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October 25, 2019

Delivered electronically to dqrice@hotmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by James Luce, PDC Case 58195

Dear Dale Rice:

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

As noted in the letter to James Luce, 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.

PDC staff is reminding you to file your Candidate Registration (C-1) timely in future elections.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman at (360) 586-4746, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

/s

Barbara Sandahl
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Delivered electronically to lucefamily@comcast.net

Subject: Complaint regarding Dale Rice, PDC Case 58195

Dear James Luce:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed October 3, 2019. The complaint alleged Dale Rice, a candidate for Vancouver School Board, Position 1, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failing to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Dale Rice has served on the Vancouver School Board since 1999.
- In 2012, Dale Rice paid a \$100 penalty to the Public Disclosure Commission as he did not timely file his Personal Financial Affairs (F-1) report for calendar year 2011.
- Dale Rice most recently filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report with the PDC for Vancouver School District on July 12, 2019. This report was filed 51 days late.
- On his C-1, Rice selected the mini-reporting option, stating the campaign would not raise or spend more than \$5,000 or accept more than \$500 in the aggregate from any single contributor.
- On September 3, 2019, Rice's opponent for Vancouver School District 1, Kyle Sproul, requested to change to the Full Reporting Option. Peter Lavallee, Executive Director of the Public Disclosure Commission, approved this change on September 6.
- As part of this approval, Sproul was required to notify any opponent of the change.
- On September 10, 2019, Rice requested to change to the Full Reporting Option. Peter Lavallee, Executive Director of the Public Disclosure Commission, approved this change on September 25.

- As part of the approval, Rice was required to file Monetary Contributions reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), listing contributions and expenditures made or received.
- On September 16, Rice filed five C-4 reports, listing one in-kind contribution received May 13 – September 16 and one expenditure. Both were listed at \$6.85.
- On October 15, Rice timely filed a 21-day Pre-General Election C-4 report, listing \$5,205.30 in cash and in-kind contributions during the campaign and \$5,205.30 in cash and in-kind expenditures during the campaign.
- The in-kind contributions included \$3,693.73 on September 19 for 158 signs, \$876 on October 8 for an advertisement in The Messenger and \$629.72 on October 11 for two signs.
- Rice timely and accurately reported contributions and expenditures.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, the failure to timely file a C-1 does not amount a violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Dale Rice about timely filing a Candidate Registration (C-1) report 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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