Glen Morgan (Fri, 1 Mar 2019 at 2:26 PM)

This is my response to Complaint #47250

I confess I was surprised when I received this recent PDC complaint because I didn't remember this form being filed back in 2016. Now that I've had a chance to review the C1PC form, I think I would have filed the same complaint were I in the complainant's position.

In discussing this with my treasurer at the time, Orin Wells, I believe this C1PC should never have been filed with the PDC because I decided at the time to not set up a PAC under a similar name as my LLC.

There never was a bank account set up for this PAC. There never was any money raised for this PAC. There never was any money spent by this PAC.

At the time this was filed, on September 2, 2016, it was before I was as familiar with the PDC rules and requirements as I have become since that time in my quest to better understand our state's wonderful and exciting campaign finance laws.

In fact, I suspect, looking back at the time, this document was filed on the same day that two PACs I DID set up were established – Friends of Jimmy PAC and We want to be Friends of Jimmy Too PAC, which I did manage and which were involved in the local Thurston County Commissioner race at the time – primarily in my efforts to expose the racist hate-cult leader JZ Knight's dominate funding of the Thurston County Democratic Party and various political candidates in Thurston County at the time, including Thurston County Commissioner candidate Jim Cooper and Thurston County Commissioner candidate Kelsey Hulse. I can only surmise 29 months later that I must have accidently hand filed this document (for a PAC I did not expect to establish) along with the other two PACs which I did set up and run at that time.

While it isn't political in nature and more involving a case of exposing the truth in our local community - for more background, in 2012, while I worked at the Freedom Foundation, I became familiar with JZ Knight (who claims to channel a 34,000 year old homicidal Lumarian warrior spirit named "Ramtha" in front of large cheering audiences of her followers at her compound in Yelm, Washington. If people pay enough, she will provide private channeling sessions (as she did to these Romanian International Tax fraud scamsters who were arrested by the FBI on an Interpol warrant in 2013 after they paid her \$50k for "Ramtha's advice – which apparently didn't include a warning about the impending raid on their underground bunker). See news article-linked-here. JZ Knight also has been known to provide free "Ramtha" channeling sessions on TV, as she did in 1984 – (See Youtube-link-found-here).

Anonymous cult source provided to me, in 2012, some 2011 videos of one of JZ Knight/Ramtha's channeling sessions where she made a variety of drunken racist statements about Mexicans. Specifically, JZ Knight said Mexicans were "...not worthy of conscious thought," and she/it also said that "...Mexicans breed like rabbits." There were also other ugly and hateful statements made about Catholics, Jews, Gays, and Organic Farmers at the time. As one of the largest donors to the Washington State Democratic Party at the time as well as the largest donor to various Thurston County political candidates, I released on Youtube a variety of these video clips for the public to know who was funding these politicians and political parties. One video was released each day, starting with JZ Knight's hateful and racist statements about Mexicans, then Catholics, then her anti-Semitic statements about Jews, then about Gays, finally her weird nasty

statements about Organic Farmers. This final video was a bridge too far for the Washington State Democratic Party, and they divested themselves from the JZ Knight/Ramtha cult leader by transferring \$70k in donations to other organizations at the time. This was well covered by the media at the time, and was clearly a public service resulting from my investigative work with whistleblowers, and it had nothing to do with the political process. JZ Knight/Ramtha then sued a variety of former cult members trying to plug the variety of leaks of her hateful speeches to the public. She/it was also able to successfully threaten Youtube, Vimeo and the other video hosting companies in an effort to hide the truth. One of these lawsuits, against Thurston County resident and former cult member, Virginia Coverdale, included an effort to force me to reveal my anonymous sources. I refused to do so, and JZ Knight was ordered by Thurston County Superior Court to pay the Freedom Foundation attorney fees at the time. I also spent several hours in a pointless deposition where I refused to reveal who provided the videos to me. The deposition was so worthless, JZ Knight's attorneys never even bothered to order a copy of the transcript.

Which led to the Thurston County Democratic Party stepping up and taking large amounts in donations from JZ Knight/Ramtha and her/it's various organizations from 2013-2014. Since JZ Knight/Ramtha had threatened and intimidated the online video hosting companies into not hosting her hate speeches, I submitted these videos to the Thurston County Commissioners and the Olympia City Council and the Lacey City Council at the time as a public record and a service for the community, so that citizens could get copies themselves via records requests filed with these jurisdictions. In an effort to conceal her racist speech, JZ Knight/Ramtha filed a lawsuit against Thurston County forcing them to destroy the records, and they also sued me again, this time in Federal Court for violating copyright. However, this lawsuit also failed as it appeared that JZ Knight/Ramtha was likely to lose this case in a real court, and her ability to pretend she had "copyrights" on anything was at risk. The Federal Court allowed me to play the videos in the court and to submit the transcripts of these videos for the record. JZ Knight/Ramtha successfully moved to seal these records, and she/it eventually dropped this lawsuit in 2015, when it became undeniably apparent, she was losing this case.

