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August 8, 2019

Delivered electronically to “voteeyes@pascocitizensforbetterschools.com”

Subject: Complaint filed by Roger Lenk, PDC Case 20597

Dear Pasco Citizens for Better Schools:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Roger Lenk concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Roger Lenk, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the timely, complete, and accurate disclosure of all required details at the point of registration as a political committee, including the numbers of ballot propositions or names of candidates supported or opposed. PDC staff expects the Pasco Citizens for Better Schools to disclose the number of ballot propositions supported or opposed by the committee in future years.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s

Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator 2

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Delivered electronically to "lenk.roger@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Pasco Citizens for Better Schools (2), PDC Case 20597

Dear Roger Lenk:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 2, 2017. The complaint alleged that Pasco Citizens for Better Schools (Respondent), a political committee, may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to disclose the ballot number for ballot propositions supported in the February Special Elections of 2016 and 2017 on their Political Committee Registrations (C-1pc reports).

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and queried the Respondent's data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- The Respondent filed a C-1pc on November 20, 2015, registering for a single-year committee in support of a ballot proposition to appear on the February 9, 2016, Special Election for the City of Pasco, but failed to indicate the ballot number as required by RCW 42.17A.205(2)(g).
- The Respondent also filed a C-1pc on September 2, 2016, registering for a single-year committee in support of a ballot proposition to appear on the February 14, 2017, Special Election for the City of Pasco, but failed to indicate the ballot number as required by RCW 42.17A.205(2)(g).
- The Respondent reported contributions and expenditures in support of the respective ballot propositions, and the public was not deprived of critical information in a time-sensitive period before elections.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to report the number of ballot propositions supported by the committee in 2016 and 2017, do not amount to violations that warrant further investigation.

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Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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