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June 7, 2019

Delivered electronically to "ginnyforshoreline@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 50698

Dear Ginny Scantlebury:

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

As noted below to Nikita Minkin, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of including sponsor identification on all political advertising. PDC staff expects that you will identify the sponsor on political advertising in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s _____
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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June 7, 2019

Delivered electronically to "nminkin@humanrightsdefensecenter.org"

Subject: Complaint regarding Ginny Scantlebury, PDC Case 50698

Dear Nikita Minkin:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on April 26, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Ginny Scantlebury may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include sponsor identification in political advertising (e.g. website, brochures).

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; and the responses provided by the Ginny Scantlebury (the "Respondent") to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- The Respondent is a candidate for Shoreline City Council.
- Brochures stating "Vote Ginny Scantlebury" were created and distributed by the Respondent's campaign in approximately April of 2019. The name and address of the sponsor was omitted from the brochures.
- The Respondent's website ginnyforshoreline.org, which was created on April 8, 2019, did not contain the sponsor's name and address.
- Upon being notified of the missing sponsor ID information, the Respondent ceased using its brochures. The Respondent quickly reached out to the PDC and made a good-faith effort to resolve the matter by updating its website and adding stickers containing sponsor name and address to its existing brochures.
- On May 13, 2019, the Respondent's campaign proactively reached out to the PDC to ensure its campaign poster complied with sponsor ID requirements.
- The Respondent's campaign is relatively small, its noncompliance was the result of a good-faith error or omission, the impact to the public was minimal, the oversight did not occur during a critical election period, and the Respondent quickly took corrective action.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, the Respondent's failure to include sponsor ID does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Ginny Scantlebury about the importance of including sponsor identification on all future political advertising.

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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cc: Ginny Scantlebury