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September 9, 2019

Delivered electronically to "sanjaypal@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 55601

Dear Sanjay Pal:

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

As noted below to Robert Parker, 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

Sincerely,

/s _____
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Subject: Complaint regarding Sanjay Pal, PDC Case 55601

Dear Robert Parker:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 26, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Sanjay Pal (the "Respondent") may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely register as a candidate within two weeks of declaring candidacy by filing a C-1 report (Candidate Registration) containing, among other things, the campaign's Treasurer and depository (banking institution).

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 School Director for Bainbridge Island School District who filed with the Elections Division as a candidate on May 15, 2019.
- 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 26, 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.
- The Respondent filed the late C-1 report before the PDC's August 2, 2019 email notifying him of the complaint.
- Mitigating factors include: The Respondent's noncompliance was the result of a good-faith omission and he took corrective action before the noncompliance was brought to his attention. The Respondent's campaign is relatively small and unsophisticated, and he has limited filing experience due to his status as a first-time candidate and mini-reporter.

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 Sanjay Pal 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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