

## Complaint Description

### File a Formal Complaint - Carla Maria Michalove

[Cmichalove](#) reported (Wed, 24 Oct at 8:35 AM)

False and Misleading Political Advertisements by four PACs funded and managed by Glen Morgan have engaged in a last minute dirty tricks campaign in support of the Republican candidates running in the 6th, 19th, and 26th legislative districts, as well as Thurston County. These ads are a blatant attempt to mislead voters who might otherwise vote for the Democratic candidate in each race into casting “throwaway” votes to the benefit of the GOP. These ads contain misleading, defamatory, and otherwise unlawful information, and have been disseminated broadly to over 100,000 voters across the State of Washington. Specifically, these ads falsely communicate to voters that the undersigned organizations have endorsed Teresa Purcell, Joe Pakootas, Nathan Schlicher, and/or EJ Zita in the 2018 elections, despite the fact that those candidates are not running in these races, and when in nearly every instance, each of the organizations listed has actually endorsed the Democratic candidate running in the 2018 election. The attack ads mailed out in the 6th, 19th, and 26th legislative districts were paid for by Conscience of the Progressives PAC, sponsored and solely funded by Send a Message PAC. The attack ads mailed to Thurston County voters were paid for by Real Progressives in Thurston County, sponsored and solely funded by A Brighter Thurston County PAC. Mr. Morgan is the campaign manager for all four PACs. Washington’s Fair Campaign Practices Act makes it unlawful to sponsor political advertising or political communication that, “makes either directly or indirectly, a false claim stating or implying the support or endorsement of any person or organization when in fact the candidate does not have such support or endorsement.

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

PACs funded and managed by Glen Morgan have engaged in an advertising campaign in support of the Republican candidates running in the 6th, 19th, and 26th legislative districts, as well as Thurston County. These ads, disseminated to over 100,000 voters, are a blatant attempt to mislead voters with false statements and bogus endorsements attributed to numerous organizations and individuals. These violations interfere with the ability of voters in the 6th, 19th, and 26th legislative districts to make informed choices in the current election and harm the organizations falsely listed as supporters, including

Fuse, the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, UFCW 21, AFT Washington, and AFSCME Council 28. The ads also use without permission the names of Purcell, Pakootas, Schlicher, and Zita, falsely implying their opposition to the on-ballot candidates.

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

I possess evidence in the form of the mailed advertisement

**Complaint Certification:**

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.