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June 7, 2019

Delivered electronically to "[daleragan@comcast.net](mailto:daleragan@comcast.net)"

Subject: PDC Case 50825

Dear Dale Ragan:

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

As noted below to Reece Williams, 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 timely disclosing of any independent expenditures for political advertising. PDC staff expects that you will timely file any applicable reports 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 [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Tabatha Blacksmith  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
Deputy Director  
For Peter Lavallee  
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Subject: Complaint regarding Dale Ragan, PDC Case 50825

Dear Reece Williams:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on April 23, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Dale Ragan and Robert Fiedler may have violated RCW 42.17A.255 by failing to report an independent expenditure for political advertising. As we indicated in our May 2, 2019 email, we determined that the signs in question were purchased and paid for by Dale Ragan using his own funds and subsequently removed Robert Fiedler as a respondent in this case.

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

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

- On March 20, 2019, the Respondent purchased 50 signs from SignRocket for \$253.50; the signs contained an opposition advertisement concerning a fire bond and were distributed in Mount Vernon in late March/early April of 2019.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.255, a person who makes an independent expenditure equaling \$100 or more (aggregate, per election campaign) in support or opposition to a candidate or ballot proposition is required to file a C-6 report with the PDC within five days.
- Upon notification of the reporting requirement, Dale Ragan quickly responded and attempted to file a C-6 report. The Respondent submitted a C-6 report within 24 hours of being notified but the report was incomplete. The Respondent later resubmitted the information and a complete C-6 report was successfully received by the PDC on May 20, 2019.
- The Respondent indicated he was not aware of the independent expenditure reporting requirement with the PDC.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, the Respondent's failure to report an independent expenditure within five days does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Dale Ragan about the importance of timely disclosing any independent expenditures for political advertising and the timely filing of all future PDC reports as applicable.

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: Dale Ragan