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September 24, 2019

Delivered electronically to "christie@castle-rose.net"

Subject: Complaint filed by Carolyn Crain, PDC Case 57142

Dear Cowlitz County Republican Party:

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

As noted in the letter to Carolyn Crain, 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 [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Fox Blackhorn  
Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

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September 24, 2019

Delivered electronically to "hazel\_x2@comcast.net"

Subject: Complaint regarding Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee (2),  
PDC Case 57142

Dear Carolyn Crain:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 6, 2019. The complaint alleged that the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee (Respondent), a bona fide political party, may have violated RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-034 for failure to accurately report contributor addresses, employers, and occupations.

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 originally recorded the address for Earl and Karen Bowerman as "P.O. Box 510, Camas, WA 98607" which was an address associated with the Clark County Republican Party, not the Bowermans' personal residence..
- The Respondent amended their Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) to reflect the Bowermans' residential address of "704 S.E. 201st Ave, Camas, WA 98607."

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to report the personal address for contributors does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

The Cowlitz County Republican Party made minor or ministerial errors on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, the Cowlitz County Republican Party timely amended their reports, making the necessary technical corrections as requested by staff.

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

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