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August 22, 2019

Delivered electronically to “natalie@nataliemccclendon.com”

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 55341

Dear Natalie McClendon:

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

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the complete and accurate disclosure of all expenditure details, including the number of items printed for mailed political advertising. PDC staff expects in the future that you will file complete and accurate reports in accordance with statute and rule.

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.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s

Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

/s

Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee
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Delivered electronically to “glen@wethegoverned.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Natalie McClendon, PDC Case 55341

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 22, 2019. The complaint alleged that Natalie McClendon (Respondent), a 2019 candidate for Whatcom County Council, District 5, may have violated RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-037 for failure to accurately and completely disclose details of expenditures undertaken by the Campaign, including the number of items printed for printed political advertising and run dates for digital 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 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:

- The Respondent timely filed Summary Campaign Full Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing expenditures totaling \$7,080 for printed political advertising, and \$450 for digital advertising, which lacked the additional detailed purpose descriptions required by RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-037.
- On August 11, 2019, the Respondent amended their C-4 reports to add the number of items printed for printed political advertising, and the run dates for digital advertising, bringing the reports into compliance with RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-037.
- The dates, vendors, and purpose for each expenditure was timely reported, and the non-compliance did not deprive the public of any critical information in a time-sensitive period before an election.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to provide accurate and complete descriptions of expenditures undertaken by the Campaign does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Natalie McClendon made minor or ministerial errors on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, Natalie McClendon timely amended their reports, making the necessary technical corrections as requested by staff.

PDC staff is also reminding Natalie McClendon about the importance of the complete and accurate disclosure of all expenditure details, including the number of items printed for political advertising. PDC staff expects in the future that Natalie McClendon will file complete and accurate reports in accordance with 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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cc: Natalie McClendon