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August 1, 2019

Delivered electronically to "[jaredhofer@msn.com](mailto:jaredhofer@msn.com)"

Subject: PDC Case 54968

Dear Jared Hofer:

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

As noted below to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of timely filing a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) with the PDC within two weeks of declaring candidacy. PDC staff expects that you will timely file all required PDC reports, including the C-1 report, in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

/s\_\_\_\_\_  
Tabatha Blacksmith  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s\_\_\_\_\_  
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August 1, 2019

Delivered electronically to "[glen@wethegoverned.com](mailto:glen@wethegoverned.com)"

Subject: Complaint regarding Jared Hofer, PDC Case 54968

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 15, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Jared Hofer (the "Respondent") may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 & .235 by failing to timely register as a candidate within two weeks of declaring candidacy & timely report contributions & expenditures.

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

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

- The Respondent is a first-time candidate for Bremerton City Council, position 6.
- Candidates are required to register with the PDC within two weeks of becoming a "candidate," as defined in RCW 42.17A.005(9) and WAC 390-05-200. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.205, candidate committees are required to register with the PDC within two weeks of 1) being organized; or 2) first having the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures, whichever comes first. The Candidate Registration (C-1 report) serves the dual purpose of registering both the candidate and the candidate's committee.
- The Respondent filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) with the PDC on July 19, 2019 and selected the mini-reporting option. Mini-reporters are not required to submit C-3 and C-4 reports to the PDC disclosing campaign contributions and expenditures.
- Upon being notified of the missing C-1 report on July 19, 2019, the Respondent quickly replied and made a good-faith effort to resolve the issue by filing the missing C-1 the same day.
- The Respondent indicated he was not actively campaigning and was not aware of the filing requirement until he received the PDC's notice. The Respondent apologized for the oversight and immediately filed the missing report.

- Mitigating factors include: The Respondent is a first-time candidate with a relatively small or unsophisticated campaign. The Respondent's late report was the result of a good-faith omission, which he immediately took steps to remedy.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) does not amount a violation warranting further investigation

PDC staff is reminding Jared Hofer about the importance of timely filing all future PDC reports, including the Candidate Registration.

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: Jared Hofer