

File a Formal Complaint - Kathy Lamar

[Knblamar](#) reported 6 days ago (Thu, 31 Aug at 8:08 PM) via Portal Meta

Alleged complaint #1: On May 8, 2017 candidate Backus in the accompaniment of city employee Dana Hinman during work day, drove a city owned vehicle to Bellevue, WA to meet with the "Master Builders" for the purpose of gaining a campaign endorsement and contribution. The meet was at 3:00 or 3:30 and was witnessed by Councilmember Susan Honda from the City of Federal Way.

Alleged complaint #2: Candidate Backus' campaign chairperson is a city employee that is using city equipment to respond to campaign FaceBook messages as recently as the week of 8/28/17. See attached file under car tab fees.

Alleged complaint #3: Candidate Backus uses city staff and equipment to film private debate 6/21/17 at a membership only event without prior permission from the organization and or candidates and then publicly disseminated edited film.

Alleged complaint #4: Purposefully confusing voters with mixed terminology regarding endorsements. ie supporters vs endorsement as it related to the Muckleshoot Tribe.

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Updates!

September 1, 2017

I have updated several pages over the last few days. ST3 has some new information regarding the proposed parking garage. Claims and Rumors has been updated with more information on the Mayor's vehicle and a new addition regarding city

staff members campaigning (and concerns about them doing so on city time.) I have received former Mayor Pete Lewis' travel expenses as well, and have uploaded those to the travel section as well.

PDC has also been updated to include a complaint and the response filed against Wales. A note on the PDC – questions and/or concerns have been raised about out of city donors. I had already addressed this, but as a candidate is raising this as an issue now I will go through each candidate's donor list and as best I can, discern the connection, at the very least the businesses/organizations/PACs, have to Auburn. I will be reaching out to the candidates to inquire about the individual donations that are from out of the city.

I have been asked several times if I am going to do a section on the Allenmore behavioral health hospital. I am, it is something I have been working on for weeks now. It is a very complex issue. I can say that at this time the City of Auburn **has not** committed the city to contributing the requested \$400,000 funds to the hospital. I can also say that while Mayor Backus *supports* the contribution, she has **not** promised or committed the funds to anyone. Only the City Council is able to do that. I will get that section up as soon as I can.

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The message, not the messenger

August 31, 2017

I am aware of several comments or questions as to who I am and why I remain anonymous. The truth is, I'm not. My identity is not openly attached to this website because the site isn't about me; it's about information and the election. The purpose of the site is to allow Auburn voters to educate themselves so that they can make an informed decision November 7th.



Some have called into question the credibility of the information contained on this site because there is no name attached to the site. I can understand the caution, as I have previously stated: I am inherently skeptical. And as Ronald Reagan liked to say: “trust, but verify.” That is why I have provided screencaps, links, source names/positions and documents when and where possible (*some materials exceed size limitations*).

Like Wikipedia, this site does not qualify as a primary source. Let it be a good starting point for your own research.

Most importantly, both campaigns are aware of who I am and how to reach me. I have met, in person, both candidates. Additionally, neither campaign has contested or raised issue with anything on this site.

When I am fact checking, I do not conceal my identity or the purpose of my correspondence. When folks have contacted me through the site I sign my emails with my name. I am not hiding who I am, I am just not publicizing or promoting myself.

Finally, let me reiterate: I do not care who you vote for, just **VOTE!** ...wait, that’s a lie. I do **care**. **Don’t vote for Bryan Rivera**. He is legally ineligible to be a write in candidate. Your vote won’t count. So, VOTE for Backus, Wales or some other declared write in candidate. But not Bryan Rivera.

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AUBURN AREA CHAMBER
Presents...

**MAYORAL
DEBATE**
BACKUS & WALES

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 6 pm to 8pm
Auburn Performing Arts Center 702 4th St NE, Auburn, WA
6pm-6:30pm Meet and Greet
Free Community Informational Event

DEBATE!

August 30, 2017

On **Wednesday September 20, 2017** from **6pm-8pm** the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a debate for the Auburn Mayoral candidates, Backus and Wales. The debate will be held at the Auburn Performing Arts Center and will be moderated by the Chamber Government Relations Committee and the Auburn School District debate team.

The debate questions will be formed by the Chamber of Commerce Government Relations team and will focus on three key, current, areas: economic development, workforce and infrastructure. All questions will be given to each

candidate, who will have approximately 5 minutes to respond.

