

File a Formal Complaint - Glen Morgan

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To Whom it May Concern -

It has come to my attention that Carolyn Merrival - a former Pierce County Charter Commissioner -- has violated provisions of RCW 42.17A.

Failure to timely submit accurate F1. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.700, .710)

a) In 2015, Merrival failed to timely submit an F1 Personal Financial Affairs statement. This form was due 2 weeks after she became a candidate, however, she failed to submit it until 8/11/2015, well past the statutory deadline. (See attached letter detailing Merrival PDC non-compliance and accompanying fine - **PDC Case #16-289.**)

b) Merrival served as a member of the Pierce County Charter Commission in 2016. As such, she was required to file an F1 covering the entire time period of 2015 no later than April 15th, 2016. Unfortunately, she failed to do this, despite having been already fined for violating the same statute. **Merrival must file this report immediately.**

c) Merrival served as a member of the Pierce County Charter Commission in 2016. As such, she was required to file an F1 covering the entire time period of 2016 no later than April 15th, 2017. Unfortunately, she failed to do this, despite having been already fined for violating the same statute. **Merrival must file this report immediately.**

The PDC should investigate the possibility that Merrival committed the above violations maliciously, which would be a class C felony per **RCW 42.17A.750 (2)(c)**.

It is worth noting for the record that Merrival has filed a PDC complaint recently (see: <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/browse/cases/8467>), so she is keenly aware of the requirements of RCW 42.17A.

If the PDC determines that these violations were intentional, they should refer the case to the Attorney General's office for criminal prosecution immediately.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan



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July, 24, 2015

CAROLYN MERRIVAL
PO BOX 1656
TACOMA WA 98401

Subject: PDC Hearing Notice, Missing Personal Financial Affairs Statement, Case Number 16-289

Dear: CAROLYN MERRIVAL,

As a candidate for the Office of **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONER** you are required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F1) with the Public Disclosure Commission. Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 42.17.700(2) states, "Within two weeks of becoming a candidate, every candidate shall file with the commission a statement of financial affairs for the preceding twelve months."

On June 18, 2015, PDC staff sent you a warning letter and provided a blank F-1 report. According to our records, the report is still missing. In accordance with RCW 42.17A.110 and RCW 42.17A.755, a Brief Enforcement Hearing is being scheduled. The Presiding Officer has the authority to assess penalties of up to \$500.

HEARING INFORMATION

Date and time: Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. (*approximate time*)
Place: Evergreen Plaza Building, Room 206
711 Capitol Way, Olympia, WA, 98504-0908
Presiding Officer: Katrina Asay, Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

The hearing is open to the public and you may attend in person, participate by telephone, or submit a written response no later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

HOW TO AVOID THE HEARING

Postmark the following by no later than 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2015:

1. Completed F-1 report (available at www.pdc.wa.gov);
2. A signed Statement of Understanding (enclosed); and
3. A check or money order for \$100, made payable to "Washington State Treasurer."

Faxed or e-mailed reports will not be accepted.

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If you plan to attend the hearing or have questions about the hearing process, please contact me at 360-586-4555 or by email at jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob Berkey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jacob" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Berkey".

Jacob Berkey
Compliance Coordinator

Enclosures:

- Statement of Understanding
- Penalty Schedule