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July 26, 2019

Delivered electronically to "preetiforport@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 52807

Dear Preeti Shridhar:

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

As noted below to Avi Shapiro, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter

PDC staff are reminding you about the importance of including the sponsor identification on all future political advertising as required RCW 42.17A.320.

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
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Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Delivered electronically to "avi617shapiro@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Preeti Shridhar, PDC Case 52807

Dear Avi Shapiro:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on May 28, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Preeti Shridhar, a candidate seeking the office of Port Commissioner in Seattle, may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include sponsor identification in political advertising.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Preeti Shridhar; and the applicable PDC reports filed by the Campaign, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- On April 11, 2019, Preeti Shridhar filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) declaring her candidacy for Seattle Port Commissioner, and selecting the Full Reporting option.
- On May 22, 2019, the Campaign provided flyers at the 36th Legislative District Democrats meeting. The flyers did not list the sponsor identification as required by RCW 42.17A.320.
- On June 12, 2019, Preeti Shridhar provided a response to the allegations which contained an apology for "not identifying that the printed piece was paid for by Preeti for Port." She further explained that the handout was created by a volunteer for the Campaign that failed to correctly include the appropriate language. The Campaign acknowledged the mistake and stated that the all copies were destroyed and that new copies were created to include the sponsor information.

Based on these findings and the following facts, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to include sponsor identification does not amount of a material amount to a material violation warranting further investigation since: (1) The Campaign staff was inexperienced with the political advertising requirements; (2) The noncompliance appears to be the result of a good-faith error or omission; (3) The Campaign promptly took corrective action when notified of the complaint; and (4) The oversight did not occur during a critical election period or materially impact the public interest.

PDC staff are reminding Preeti Shridhar about the importance of including the sponsor identification on all future political advertising as required RCW 42.17A.320.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case. If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

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cc: Preeti Shridhar