The Thurston County Democratic Party didn't care about the racism on display from the cult leader JZ Knight and the 35,000 year old Lumarian warrior spirit named "Ramtha" and they continued to cash close to \$216,000 in checks by either local Democratic candidates including Thurston County Auditor Mary Hall, a PAC called People for Thurston County PAC (almost entirely funded by JZ Knight) run by former Director of Ecology Jay Manning, and the largest donations by any organization in history to the Thurston County Democratic Party by JZ Knight/Ramtha.

Eventually, in 2016, I decided that I would set up two PACs, to help expose the truth about this racist cult leader's successful effort to buy the Thurston County Democratic Party and the racist cult leader JZ Knight's less successful effort to fund the new Thurston County Commissioners. The two PACs which I set up at the time were Friends of Jimmy PAC and We Want to be Friends of Jimmy Too PAC. I never set up, organized or ran any other PACs at the time, which is why I am mystified to see that a We the Governed PAC C1PC had been filed at the same time. Since I raised so little funds to run these two PACs, I used the limited funds to produce a handful of robocalls, which generated at least one death threat from a Democratic Party PCO (a restraining/ no-contact order was issued against this person by a Thurston County District Court judge). This also generated a lawsuit against me filed by the Washington State Democratic Party (which was promptly settled), a lawsuit funded by JZ Knight using her son, and some Democratic Party activists and cult followers, which remains in court today, and a PDC complaint filed against me.

All of this excitement and drama at the time encouraged me to become more familiar with the PDC and our state's wonderful and amazing campaign finance laws, and I filed some complaints against a variety of the groups and people who were suing me or threatening me at the time. One of the complaints I filed was against Senator Sam Hunt (he was running for the Senate seat in the 22ndLegislative district at the time) which resulted in the response by Senator Sam Hunt which correctly stated that I didn't understand anything about the campaign finance laws in our state. I was inspired by Senator Sam Hunt, the complaint filed against me, and Bob Ferguson's public emphasis at the time to more vigorously enforce the campaign finance laws at that time to educate myself about those laws. 430 complaints later, and even with the passage of HB 2938 in 2018 to clean up some of the problems I've been able to identify, I feel like I am only just beginning to learn about the joys and wonder of our state's campaign finance laws.

I do remember filling out that handwritten C1PC form, but I confess that I don't remember ever filing it with the PDC. Because of that, it was never properly shut down (as a large number of PACs remain in this status today). Since I was not aware of this filed form at the time, nothing was ever done under this PAC. No bank account, no money raised, no money spent. Nothing was done because A PAC was never established. Please see Treasurer Orin Well's statement for additional background attached.

Under HB 2938, and the new rules put in place, effective June 8, 2018, if there are minor technical violations committed they clearly don't rise to the level of a material violation under RCW 42.17A.

However, in researching this situation, I have uncovered many other PACs which probably share a similar backstory to this one, and they were either established in name only and no funds were raised, or they have long ago expired with no activity for many years. Would the PDC prefer that I send in individual complaints on each of them or just provide a list to the PDC so that a broader staff generated email could be sent out to the hundreds of PACs which probably should be officially shut down because they never really existed or never apparently did anything political?

I appreciate the complainant's diligent effort to file this complaint. I realize it can take a lot of time and work to do so. However, this case opens up a whole new opportunity for additional complaints that can be filed and while they may not rise to the level of material violations, at least it might clean up the PDC database on these "orphaned" PACs on file but which probably were never realized in fact.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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To whom it may concern:

Regarding the alleged PAC "We The Governed"

- I am Orin R. Wells.
- I live at 3611 I St. NE Unit 197, Auburn, WA 98002
- Over the past 12 years I have served as the campaign treasurer for several candidates and PACs.
- I have served as the treasurer for six different PACs for Mr. Glen Morgan in 2016 and 2018.
- I recall in 2016 signing the C1PC papers for three different PACs that Mr. Morgan was considering filing. They included "Friends of Jimmy", "We Want To Be Friends of Jimmy Too" and "We The Governed".
- Both "Friends of Jimmy" and "We Want To Be Friends of Jimmy Too" were filed with the PDC. I set up the ORCA accounts for them and all transactions for the two PACs were filed with the PDC.
- I was not aware that the C1PC form for "We The Governed" PAC was ever filed with the PDC as Mr. Morgan and I never discussed formalizing the PAC.
- I never established an ORCA account for the "We The Governed" PAC. If it had been a real PAC I would have established this account.

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- I never received any information on any contributions or expenditures for "We The Governed" PAC from Mr. Morgan.
- I was not ever paid to be a Treasurer for "We The Governed" PAC.
- From my perspective the "We The Governed" PAC never existed.

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