

File a Formal Complaint - Glen Morgan

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To Whom it May Concern --

It has come to my attention that Dana Ralph (formerly Dana Stober) -- a 2015 candidate for Kent City Council -- has committed numerous and a few unusual violations of **RCW 42.17A**. It should be noted that she is related to, and is intimately involved with, Bailey Stober (a campaign consultant and serial violator of PDC rules and campaign finance laws).

1) Failure to timely file accurate, timely C3 and C4 reports. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235)

a) According to the PDC, the C4 for the time period of 3/1/16 to 3/31/16 was due on 4/11/16.

Unfortunately, Ralph failed to file this C4 until 12/4/16, **making it nearly 8 months late**.

That report contained the following expenditure:

HERITAGE BANK 3/8/2016 \$100.00 WA TRANSFERRED TO MAYORIAL CAMPAIGN WITH PERMISSION

b) According to the PDC, the C4 for the time period of 3/1/15 to 3/31/15 was due on 4/10/15.

Unfortunately, Ralph failed to file an accurate C4 by this deadline. Her original C4 failed to report the following in-kind contribution:

HARMON RON 3/30/2015 \$105.01 P RENTON WA 98058 RETIRED KICK OFF BEVERAGES

These expenditures were not reported until 4/20/15, well past the statutory deadline.

2) Illegal transfer of funds, failure to accurately identify vendor name and address. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.430 (8), RCW 42.17A.235)

State law prohibits candidate committees from transferring funds to other candidate committees.

Unfortunately, on 11/29/2016, **Ralph illegally contributed \$6,415.00 to her 2017 campaign committee for her mayoral race**. She also reported the vendor as "Heritage Bank", in an attempt to disguise the illegal nature of her transaction. She had previously done the same thing on 3/8/2016 but only transferred \$100.00.

Surplus fund accounts may be used for this purpose, however Ralph failed to transfer the surplus funds from her 2015 race into a surplus funds account. If she had done that, she could have legally transferred the funds from her surplus funds account to her 2017 mayoral account.

In both instances, Ralph failed to report the address of the vendor, as specifically required by law.

3) Illegal personal use of campaign funds. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.445, see WAC 390-16-238 (1))

State law prohibits the use of campaign funds for personal purposes. Per PDC regulations, any expenditure of a candidate's campaign funds that is not directly related to the candidate's election campaign is a personal use of campaign funds prohibited under **RCW 42.17A.445**.

Ralph made the following illegal personal expenditure:

RALPH DANA L 7/14/2014 \$80.00 KENT WA 98031 PO BOX SUBSCRIPTION

Ralph did not use a PO box for the campaign. **The true address for the campaign is listed as 23308 98th Ave S, Kent, WA 98031**, which is her personal address.

As such, the PO Box was not campaign-related and therefore the expenditure constitutes an illegal personal expenditure of campaign funds.

4) Failure to list Bailey Stober and Barbara Frazier as committee officers. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.205(2)(c), see WAC 390-05-245)

Ralph's committee failed to list Bailey Stober and Barbara Frazier as officers on their C1 form, which is required by **RCW 42.17A.205(2)(c)**. Stober made strategic campaign decisions (and did consulting) for the campaign and Frazier was the CFO/Treasurer.

Bailey Stober and Barbara Frazier should have been listed as committee officers, because they, in conjunction with others, made, directed, or authorized expenditures, strategic or policy decisions on behalf of the committee.

WAC 390-05-245 defines committee officer as: "...any person designated by the committee as an officer on the C-1 or C-1pc registration statement and any person who alone or in conjunction with other persons makes, directs, or authorizes contribution, expenditure, strategic or policy decisions on behalf of the committee."

Please be aware that Dana Ralph (then Dana Stober) correctly listed Bailey Stober as her campaign manager during her 2007 unsuccessful bid for Kent City Council, so she is familiar with the requirements of state law. (See attached C1 from 2007.) Unfortunately, she has chosen to ignore those requirements in this instance.

5) Illegal unauthorized expenditure of funds by an individual not listed as an officer on C1 form. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.425)

State law requires that: "No expenditures may be made or incurred by any candidate or political committee unless authorized by the candidate or the person or persons named on the candidate's or committee's registration form..."

Because Bailey Stober and Barbara Frazier are officers for the committee – despite not being listed on the form – this is a violation. In their roles as strategic consultant and campaign treasurer/CFO respectively, these two individuals doubtlessly made illegal expenditures for the Committee.

6) Failure to include Sponsor ID on campaign website. (Violation of 42.17A.320)

On Dana Ralph's campaign website "www.DanaRalph.com", she fails to include sponsor ID. (See attached)

Ralph's website is written political advertisement under PDC definitions, and as such, is required to bear the mailing address and "paid for by" statement on the main page.

