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August 8, 2019

Delivered electronically to “sofiaforburien@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 55339

Dear Sofia Aragon:

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

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, 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 the complete and accurate disclosure of in-kind contributions and expenditures, including the number of items printed for political advertising, and the complete and accurate disclosure of sponsor identification on political advertising in the future.

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 [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

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Fox Blackhorn  
Compliance Coordinator 2

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Barbara Sandahl  
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August 8, 2019

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

Subject: Complaint regarding Sofia Aragon, PDC Case 55339

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 21, 2019. The complaint alleged that Sofia Aragon (Respondent), a 2019 candidate for Burien City Council, may have violated RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-037 for failure to accurately and completely disclose in-kind contributions or expenditures undertaken by the Campaign; and RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to accurately and completely disclose sponsor identification on digital political advertising.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and queried the Respondent’s 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:

- On June 10, 2019, the Respondent timely filed a Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure report (C-4 report) disclosing two in-kind contributions from the candidate’s own funds, attributed to the Primary and General Elections equally, totaling \$72, with a purpose description of “Filing fee City Council of SeaTac.”
- On July 29, 2019, the Respondent amended this C-4 report to re-attribute both of these in-kind contributions to the Primary Election, and amended their descriptions to read “Filing fee City Council of Burien.”
- On July 16, 2019, the Respondent timely filed a C-4 report disclosing an expenditure made to Indelible Media, and disclosing Capitol City Press as a sub-vendor in accordance with WAC 390-16-205, totaling \$715 for “Yardsigns” which failed to include the number of items printed as required by RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-037.
- On July 29, 2019, the Respondent amended the description for this \$715 expenditure to read “100 Yardsigns.”
- The Respondent’s website located at <http://sofiaforburien.org> now properly displays sponsor identification in the website’s footer in accordance with RCW 42.17A.320.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, minor and ministerial errors on required reports that did not materially impact the public interest, and failure to include complete and accurate sponsor identification on digital political advertising, do not amount to violations that warrant further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Sofia Aragon about the importance of the complete and accurate disclosure of in-kind contributions and expenditures, including the number of items printed for political advertising, and the complete and accurate disclosure of sponsor identification on political advertising in the future.

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: Sofia Aragon