At this time the Chamber of Commerce are deciding if this event will be recorded or streamed live, so if you are interested in seeing the debate get your **FREE** tickets [here](#).



Coffee

August 24, 2017

This afternoon I met with Deputy Mayor Wales for coffee. Our meeting provided me with some good insights into who Dr. Wales is as a person and as a candidate. In addition to general chat, I was able to ask some questions. I came away from the meeting with a lot of information I will be following up on and/or fact checking. Once I have done so I will post my findings.

I previously had been told that there have been nasty rumors coming from the Backus campaign. Before the end of our meeting I raised this with Dr. Wales and asked if there were any claims, rumors or accusations she wished me to research or look

into. She appeared surprised at the idea of rumors coming from the Backus campaign and did not indicate anything she wished for me to look into. The offer remains open if that changes (*for both campaigns, and anyone else for that matter.*)

At no time during our meeting did Dr. Wales refute or raise issue with anything contained on this website.

Before we parted ways we agreed to have another meeting (before the election.)



Midnight Oil

August 23, 2017

I've been working on the latest update for a few days now and finally got it posted. The current homeless situation in Auburn (everywhere really) is such a complex issue, and there is so much information about it. It's a major issue in all of the Auburn races this election season, and something that both Mayoral candidates are addressing.

I didn't want to overwhelm with everything I learned in my research but wanted to ensure there was enough information to make an informed decision. This is certainly a hot topic, with many different perspectives.

I also updated the Travel page with more information regarding our sister cities and the travel to (and visits from) those cities. I wonder if we name drop that we're from Auburn if we can get into the Olympics for free? Someone really should look into that.



Another records request came through today, so I've added more information to combat a claim that's been floating around online.

Don't forget, if you see anything you want to have researched or you have any information you need verified, or have verified and would like shared just send it my way.

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NOT Alternative Facts

August 17, 2017

I want to make something very clear: I rarely, if ever, take anything at face value. I am skeptical by nature so unless you are my dog, I'm not going to simply believe something that you tell me (and don't get me started on the cat, he's shady as hell.)

Since the beginning of June I have been looking into and researching aspects of and the candidates for the Auburn mayoral race. I have heard many rumors, accusations, claims and in some cases – obvious lies. I have asked countless questions, sent copious emails, had numerous chats, submitted a number of records requests and have become BFFs with Google. Though I have submitted questions on their campaign Facebook pages, I have had no personal conversations related to the campaign with *any* candidate.

While this site has quite a bit of information, it by no means contains everything I have researched. Some is still being put together for posting and quite a bit of it **has yet to be verified and therefor will not posted**. Some information I feel is too inflammatory to post without direct, hard evidence.

There are many major news organizations that are willing to go to press with only one source. I hold myself to higher standards. Even when my spouse was a source, I had a second source before I included the information on this site. This is not to say that at times I will not post something when I only have one source, should I feel that source is reliable enough. But it should serve as an example as to how serious I am taking ensuring the accuracy of this information.



I have offered both campaigns the chance to respond and to provide information or sources to rebut or support anything that is contained within this site. Should a campaign wish for me to research rumors or claims they feel are coming from another campaign, I am happy to research those as well. This is an open offer.

I take great offense when it is questioned or assumed that I am simply regurgitating information from one campaign or another. That is a direct accusation against my integrity. I am providing

my research as source for Auburn voters. I don't care who you vote for as long as you **VOTE!**

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It's time.

August 16, 2017

Last night (ok, it was this morning at 2:30am) I sent both the Re-Elect Nancy Backus and Elect Largo Wales campaigns an email with a link to this site and opportunity for response. I provided both the same cut off of 5:00pm today, August 16, 2017. The emails were sent via their campaign websites, as well as to the contact email provided on their website.



While the cutoff to respond may appear to be tight, I stated that I required only acknowledgment of the receipt of the email and that expressing intent to submit a comment or information at a later time was fine.

I received a reply from the Backus campaign shortly after 10am.

Around 11:30am (I did not receive or respond until 1pm) I received word that Wales wanted to respond but did not know how to get in contact with me. I again shared the email to contact me, but did not hear anything. At 4pm, I reached out again to Wales and heard nothing back.

Had either candidate responded requesting time to comment or submit information I would have pulled that content (*for*

now) and worked with them.

But, that didn't happen. So, here is the site. Being kicked from the nest, whether it's ready or not.

This is a living website, so expect content to be added and updated on a regular basis.

Update: At roughly 7pm I received an email from Wales asking me to coffee.

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