



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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Delivered electronically to Glen Morgan at glen@wethegoverned.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Katherine Kruller, PDC Case 57742

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 19, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Katherine Kruller, an incumbent council member for the Tukwila City Council and a candidate seeking re-election to that office in 2019, may have violated RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-037 by failing to report an expenditure and for failure to properly describe an expenditure on the Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure report (C-4 report).

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the C-3 and C-4 reports filed by the Kate4Tukwila Committee (Campaign); and the response to the allegations provided by Ms. Kruller.

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

- On June 10, 2019, Katherine Kruller filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) declaring her candidacy for re-election to the council member for the Tukwila City Council in 2019 and selected the Full Reporting Option.
- In August 2019, the Campaign filed a C-4 report (Summary, Full Report Receipts and Expenditures), and reported a \$371.80 payment to the *Renton Printery* for "print campaign materials." The Campaign did not include the number of items in the description of the "print campaign materials" as required by the PDC statute and rule. The Campaign amended this report on September 10, 2019 and added the number of printed items in the description as required by law.
- On September 25, 2019, six days after the complaint was received, the Respondent reached out to the PDC to seek assistance with amending her reports, including help with reporting her candidate filing fee on the C-4. According to the Respondent, she paid for the candidate registration fee with a personal card online and therefore it was an in-kind donation from her to her campaign but did not know how to report it. Additionally, the Respondent stated that she was not reimbursed for the filing fee from her campaign and does not expect to obtain a reimbursement.

- On October 31, 2019, the Campaign filed the June 2019 C-4 report (Summary, Full Report Receipts and Expenditures), and reported \$150 in-kind contribution to the Campaign from the Respondent for candidate registration fee. The in-kind contribution should have been reported on the June 10, 2019 C-4 report.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, the Campaign's failure to properly and accurately describe one expenditure and report an in-kind donation/contribution to her campaign, does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

However, staff is reminding Katherine Kruller about the importance of filing timely and accurate C-4 reports disclosing contribution and expenditure activities undertaken by her Campaign and properly describing the expenditures, as required by RCW 42.17A.240, WAC 390-16-037 and WAC 390-16-205.

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 Erick Agina at 360-586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

s/_____
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

s/_____
BG Sandahl, Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee, Executive Director

cc: Katherine Kruller