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October 16, 2019

Delivered electronically to "jalbersonjr@gmail.com & s_cook113@hotmail.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Kevin Mendez, PDC Case 56616

Dear James Alberson:

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

As noted in the letter to Kevin Mendez, 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.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of complete and accurate sponsor identification on political advertising and the complete and accurate disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities for all future PDC reports. PDC staff expects in the future that you will make all required disclosures in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s

Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Coordinator

/s

Barbara Sandahl
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Subject: Complaint regarding James Alberson, PDC Case 56616

Dear Kevin Mendez:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on August 22, 2019. The complaint alleged that James Alberson (Respondent), a candidate for City Council Member for City of Renton may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to provide complete and accurate sponsor identification on political advertising.

PDC staff reviewed the 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:

- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.320 the Respondent is required to include sponsor identification, including the sponsor’s name and address on political advertising.
- The response to the complaint indicated that the Respondent began distributing political advertising which was missing the required sponsor’s address “via doorbell activity” in June of 2019.
- The Respondent corrected the political advertisement upon notice of non-compliance, notification of correction received August 26, 2019.
- PDC staff noted amendments required to Summary Receipt and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) in accordance with RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-037, to include number of items and detailed descriptions of expenditures.
- The Respondent worked with PDC staff and amended the reports on October 10, 2019 to include the level of details required per WAC 390-16-037 for the expenditures reported on the C-4 reports.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to provide complete and accurate sponsor identification and detailed descriptions of expenditures, as well as the number of items, does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding James Alberson about the importance of complete and accurate sponsor identification on political advertising and the complete and accurate disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities for all future PDC reports. PDC staff expects in the future that James Alberson will make all required disclosures in accordance with PDC laws and 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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