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August 8, 2019

Delivered electronically to “pdguettner@yahoo.com”

Subject: Complaint filed by Sean McGee, PDC Case 54867

Dear Patrick Guettner:

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

As noted in the letter to Sean McGee, 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 registering as a candidate in an election campaign, and timely disclosing financial affairs for twelve calendar months prior to declaring candidacy. PDC staff expects the timely filing of all future reports as required by statute and rule.

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 pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s

Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

/s

Barbara Sandahl
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For Peter Lavallee
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Delivered electronically to "seanedwardmcgee@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Patrick Guettner, PDC Case 54867

Dear Sean McGee:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 15, 2019. The complaint alleged that Patrick Guettner (Respondent), a 2019 candidate for Pasco City Council may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report), and .700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), both due within two weeks of declaring candidacy, or not later than June 3, 2019.

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

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

- As a 2019 candidate for Pasco City Council, the Respondent was required by RCW 42.17A.205 and .700 to file a C-1 and an F-1 report within two weeks of declaring candidacy, or not later than June 3, 2019.
- Technical problems with the electronic C-1 Application filing system were identified by the PDC from May 13, 2019, 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, the filing requirement of RCW 42.17A.205 was suspended during this period, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.055.
- On June 27, 2019, the Respondent filed the missing C-1 report, selecting the Mini Reporting Option, 13 days beyond the statutory deadline of RCW 42.17A.205, as extended by RCW 42.17A.055.
- On June 27, 2019, the Respondent filed the missing F-1 report, 24 days beyond the statutory deadline of RCW 42.17A.700.
- The Respondent worked in good-faith to cooperate with PDC staff, including notifying staff and filing the missing reports prior to the complaint being filed.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file the C-1 and F-1 reports do not amount to violations that warrant further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Patrick Guettner about the importance of timely registering as a candidate in an election campaign, and timely disclosing financial affairs for twelve calendar months prior to declaring candidacy. PDC staff expects the timely filing of all future reports as required by statute and rule.

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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