

File a Formal Complaint - Glen Morgan

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To whom it may concern –

It has come to my attention that Linda Oosterman, candidate for Thurston County PUD Commissioner, position 1, during her current campaign has violated **RCW 42.17A** in at least two different instances.

1) Failure to report filing fee as in-kind contribution – (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235)

On her C4 covering the time period of May, Oosterman failed to report the ~\$200 filing fee she paid to the Thurston County Auditor's Office as an in-kind contribution to her campaign. Please see link: <http://web.pdc.wa.gov/rptimg/default.aspx?docid=4729175>

Because the filing fee was a campaign-related expense, it must have been reported to the public. This is clearly required by state law.

In fact, Attorney General Slade Gorton rendered an official AG opinion on this exact matter in 1974, when he wrote, in part:

"In simplest terms, this payment (in those cases in which it is required) is a necessary part of the candidate's financial outlay if he is to have his name appear on the ballot and, in that manner, become eligible to be elected to the office he is seeking. Moreover, the payment is very clearly a transfer of something of value and it cannot be doubted that it is for the purpose of assisting the candidate and furthering his election campaign. Payment of the filing fee is thus precisely within the broad definition of "expenditure" as set forth above." -- **AGO 1974 No. 16 - July 29, 1974**

Oosterman failed to report this expenditure/in-kind contribution on her C4 form for the relevant time period, and thus clearly violated state law.

2) Failure to identify her employer and occupation for her loan (Violation of RCW 42.17A.240(3), see also RCW 42.17A.005)

Oosterman also failed to identify her employer and occupation for her loan (this is a contribution under **RCW 42.17A.005**) which is required because it is over \$100.

Oosterman is an experienced political candidate with many years of campaign experience.

Feel free to let me know if you need any additional information on this issue.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan