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October 1, 2019

Delivered electronically to "tiger@tigerbudbill.com"

Subject: PDC Case 55726

Dear Tiger Budbill:

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

As noted below to Kristjan Gorshkov, 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.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this letter serves as a warning letter concerning your failure to comply with the filing requirements noted in the enclosed letter sent to Kristjan Gorshkov. Staff expects you to timely complete the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules. The Commission will consider this 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 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
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Endorsed by,

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October 1, 2019

Delivered electronically to "kris1249@comcast.net"

Subject: Complaint regarding Tiger Budbill, PDC Case 55726

Dear Kristjan Gorshkov:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 27, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Gerry "Tiger" Budbill may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 & .700 by failing to timely register as a candidate with the PDC and file a statement of financial affairs within two weeks of candidacy.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements and the relevant 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 Bothell City Council, position 6 who filed with Elections officials the week ending May 17, 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 C-1 report for 2019 candidates was due no later than June 1, 2019.
- 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.
- In this specific matter, based on the date his declaration of candidacy was filed with Elections officials, the Respondent's C-1 and F-1 reports were due to be filed with the PDC no later than May 31, 2019.
- The PDC notified the Respondent of the missing Candidate Registration (C-1 report) and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) by email on August 6, 2019.

- The Respondent filed a C-1 report with the PDC on September 11, 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 a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) with the PDC on September 23, 2019.
- Aggravating factors include: The Respondent's late reports were received 36-48 days after the Primary Election.
- Mitigating factors include: The Respondent is a first-time filer. The Respondent's campaign is relatively small and unsophisticated.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file the C-1 and F-1 reports does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Tiger Budbill will receive a formal written warning concerning his failure to comply with the filing requirements noted above. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Tiger Budbill file timely C-1 and F-1 reports in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules. The Commission may 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).

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cc: Tiger Budbill