

Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Coordinator Public Disclosure Commission 711 Capitol Way #206 Olympia, WA 98504

## PDC Case Number 55069

Ms, Blacksmith,

This letter is the Thurston County Democratic Central Committee's response to an alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.220. The allegation asserts that our committee violated that law by accepting anonymous contributions in excess of the limits placed upon those types of contributions, specifically \$886.49 in anonymous contributions that occurred in 2016.

## RCW 42.17A.220 (4) states;

Accumulated unidentified contributions, other than those made by persons whose names must be maintained on a separate and private list by a political committee's treasurer pursuant to RCW <u>42.17A.240(2)</u>, in excess of one percent of the total accumulated contributions received in the current calendar year, or three hundred dollars, whichever is more, may not be deposited, used, or expended, but shall be returned to the donor if his or her identity can be ascertained. If the donor cannot be ascertained, the contribution shall escheat to the state and shall be paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund.

In 2016 the Thurston County Democratic Central Committee disclosed \$194,100.72 in total contributions. One percent of that figure is \$1,941.01. The Thurston County Democratic Central Committee did not exceed the anonymous contribution limit of \$1,941.01 during 2016.

We respectfully ask that this complaint be dismissed as unfounded.

Thank you,

Jordan Morris Treasurer Thurston County Democratic Central Committee