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October 8, 2019

Sent electronically to coachstroe@gmail.com

Subject: Complaints filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 54830

Dear: Matthew Stroe

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging a violation of RCW 42.17A.220 for accepting and retaining over-limit anonymous contributions during the 2018 election year.

As noted in the letter to Mr. Morgan, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this letter serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to comply with the filing requirements noted in the enclosed letter. This formal written warning comes with staff's expectation that should you be a future candidate for elective office you will comply with the anonymous contributions limit in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules. Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at (360) 586-4746, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s_____

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s_____

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Sent Electronically to Glen Morgan at "glen@wethegoverned.com"

Subject: Matthew Stroe, PDC Case 54830

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed July 16, 2019.

Your complaint alleged Matthew Stroe, a 2018 candidate for Walla Walla County Sheriff, may have violated RCW 42.17A.220(4) by accepting anonymous contributions in excess of the allowable limit without forfeiting the excess amount to the State of Washington.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Committee to Elect Matthew J. Stroe Sheriff (Committee); the response from the Committee; and 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:

- Matthew J. Stroe, a first-time candidate, filed an amended Candidate Registration (C-1) April 13, 2018, as a candidate for Walla Walla County Sheriff.
- Stroe was not elected on November 6, 2018, is not a current candidate for or hold any elective office.
- During the 2018 calendar year, the Committee reported \$1,250 in anonymous contributions.
- In response, the Committee stated there was initial confusion regarding \$950 in contributions and amended C-4 and C-3 reports, listing contributions from Perry Dozier (\$400), Susan Stroe (\$450) and Tom Hodgins (\$100).

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, accepting and retaining over-limit anonymous contributions during the 2018 election year, does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Matthew Stroe will receive a formal written warning concerning the Committee's failure to comply with PDC requirements as noted in this letter.

The formal written warning will include staff's expectation Stroe comply with the anonymous contributions limit and rules should he be a future candidate for elective office.

The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or 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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