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September 16, 2019

Delivered electronically to "rickymoon062355@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 55283

Dear Ricky Moon:

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) and Personal Statement of Financial Affairs (F-1 report) with the PDC within two weeks of declaring candidacy. PDC staff expects that you will timely file all required PDC reports, including C-1 and F-1 reports, in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules. The Respondent is further reminded of the necessity of responding quickly to PDC requests for missing reports, especially during an election year, so the public is not deprived of critical information.

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 pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s _____
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
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Delivered electronically to "glen@wethegoverned.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Ricky Moon, PDC Case 55283

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 25, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Ricky Moon (the "Respondent") may have violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235, .240 & .770 by failing to timely register as a candidate, file a statement of financial affairs, and report contributions & expenditures.

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

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

- The Respondent is a candidate for Poulsbo City Council who filed with Elections as a candidate on May 17, 2019. The Respondent is not a first-time candidate.
- 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 C-1 report for 2019 candidates was due no later than June 1, 2019.
- The Respondent filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) with the PDC on September 4, 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.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, every candidate is required to file a statement of financial affairs with the PDC, certifying financial activity for the preceding twelve months, within two weeks of becoming a candidate. The 2019 F-1 report, certifying financial activity for 2018, was due for candidates no later than June 1, 2019.
- The Respondent filed a Personal Statement of Financial Affairs (F-1 report) with the PDC on September 4, 2019.

- The Respondent was notified of the missing C-1 and F-1 reports by email on July 26, 2019. In the weeks that followed, PDC staff made three attempts to reach the Respondent by email and/or phone regarding the late reports.
- In his September 11, 2019 email response, the Respondent indicated that he was busy from late May through August of 2019 caring for a seriously injured family member who was hospitalized and is now confined to a wheelchair. He apologized for the late reports and expressed a commitment to being compliant moving forward.
- Aggravating factors include: The Respondent's late C-1 and F-1 reports were received 29 days after the Primary Election.
- Mitigating factors include: Noncompliance was the result of a personal emergency or illness. The Respondent's campaign is relatively small and unsophisticated, and he does not have any prior violations with the PDC.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) and Personal Statement of Financial Affairs (F-1 report) do not amount a violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Ricky Moon about the importance of timely filing all future PDC reports, including the candidate registration and statement of financial affairs, and responding quickly to PDC requests.

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: Ricky Moon