For instance, it should have read;

Paid for by Committee to Elect Dana Ralph
23307 98th Ave S Kent, WA 98031

7) Failure to report in-kind contribution of website domain renewal, professional photography, and campaign management. (RCW 42.17A.235)

State law requires that candidates report expenditures, in-kind contributions, and debt on their regular C4 reports.

a) Ralph failed to report the in-kind contribution of professional photography. You can find examples of this professional photography on her website masthead (attached).

b) Ralph also failed to report the in-kind contribution for domain registration renewal and creation of her professional campaign website. The link is www.DanaRalph.com -- purchase of domain name was made on 8/20/15, by Bailey Stober (her committee officer). (See attachment.) The domain registration renewal cost should have been reported on Ralph's C4 covering the month of August, but unfortunately, it was not.

c) Finally, Ralph failed to report the in-kind value of receiving campaign management from Bailey Stober. Stober provided campaign management and consulting services to Ralph during her 2015 re-election bid.

As you can see from this link, Bailey has frequently furnished campaign management and consulting services to other candidates, so it clearly has a market value that is required to be reported as an in-kind contribution and does not fall under volunteer

services: <http://web.pdc.wa.gov/MvcQuerySystem/AdvancedSearch/ExpendituresData?spender=ALL&electionYear=ALL&committeeType=IGNORE&vendor=Stober&orderBy=vendor-asc>

8) Illegal use of public resources, failure to report in-kind contribution from the City of Kent (Violation of RCW 42.17A.555, .235)

State law prohibits the use of public resources to assist campaigns.

The City of Kent used public resources during filing week of 2015 to produce and distribute a video promoting Dana Ralph (a candidate) to Kent citizens, in violation of state law.

Unfortunately, this video was also illegally posted up by Ralph on her campaign website (see attachment).

The video can be viewed for yourself by following this hyperlink: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bWHI-9V111>

Additionally, Ralph has violated campaign finance laws by failing to report this video as an in-kind contribution from the City of Kent.

I urge the PDC to investigate these claims immediately.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan



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DOMAIN INFORMATION

Domain: danaralph.com
 Registrar: GODADDY.COM, LLC
 Registration Date: 2015-08-20
 Expiration Date: 2017-08-20
 Updated Date: 2015-08-20
 Status: clientDeleteProhibited
 clientRenewProhibited
 clientTransferProhibited
 clientUpdateProhibited
 Name Servers: ns55.domaincontrol.com
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REGISTRANT CONTACT

Name: Bailey Stober
 Street: 12416 SE 272nd PL #C
 City: Kent
 State: Washington
 Postal Code: 98030
 Country: US
 Phone: +1.2067330464
 Email: **baileystober**@hotmail.com

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT

Name: Bailey Stober

Street: 12416 SE 272nd PL #C
City: Kent
State: Washington
Postal Code: 98030
Country: US
Phone: +1.2067330464
Email: **baileystober**@hotmail.com

TECHNICAL CONTACT

Name: Bailey Stober
Street: 12416 SE 272nd PL #C
City: Kent
State: Washington
Postal Code: 98030
Country: US
Phone: +1.2067330464
Email: **baileystober**@hotmail.com

RAW WHOIS DATA

Domain Name: DANARALPH.COM
Registry Domain ID: 1954357310_DOMAIN_COM-VRSN
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.godaddy.com
Registrar URL: http://www.godaddy.com
Update Date: 2015-08-20T22:43:14Z
Creation Date: 2015-08-20T22:43:14Z
Registrar Registration Expiration Date: 2017-08-20T22:43:14Z
Registrar: GoDaddy.com, LLC
Registrar IANA ID: 146
Registrar Abuse Contact Email: **abuse**@godaddy.com
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +1.4806242505
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited http://www.icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited
Domain Status: clientUpdateProhibited http://www.icann.org/epp#clientUpdateProhibited
Domain Status: clientRenewProhibited http://www.icann.org/epp#clientRenewProhibited
Domain Status: clientDeleteProhibited http://www.icann.org/epp#clientDeleteProhibited
Registry Registrant ID: Not Available From Registry
Registrant Name: Bailey Stober
Registrant Organization:
Registrant Street: 12416 SE 272nd PL #C
Registrant City: Kent

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Registrant Country: US
Registrant Phone: +1.2067330464
Registrant Phone Ext:
Registrant Fax:
Registrant Fax Ext:
Registrant Email: **baileystober@hotmail.com**
Registry Admin ID: Not Available From Registry
Admin Name: Bailey Stober
Admin Organization:
Admin Street: 12416 SE 272nd PL #C
Admin City: Kent
Admin State/Province: Washington
Admin Postal Code: 98030
Admin Country: US
Admin Phone: +1.2067330464
Admin Phone Ext:
Admin Fax:
Admin Fax Ext:
Admin Email: **baileystober@hotmail.com**
Registry Tech ID: Not Available From Registry
Tech Name: Bailey Stober
Tech Organization:
Tech Street: 12416 SE 272nd PL #C
Tech City: Kent
Tech State/Province: Washington
Tech Postal Code: 98030
Tech Country: US
Tech Phone: +1.2067330464
Tech Phone Ext:
Tech Fax:
Tech Fax Ext:
Tech Email: **baileystober@hotmail.com**
Name Server: NS55.DOMAINCONTROL.COM
Name Server: NS56.DOMAINCONTROL.COM
DNSSEC: unsigned
URL of the ICANN WHOIS Data Problem Reporting System: <http://wdprs.internic.net/>
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It is an honor and a privilege to serve you on the Kent City Council and as the Council President. I look forward to meet with you, share thoughts and ideas and ensure that Kent is a place we are all proud to call home. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

