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September 12, 2019

Delivered electronically to "elianaforakima@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Kendra Shirley, PDC Case 56147

Dear Eliana Macias:

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

As noted in the letter to Kendra Shirley, 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@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

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September 12, 2019

Delivered electronically to “kendragartrell@live.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Eliana Macias, PDC Case 55939

Dear Kendra Shirley:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on August 10, 2019. The complaint alleged that Eliana Macias (Respondent), a 2019 candidate for Yakima City Council may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to disclose sponsor identification on digital political advertising; and RCW 42.17A.335 for sponsoring with actual malice, false statements of material fact meant to cause injury to candidate Gartrell.

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 complaint provided evidence of unpaid Facebook posts sharing images of three candidates running in 2019 for Yakima City Council, with statements allegedly representing positions on issues, and unpaid statements by private individuals soliciting votes in opposition to candidate Gartrell.
- The campaign states that the communications, “did not originate from the campaign committee or campaign materials.”
- The evidence presented does not support a finding that the Respondent is the sponsor or creator of this image, nor that any of the individuals sharing the image are agents of the Macias Campaign.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, no evidence supports a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

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: Eliana Macias