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August 14, 2019

Delivered electronically to "lc@votelayna.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Jason Ritchie, PDC Case 55704

Dear Layna Crofts:

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

As noted in the letter to Jason Ritchie, 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.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this serves as a formal written warning concerning failure to timely register as a candidate and to disclose personal financial affairs for twelve calendar months prior to becoming a candidate, within two weeks of becoming a candidate. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that you timely file all future required reports. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

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Fox Blackhorn  
Compliance Coordinator 2

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August 14, 2019

Delivered electronically to “jasonmritchie@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Layna Crofts, PDC Case 55704

Dear Jason Ritchie:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 28, 2019. The complaint alleged that Layna Crofts (Respondent), a 2019 candidate for Issaquah School Director, may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate; RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign; and RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), certifying financial affairs for twelve calendar months prior to becoming a candidate, within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response 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 declared candidacy in the 2019 election for Issaquah School Director during candidate filing week, ending May 17, 2019, and was required by RCW 42.17A.205 and RCW 42.17A.700 to file a C-1 report and an F-1 report within two weeks of becoming a candidate, or no later than June 3, 2019.
- Technical problems with the electronic Campaign Registration filing system were identified by the PDC from May 13 through June 12, 2019, which prevented or delayed filers’ ability to timely file C-1 reports during this period. Due to such circumstances, the C-1 filing requirement for the filer was suspended during this period, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.055.
- The Respondent filed the missing C-1 report on August 6, 2019, the date of the Primary Election, and 53 days beyond the statutory deadline of RCW 42.17A.205, as extended by RCW 42.17A.055.
- On their C-1 report, the Respondent chose the Mini Reporting option as provided by WAC 390-16-105, which exempted the Respondent from the requirement to file C-3 and C-4 reports in accordance with RCW 42.17A.235, provided they accepted no more than

\$500 from any single source excluding the candidate's personal funds, and raised and spent no more than \$5,000 in the aggregate.

- The Respondent filed the missing F-1 report on August 7, 2019, 66 days beyond the statutory deadline of RCW 42.17A.700, and the day after the Primary Election.
- The Respondent is not a first-time candidate, and the non-compliance deprived the public of critical information in a time-sensitive period before the Primary Election.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely register as a candidate and disclose personal financial affairs do not amount to violations that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Layna Crofts will receive a formal written warning concerning failure to timely register as a candidate and to disclose personal financial affairs for twelve calendar months prior to becoming a candidate, within two weeks of becoming a candidate. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Layna Crofts timely files all future required reports. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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).

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

Sincerely,

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Peter Lavalley  
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cc: Layna Crofts