

## File a Formal Complaint - Glen Morgan

**Glenmorgan89** reported 27 minutes ago (Fri, 24 Feb at 12:23 PM) via Portal Meta

To Whom it May Concern --

It has come to my attention that Jim Cooper -- a failed candidate for Thurston County Commission -- has committed additional violations of RCW 42.17A in his campaign.

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

State law requires that candidates -- **on the same day that they file their statement of organization with the PDC** - must file reports (C3 & C4) containing all campaign contributions and expenditures incurred prior to that time.

The purpose of this provision in state law is to give the public timely access to information about campaign finances. This requirement serves a vital public purpose.

Cooper filed his C1 statement of organization report on 11/13/2015.

Unfortunately, he failed to file timely C3 and C4 reports on this day.

a) These contributions should have been filed on 11/13/2015, but Cooper failed to do so until 12/7/2015, well past the statutory deadline:

MYERS SHAWN	11/13/2015	\$100.00	P	TUMWATER	WA	98501
BREMER DAVID	11/13/2015	\$50.00	P	TUMWATER	WA	98501

b) Additionally, the in-kind contribution to Jim Cooper for his website's domain renewal should have been reported on his first C4, which was statutorily required to be filed with the PDC on 11/13/2015. The in-kind contribution to his campaign was illegally reported as having been received on 10/17/2016, which -- by Cooper's own admission -- is false. (See complaint allegation #3 and PDC Case #8928 for additional details).

### 2) Failure to file last minute contribution. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.265)

The committee failed to report the below last-minute contributions (@ aggregate of \$1000 or higher) from the following groups within the 48 hour time limit on an LMC or C3 form, as required by law.

This failure illegally obscured campaign finance information from the public during the period in which they were voting. Klein is a well-known disciple and committed follower of JZ Knight (aka "Ramtha"), a hate cult leader in Yelm. (<http://www.rse-newsletter.com/2014/12/steve-klein-retiring-from-rse-at-end-of-year-will-remain-a-student-entering-his-30th-year/>)

General Election (21 Days -- 10/18/2016 to 11/8/2016)

KLEIN STEPHEN	10/24/2016	\$650.00 (Aggregate of \$1000)	G	MCKENNA	WA	98558 RETIRED
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This contribution was illegally not reported until 10/27/2016, well past the statutory deadline.

### 3) Failure to accurately report in-kind contribution. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235, .240)

On 8/3/2015, Cooper's campaign received an in-kind contribution from Matt Albrecht valued at \$46.08 for "domain registry renewal" of Cooper's campaign website "[www.electJimCooper.com](http://www.electJimCooper.com)".

This in-kind contribution was illegally reported as being received on 10/17/2016, even though by Cooper's own admission it was actually received on 8/3/2015. (See attached e-mail from Cooper).

Reporting the incorrect date the in-kind contribution was received is a violation of **RCW 42.17A.240 (2)**. This violation illegally obscured the ability of the public to get an accurate reading of Cooper's campaign financing.

Cooper must update his filings to show the actual date the in-kind contribution was received.

Additionally, the PDC should investigate whether or not Cooper's late and false C4 containing the in-kind contribution for domain registry renewal (filed on 10/18/2016) was filed maliciously, which would be a class C felony pursuant to **RCW 42.17A.750 (2)(c)**.

I urge the PDC to investigate these allegations immediately.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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**1 Attachment**

PDF [CooperAttach...](#)  
( 58.9 KB )

[Jim](#) replied 2 months ago (Wed, 7 Dec, 2016 at 8:43 PM)

to : pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Hi Kurt,

here are my responses:

- The individuals listed on the Kennedy Dinner spreadsheet that contributed to your campaign, did you solicit those contributions from those individuals to attend the Kennedy Dinner? If no, how did you determine the contributions were to be used for that event? Yes, I personally invited each person and asked them to contribute towards the sponsorship cost.
- Can you find out from the Thurston County Democrat's the actual costs for just the meal, beverages, wine at the table taxes and gratuities portion of the Kennedy Dinner, or if it is easier, how much of the \$100 per table costs was a contribution to the party? I know you previously estimated the costs based on the \$65 admittance price for an individual, but we requesting additional information. I have asked for this from TCD and will send it to you under separate cover as soon as I have a number.
- The individuals listed on the Kennedy Dinner spreadsheet that contributed directly to the Thurston County Democrats, did your campaign request or direct those individuals to send their contributions directly to the party? No. They had already purchased tickets when I invited them or misunderstood the request for contribution.
- Did the campaign receive any additional benefits from the Kennedy Dinner sponsorship other than what was listed on the flyer from the Thurston County Democrats? Not that I know of.
- Concerning the \$46.08 in-kind contribution from Matt Albrecht, you indicated in your response that it was a 2015 charge, do you recall when the expenditure was made? Yes, it was 8/3/2015.
- The complaint alleged that your campaign failed to disclose expenditures or in-kind contributions for the "professional photography" services provided to the campaign for the website and mail piece photo's that were used. I don't see a response to that specific allegation, but I know you responded to another complaint about the You Tube videos. Please respond to that issue. I apologize for missing that. As Jacob and I discussed these photos were taken in a local studio for my family and paid for by me personally for personal use. Others were personal photographs from my iphone. We then used some of them in campaign materials.

I'll send the per plate number as soon as I have it. Thanks!

Jim