

## File a Formal Complaint - Glen Morgan

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To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that that “Spokane Citizens for Political Education,” (SCPE) a political committee appears to have committed at least one more major violation of **RCW 42.17A**. While this was a relatively short-lived PAC, it is impressive how significantly Nick Castrolang, who managed SCPE was able to violate so many elements of Washington’s Campaign Finance laws.

After the most recent complaint I filed (**PDC Tracking #16286**) exposed a variety of violations committed by this PAC and Nick Castrolang, it appears that a C4 was finally filed to explain how the mystery missing \$12,400 was spent. This recent filing last week has exposed another major violation committed by Nick Castrolang and his special PAC - “Spokane Citizens for Political Education”

### 1. **Providing a secret, unreported over-limit in-kind contribution to a candidate for political office (Violation of RCW 42.17A.405, see WAC 390-16-207)**

In addition to the recently submitted C4 by Nick Castrolang, finally revealing how the missing \$12,400 was spent, it appears that he explained in far greater detail to a reporter at the Inlander that these funds were spent on an in-depth poll to assist candidate Ben Stuckart in his campaign for Spokane City Council. The entire poll was also attached in this article, and Mr. Ben Stuckart was quoted as having used the information from the poll to change his campaign strategy. All this was detailed in this linked article:

<http://www.inlander.com/Bloglander/archives/2017/04/17/unreported-poll-previewed-a-condon-vs-stuckart-mayoral-battle-that-never-was>

At the time, the maximum total campaign contribution limit (in-kind or cash) would have been \$950, so this illegal, unreported, in-kind contribution was \$11,450 over limit, which was most likely part of the reason the original expenditure was hidden from the public in the first place (until I filed the complaint last week against this PAC).

One defense that might be offered by Nick Castrolang is that he and Mr. Stuckart lied to the reporter, and that this was merely an independent expenditure made on behalf of the candidate Ben Stuckart, rather than an in-kind contribution. However, no independent expenditure report was filed, so this defense would still be a violation of the statute (see **WAC 390-16-313**) and would be illegal as well.

Regardless of the excuses, claims or justifications, it is very clear that Nick Castrolang and his short-lived “Spokane Citizens for Political Education” violated **RCW 42.17A** with reckless abandon and no concern for transparency or compliance. In fact, it is clearly apparent that the previous violations exposed with my first complaint against Nick Castrolang and his PAC are what forced the belated and last minute effort last week to

partly comply with PDC rules, and now this complaint fully exposes the original violations the first violations intended to conceal from the beginning.

The PDC should investigate the possibility that Nick Castrolang and his PAC “Spokane Citizens for Political Education” committed the above violation maliciously, which would be a class C felony per **RCW 42.17A.750 (2)(c)**. If the PDC determines that is the case, they should refer the case to the Attorney General's office for criminal prosecution immediately.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan