

cases 100348 and 100589

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I plan to be available for comment on 100348 since I filed the initial complaint regarding Joshua Binda misappropriation of campaign funds for his Lynnwood City Council position.

I will be unavailable from 1100 to 2:00 Pm

For the record;

I am currently retired and reside in Snohomish County. I have lived in or near Lynnwood for approximately 50 years. I worked in Lynnwood for over 40 years. I was employed by the City of Lynnwood as a police officer (Sergeant) for 30 years, until I retired in 2016. I have participated in several political campaigns in Lynnwood and have familiarization with the process and the requirements regulated by the PDC.

On Oct 29, 2021 I visited the PDC website to review records (campaign expenditures) of some of the candidates in the Lynnwood city government races. I observed the records provided by Joshua Binda who was running for a Lynnwood City Council Position. I saw that he had raised upwards of 23,000 dollars in campaign funds exceeding all other Lynnwood candidates. I began to look over the list of expenditures and immediately realized that many of the items listed were not campaign related. It was clear that the report contained many items that would be in violation of campaign laws. Binda listed apparel, haircuts, dental work, jewelry, airfare, groceries, computers, printers, furniture, phones, event tickets, apartment rent, vehicle tow bills, etc. I then filed an official complaint with the PDC on the questionable expenditures listed by Binda, case #100348.

After filing my complaint, I contacted my friend Mario Lotmore who was more knowledgeable on PDC rules. I informed Lotmore as to what I had found, he looked at the PDC expenditures and was astounded by the list which appeared to be a clear violation in the use of campaign funds. Later, Lotmore advised me that he had confronted Binda on his report to the PDC. A couple days later I returned to the PDC report filed by Binda and found that the report had drastically been altered as if trying to resubmit the types of expenditures listed. This appeared to me as a cover up for his misappropriation of campaign funds.

On the chance I am unable to testify, I will attest that the comments aforementioned are accurate and truthful and can be submitted as my testimony.

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