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August 23, 2019

Delivered electronically to "wendijwarner@msn.com"

Subject: Complaints filed by Dori Gilmour and Michele Levenite, PDC Case 54170

Dear Wendi Warner:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Dori Gilmour and Michele Levenite concerning complaints filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Dori Gilmour and Michele Levenite, 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.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of timely and accurately registering as a candidate, and disclosing personal financial affairs. PDC staff expects timely, complete, and accurate filings of all future required reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s

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Endorsed by,

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Subject: Complaint regarding Wendi Warner, PDC Case 54170

Dear Dori Gilmour and Michele Levenite:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed on June 12 and July 8, 2019. The complaints alleged that Wendi Warner (Respondent), a 2019 candidate for Richland City Council may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate; RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign; and RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses provided by Wendi Warner; the applicable PDC reports filed by the 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:

- The Respondent declared candidacy for the 2019 election to the Richland City Council by filing with the Benton County Auditor’s office on May 16, 2019.
- In accordance with RCW 42.17A.205, the Respondent was required to file a C-1 report with the PDC within two weeks of becoming a candidate, or not later than May 30, 2019, and to file regular C-3 and C-4 reports disclosing contributions received and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign, in accordance with RCW 42.17A.235.
- Technical problems with the electronic Campaign Registration filing system were identified by the PDC from May 13 through June 12, 2019, which prevented or delayed filers’ ability to timely file C-1, C-3, and C-4 reports during this period. Due to such circumstances, these filing requirements for the filer were suspended during this period, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.055, making these reports due no later than June 13, 2019.
- On June 14, 2019, the Respondent attempted to file a C-1 report, selecting the Mini Reporting option as provided by WAC 390-16-105, which would not require the filing of C-3 and C-4 reports under RCW 42.17A.235 provided the Respondent accepted no more than \$500 from any source other than the candidate’s own funds, and raised and spent no more than \$5,000 over the course of the Campaign, but inadvertently chose election year 2018, one day beyond the extended deadline.

- On July 16, 2019, the Respondent filed a new C-1 report, selecting the Mini Reporting option, correctly registering as a candidate in election year 2019.
- On July 9, 2019, the Respondent filed an F-1 report, certifying financial activities for twelve calendar months prior to filing, 40 days beyond the statutory deadline set forth in RCW 42.17A.700, but before the Primary Election.
- The Respondent is a first-time candidate, with no prior found violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to accurately select the candidate's election year, and to timely file the F-1 report, do not amount to violations that warrant further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Wendi Warner about the importance of timely and accurately registering as a candidate, and disclosing personal financial affairs. PDC staff expects timely, complete, and accurate filings of all future required reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

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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