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June 20, 2019

Delivered electronically to "jnhill48@comcast.net"

Subject: Complaint filed by Donald Sorensen, PDC Case 52903

Dear James (Jim) Hill:

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

As noted in the letter to Donald Sorensen, 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.

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 [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Fox Blackhorn  
Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
Deputy Director  
For Peter Lavallee  
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June 20, 2019

Delivered electronically to “donnys80@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding James (Jim) Hill, PDC Case 52903

Dear Donald Sorensen:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 5, 2019. The complaint alleged that James (Jim) Hill may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) with the PDC, within two weeks of declaring candidacy.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; correspondence provided by Jim Hill; the applicable PDC reports filed by 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:

- James (Jim) Hill filed a C-1 report for the 2019 election on April 30, 2019, registering the candidate’s authorized committee Re Elect Jim Hill City Councilman, but selected the office and jurisdiction of County Commissioner for Cowlitz County, causing the campaign not to appear with the other Kelso City Council candidates on the PDC’s website.
- On June 17, 2019, Jim Hill filed an amended C-1 report, correcting the office and jurisdiction to read City Council of the City of Kelso, which migrated Jim Hill’s reports to the correct place on the PDC’s website, alongside the other 2019 Kelso City Council candidates.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, selecting the wrong office and jurisdiction on the C-1 report does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

James (Jim) Hill made minor or ministerial errors on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, Jim Hill timely amended their reports, making the necessary technical corrections as requested by staff.

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: James (Jim) Hill