus or deficit) (Line 18 minus line 19)	\$17,672.29

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information herein and on accompanying schedules and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Candidate's Signature MELANIE MORGAN	Date 06/10/19	Treasurer's Signature Andy Lo	Date 06/10/19
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CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

SCHEDULE
to C4 **A**
(11/93)

2

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.)

Report Date

(The Friends of Melanie Morgan)

05/01/19 05/31/19

1. CASH RECEIPTS (Contributions) which have been reported on C3. List each deposit made since last C4 report was submitted.

Date of deposit	Amount	Date of deposit	Amount	Date of deposit	Amount	Total deposits
05/01/2019	\$18,714.25					

2. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS Enter also on line 2 of C4 \$ \$18,714.25

CODES FOR CLASSIFYING EXPENDITURES: If one of the following codes is used to describe an expenditure, no other description is generally needed. The exceptions are:

- 1) If expenditures are in-kind or earmarked contributions to a candidate or committee or independent expenditures that benefit a candidate or committee, identify the candidate or committee in the Description block;
- 2) When reporting payments to vendors for travel expenses, identify the traveler and travel purpose in the Description block; and
- 3) If expenditures are made directly or indirectly to compensate a person or entity for soliciting signatures on a statewide initiative or referendum petition, use code "V" and provide the following information on an attached sheet: name and address of each person/entity compensated, amount paid each during the reporting period, and cumulative total paid all persons to date to gather signatures.

<p>CODE DEFINITIONS ON NEXT PAGE</p>	<p>C - Contributions (monetary, in-kind & transfers) I - Independent Expenditures L - Literature, Brochures, Printing B - Broadcast Advertising (Radio, TV) N - Newspaper and Periodical Advertising O - Other Advertising (yard signs, buttons, etc.) V - Voter Signature Gathering</p>	<p>P - Postage, Mailing Permits S - Surveys and Polls F - Fundraising Event Expenses T - Travel, Accommodations, Meals M - Management/Consulting Services W - Wages, Salaries, Benefits G - General Operation and Overhead</p>
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3. EXPENDITURES

- a) Expenditures of \$50 or less, including those from petty cash, need not be itemized. Add up these expenditures and show the total in the amount column on the first line below.
- b) Itemize each expenditure of more than \$50 by date paid, name and address of vendor, code/description, and amount.
- c) For each payment to a candidate, campaign worker, PR firm, advertising agency or credit card company, attach a list of detailed expenses or copies of receipts/invoices supporting the payment.

Date Paid	Vendor or Recipient (Name and Address)	Code	Purpose of Expense and/or Description	Amount
N/A	Expenses of \$50 or less	N/A	N/A	\$41.96
05/10/19	PRISM WASHINGTON 2222 OAK RD LYNNWOOD, WA 98087		Website and database setup	\$500.00
05/31/19	PRISM WASHINGTON 2222 OAK RD LYNNWOOD, WA 98087		Social media services	\$500.00

Total from attached pages \$ **\$0.00**

4. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES

Enter also on line 11 of C4 \$ **\$1,041.96**

SUMMARY, FULL REPORT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

C4 (3/97)	PDC OFFICE USE
	100879431
	01-07-2019

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Include full name)
MELANIE MORGAN (Friends of Melanie Morgan)

Mailing Address: **PO BOX 39063 LAKEWOOD, WA, 98496** City: **Lakewood, WA**

Zip + 4 98496	Office Sought (Candidates) STATE REPRESENTATIVE	Election Date 2018
Report Period Covered From (last C-4) 12/01/18 To (end of period) 12/31/18	Final Report? Yes No X	

***For PACs, Parties & Caucus Committees:** During this report period, did the committee make an **independent expenditure** (i.e., an expense not considered a contribution supporting or opposing a state or local candidate?)

RECEIPTS	*See next page	Yes	No
1. Previous total cash and in kind contributions (From line 8, last C-4) (if beginning a new campaign or calendar year, see instruction booklet)	\$		\$48,513.00
2. Cash received (From line 2, Schedule A)	\$	\$0.00	
3. In kind contributions received (From line 1, Schedule B)		\$0.00	
4. Total cash and in kind contributions received this period (Line 2 plus 3)			\$0.00
5. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L)		\$0.00	
6. Corrections (From line 1 or 3, Schedule C)	Show + or (-)	\$0.00	
7. Net adjustments this period (Combine line 5 & 6)	Show + or (-)		\$0.00
8. Total cash and in kind contributions during campaign (Combine lines 1, 4 & 7)			\$48,513.00
9. Total pledge payments due (From line 2, Schedule B)		\$0.00	

EXPENDITURES	
10. Previous total cash and in kind expenditures (From line 17, last C-4) (If beginning a new campaign or calendar year, see instruction booklet)	\$57,416.94
11. Total cash expenditures (From line 4, Schedule A)	\$3,200.00
12. In kind expenditures (goods & services) (From line 1, Schedule B)	\$0.00
13. Total cash and in kind expenditures made this period (Line 11 plus line 12)	\$3,200.00
14. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L)	\$0.00
15. Corrections (From line 2 or 3, Schedule C)	Show + or (-) \$0.00
16. Net adjustments this period (Combine lines 14 & 15)	Show + or (-) \$0.00
17. Total cash and in kind expenditures during campaign (Combine lines 10, 13 and 16)	\$60,616.94

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Primary election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.:
(253) 237-2487

CASH SUMMARY

18. Cash on hand (Line 8 minus line 17)	(\$12,103.94)
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19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed)	\$0.00
20. Balance (Surplus or deficit) (Line 18 minus line 19)	(\$12,103.94)

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information herein and on accompanying schedules and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Candidate's Signature MELANIE MORGAN	Date 01/07/19	Treasurer's Signature Dorian Waller	Date 01/07/19
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CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

SCHEDULE A
 to C4
(11/93)

2

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.)

Report Date

MELANIE MORGAN (Friends of Melanie Morgan)

12/01/18

12/31/18

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Date Paid	Vendor or Recipient (Name and Address)	Code	Purpose of Expense and/or Description	Amount
N/A	Expenses of \$50 or less	N/A	N/A	
12/07/18	GRACIE ANDERSON Tacoma, WA 98444		Campaign Assistance	\$200.00
12/17/18	ARCHWAY LLC PO Box 5953 Tacoma, WA 98415		Campaign Consunting	\$2,500.00
12/24/18	LESLIE HARBOUGH Tacoma, WA 98405		Campaign Assistance	\$500.00

Total from attached pages \$ **\$0.00**

4. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES

Enter also on line 11 of C4 \$ **\$3,200.00**