In Service,

Dana



Candidate Registration

C1

(3/06)

DATE FILED PDC

MAR 16 2007

Candidate's Name (Give candidate's full name.)

Dana Suzanne Stober

Telephone Number

(253) 520-2469

Candidate's Committee Name (Do not abbreviate.)

Elect Dana Stober Campaign

Fax Number

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Mailing Address

Po Box 3066 ~~Kent WA~~

Candidate's E-Mail Address

dana@danastober.com

City

Kent

County

King

Zip + 4

98089

Campaign E-Mail Address

info@danastober.com

1. What office are you running for?

Legislative District, County or City

Position No.

Do you now hold this office?

City Council Member City of Kent

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Yes No

2. Political party (if partisan office)

3. Date of general or special election

4. How much do you plan to spend during your entire election campaign, including the primary and general elections? Based on that estimate, choose one of the reporting options below. If no box is checked you are obligated to use Option II, Full Reporting. See instruction manuals for information about reports required and changing reporting options.

Option I MINI REPORTING: In addition to my filing fee of \$ _____, I will raise and spend no more than \$3,500, including any charges for inclusion in state and local voters pamphlets. I will not accept more than \$300 in the aggregate from any contributor except myself.

Option II FULL REPORTING: I will use the Full Reporting system. I will file the frequent, detailed campaign reports required by law.

5. Treasurer's Name and Address. Candidate may be treasurer. List deputy treasurers on attached sheet. Continued on attached sheet

Daytime Telephone Number

Dana Stober 1326 E. James St. Kent, WA 98031

(253) 520-2469

6. Committee Officers. List name, title and address. Continue on attached sheet if necessary. See reverse for definition of "officer." Continued on attached sheet

Bailey Stober, Campaign Manager, 1326 E. James St. Kent, WA
Carol Anne Maiers, Member at large, 309 5th Ave S. Apt 319 Kent 98032
Elysia Totten, Member at large, 11917 4th Ave SW. Seattle, 98146
Denise Teller, Member at large, 527 3rd Ave S. Kent, WA 98032
Dana Stober, Candidate, 1326 E. James St. Kent, WA 98031

7. Campaign Bank or Depository

Branch

City

U.S. Bank

Kent

Kent

8. Related or Affiliated Political Committees. List name, address and relationship.

None

Continued on attached sheet

9. Campaign books must be open to the public by appointment between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. during the eight days before the election, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. In the space below, provide contact information for scheduling an appointment and the address where the inspection will take place. It is not acceptable to provide a post office box or an out-of-area address.

Street Address, Room Number, City where campaign books will be available for inspection
1326 E. James St. Kent, WA 98031

In order to make an appointment, contact the campaign at (telephone, fax, e-mail): (253) 520-2469 or info@danastober.com

10. CERTIFICATION:

I certify that this report is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Dana Stober

3-10-07

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About Dana Ralph



The Ralph Family - Shawn, Derek, Dana and Kyle

Dana Ralph brings over a decade of community service to her role as city council president.

Prior to her election in 2011, Dana served on Kent's Land Use and Planning Board, most recently as Chair, where she helped to shape the course of Kent's land use, economic development, natural resources and the sense of place to pass on to future generations.

"As a Board member, I've appreciated the opportunity to engage residents and hear their hopes for our city," said Dana. "I believe this experience will be extremely beneficial as a councilmember."

Dana has also served as Chair of the Kent Arts Commission. An advocate for performing, visual and literary arts, Dana believes the arts enrich the quality of life in Kent.

She is currently serving as council president. She is also a member of the Public Works Committee, Public Safety Committee and Operations Committee, liaison to the Kent Arts Commission and a council representative on the LEOFF1 Disability Board. She represents the City at Sound Cities Association by serving on the Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee and Transportation Policy Board. She is also the vice chair of South King County Transportation Board, the City of Kent representative to WRIA 9, chair of the Kent Drug Free Coalition, is vice president of the Kent Kiwanis Club and is on the board of directors for the Multi Service Center.

A lifelong Kent resident and graduate of Kent-Meridian High School, Dana has owned and operated a medical billing company for the past 19 years.

She and her husband, Shawn, are the proud parents of two sons, Kyle and Derek. They live on the Kent's East Hill. In their spare time they enjoy camping and working in the community at a variety of events.

Want to learn more? Watch this video!

