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November 12, 2019

Delivered electronically to "charla@votecharla.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by David Churchman, PDC Case 58291

Dear Charla Neuman:

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

As noted in the letter to David Churchman, 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.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to comply with the filing requirements noted in the enclosed letter sent to Mr. Churchman. Staff expects that you will file all required Personal Financial Affairs Statements and all other required reports in future years. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or 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,

/s

Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s

Peter Lavalley
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Delivered electronically to “davechurchman1@comcast.net”

Subject: Complaint regarding Charla Neuman, PDC Case 58314

Dear David Churchman:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 8, 2019. The complaint alleged that Charla Neuman (Respondent), a Candidate for City Council Member for City of Sumner may have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file Personal Financial Affairs Statement reports (F-1 reports).

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements 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.700 a candidate is required to file their F-1 report within two weeks of becoming a candidate.
- The Respondent filed the required C-1 report (Candidate Registration) on April 1, 2019 and was required to file the F-1 report within two weeks of that date, or no later than April 15, 2019.
- The Respondent was not on the Primary Election ballot on August 6, 2019 but appeared on the General Election ballot on November 5, 2019.
- The Respondent filed the F-1 report on October 12, 2019, 180 days beyond the statutory deadline of RCW 42.17A.700, although before the first election in which the Respondent will appear on the ballot.
- The Respondent is not a first-time candidate; having previously run for Charter Review Commission in 2015.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file the F-1 report does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Charla Neuman will receive a formal written warning concerning failure to timely file their F-1 report. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Charla Neuman timely files all future required Personal Financial Affairs Statements. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or 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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cc: Charla Neuman