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September 26, 2019

Delivered electronically to "[verheys@hotmail.com](mailto:verheys@hotmail.com)"

Subject: PDC Case 56012

Dear Steven D Verhey:

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

As noted below to Thomas Fancher, 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.

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

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Tabatha Blacksmith  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
Deputy Director  
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Subject: Complaint regarding Steven D Verhey, PDC Case 56012

Dear Thomas Fancher:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on August 5, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Steven D. Verhey (the "Respondent") may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 by failing to accurately report a contribution.

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 the Respondent to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- The Respondent is a candidate for State Representative, Leg. District 13 – House, position 2 who timely registered with the PDC as a candidate on May 27, 2019.
- On July 20, 2019, the Respondent filed a C-3 report (Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions) disclosing a \$500 contribution from Peter Barr-Gillespie, dated July 17, 2019, containing a typographical error in the address field: The state was entered as "WA" when in fact the contributor is located in "OR" (report #100918571).
- The Respondent indicated that the state field in ORCA (the PDC's online filing system) defaults to the last entry used, which led to the error. The Respondent stated the error was not intentional and subsequently amended the C-3 report on September 17, 2019 (report #100931617).
- It appears that noncompliance was the result of a good-faith error, which the Respondent took steps to remedy. The Respondent does not have any prior violations with the PDC.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to accurately report a contributor's address on a C-3 report does not amount a violation warranting further investigation.

Steven Verhey made a minor or ministerial error on a required report, which did not materially impact the public interest. After being notified of the error by the PDC, Steven Verhey amended the report, making the necessary technical correction.

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: Steven D Verhey