

File a Formal Complaint - Glen Morgan

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To Whom it May Concern --

It has come to my attention that Marko Liias (former candidate for State Treasurer and current State Senator) has habitually and willfully committed frequent and multiple violations of **RCW 42.17A**.

1) Failure to file accurate, timely C3 and C4 reports. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235)

State law requires that candidates and committees file frequent, accurate reports of contributions, expenditures, in-kind contributions, and debt. Unfortunately, Marco Liias has failed on numerous occasions to do this. (See **Exhibits A - "Illegally late reported C3 and C4 reports"**)

2) Failure to accurately, timely report debt. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240 (8), see WAC 390-05-295)

State law requires that the name and address of any person and the amount owed for any debt, obligation, note, unpaid loan, or other liability in the amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars or in the amount of more than fifty dollars that has been outstanding for over thirty days be reported on form C4. Per **WAC 390-05-295**, this includes any oral or written order placed, debt or obligation to purchase goods or services or anything of value, or any offer to purchase advertising space, broadcast time or other advertising related product or service.

Marko Liias illegally failed to report the following debts:
(See **Exhibit B - "Illegal failure to timely report debts"**).

3) Failure to properly break down, describe expenses. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235, see WAC 390-16-205, WAC 390-16-037)

State law requires that expenditures made on behalf of a candidate or political committee by any person, agency, firm, organization, etc. employed or retained for the purpose of organizing, directing, managing or assisting the candidate's or committee's efforts shall be deemed expenditures by the candidate or committee. In accordance with **WAC 390-16-037** and **WAC 390-16-205**, such expenditures shall be reported by the candidate or committee as if made or incurred by the candidate or committee directly. Additionally, in accordance with **WAC 390-16-037**, the exact purpose of the expenditure, the quantity of items printed, and the individual value of broadcast ads distributed on various media outlets must be disclosed on form C4.

Lias' Committee illegally failed to break down the following expenses. (See **Exhibit C - "Illegal failure to break down expenditures"**)

4) Failure to accurately disclose ownership of a PERS retirement account as an asset. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.700, see WAC 390-24-010)

State law requires that candidates disclose the assets that they own on their F1 personal finance affairs statement, if they are over a certain value.

Lias illegally failed to report the value of his PERS retirement account, which is an asset.

The value of Liias' PERS retirement account is almost certainly over the statutory reporting threshold of \$2400, as he is a longtime state legislator.

5) Failure to disclose transactions of organizations where filer serves as trustee. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.710(1)(g))

Marko Liias is a board member of the Transportation Choices Coalition. As such, he is required to disclose organizations and individuals giving more than \$12,000 to TCC, per **RCW 42.17A.710(1)(g)**.

Despite this requirement, Liias failed to disclose this on his F1A supplement.

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