

Kate replied Thur, 20 June 2019 @ 12:31AM  
to: "PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Tabitha:

**The first part of this email is in response to the PDC Case 52397 supplemental complaint submitted Monday, June 17, 2019 regarding three new items in Supplemental 2:**

1. This appears to be a redundant complaint from the original and other supplements regarding my error in navigating the ORCA software and incidentally registering as a campaign rather than a candidate (the second option of which was my intent). As stated in earlier response emails, I thought I had completed the registration correctly and learned from the PDC of a mistake I made unintentionally. The PDC Advisor told me they would eliminate the campaign registration and then I would need to create a new candidate registration. When given word that the first registration was no longer active, I promptly created a new registrations as a candidate with the guidance of a PDC Advisor.

2. In attempting to declare the Carry Forward amount in my first C4 for my 2019 candidacy, I looked up my 2015 campaign information and on the General Tab saw two amounts listed 1) Contributions \$7951.79; and 2) Expenditures \$5545.59. I subtracted the lower amount from the higher amount and got the amount of \$2406.20. In error, I believed that to be the ending amount on record at the PDC and put that amount in the C4 in an effort to be transparent about money remaining from my campaign in 2015. Note: The filer of the complaint misrepresented the amount I reported as \$2413.20. That is inaccurate, incorrect and further added confusion to this situation. My only wish is to comply with the PDC processes and laws that govern political candidacy. I am actually grateful to have learned of this complaint from the PDC, so I could get guidance on where to look for the appropriate Carry Over amount. And I am delighted to learn that my bank account for this candidacy had a carry-over amount that matches the last 2015 C4 report, plus interest, because I have more funds to work with that I originally thought was possible to use!

The last C4 report from the 2015 campaign, filed on 11-01-2015 show the amount of \$3096.52. The campaign account has not been actively used since the end of the election cycle in 2015 (after the election returns were validated by King County Elections). When I looked at my account total in the bank for the campaign, the amount is \$3099.24. The variance in the total from the C4 report in 2015 is the result of a savings account interest accrual. As of this evening, I amended the C4 to reflect the amount of \$3096.52. Tomorrow, I will make an additional amendment to account for the interest of \$2.72, once I learn exactly what type of contribution to list it as from the PDC Advisors.

3. The P.O. Box I listed for use in my campaign is my personal USPS P.O. Box. I have it for mail that I feel needs greater security than a street-side mailbox. The USPS normally only allows delivery a specific spelling of my name or the name of my dormant business (the business is listed in my C1). On June 11, 2019, I called the USPS to authorize them to place mail in my name or labeled Kate4Tukwila in my P.O. Box. That is the P.O. Box the complaint has identified. Because it is a P.O. Box that I use personally, I will list it as a personal in-kind

contribution in the second C4 report cycle. Before I do so, I need to determine if I must list the entire year rental fee from USPS or if I need only to list six months worth of use against the annual fee. At the end of this election cycle, the P.O. Box status will be returned to accepting only the former personal use mail. When I learn what approach will comply with PDC regulations and state law, I will amend the C4 to reflect that guidance from the PDC Advisor.

Lastly, the concern of my website domain reached an interesting conclusion when I followed up on the latest receipt from my web hosting provider (which was published to me on May 10, 2019). The receipt is attached. My memory is refreshed now on that amount and it is consistent in previous annual receipts. For obvious reasons, I will continue forward without making an amendment to the report regarding this cost.

I do want to publicly state to everyone that I do not take this process lightly, I am just now getting up to speed on training and comprehension on how to use the ORCA tool (which I am very impressed with), I am only interested in being as transparent and compliant with campaign finance laws and regulations, so the Public is able to access and understand what and who funds my campaign.

**The second part of this email is in response to the PDC Case 52397 supplemental complaint submitted Tuesday, June 18, 2019 regarding one new item in Supplemental 3:**

1. My campaign sign inventory consists of signs purchased in 2011 and 2015 only. To date, no new costs have been incurred or expenditures made for my 2019 re-election candidacy in this regard. For obvious reasons, unless this status changes, I will continue forward without making an amendment to any report regarding my campaign signs.

Additionally, your summary references me doorbelling. The content on the website is left over from my last election cycle in 2015. I do plan to get out as a goal, mostly because I always have. So the content is still there. However, I am not in the Primary. In May of 2018 I emerged from one year of physical therapy recovering from a torn meniscus in my right knee and stem cell treatment. Walking and doorbelling would not have been possible at that time. I did find I could bicycle and chose that as the next step in my recovery program - commuting to work as the goal. In January of this year, I hit a patch of ice while riding my bike to work and broke my kneecap as a result the fall - the complainant witnessed my disability first-hand when he arrived to video tape our Council Retreat early this year. Currently, after a couple of set backs, I can walk somewhat and am working toward rehabilitation as fully as I can possibly achieve. However, any inferences that I was in 2018 or am now actively doorbelling are greatly exaggerated and untrue at this time.

If you have further questions or comments regarding this response, please let me know.

With regards and respectfully submitted,

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----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Wed, 19 Jun 2019 19:20:16 +0000 (UTC)

Subject: Re: PDC - Kruller, Kate: Alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.205, .235 & .240 for failure to timely register as a candidate and timely & accurately report contributions & expenditures. (EY '18 & '19) (Jun 2019)

Hi Kate,

I am writing to update you regarding PDC Case 52397. The Complainant has filed two more complaints containing supplemental information. Based on my review of all the complaints, there appear to be two overarching allegations:

1. The late C-1 report, which may have been due as early as May of 2018 (the date your campaign website domain was renewed). You filed the C-1 report on June 10, 2019; and
2. Failure to timely and accurately report expenditures for election years 2018 & 2019, specifically costs associated with the campaign website domain renewal in 2018, and door-belling and campaign signs used in 2019. Additionally, there are allegations re: 1) a discrepancy in the dollar amounts reported for the campaign's beginning balance in 2019 and its ending balance in 2015; and 2) the unreported cost of your PO Box. Since it is unclear what year the balance discrepancy and PO Box expenditure(s) may have occurred, we have consolidated these allegations under allegation #2.

Attached you will find the original complaint and three supplemental complaints. **Please review this additional information before providing your written response to the complaint as the allegations have been updated.**

If you need additional time to provide a written response to the updated allegations, please let me know.

Thank you.

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