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November 15, 2019

Delivered electronically to "pschave@msn.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Erik Larson, PDC Case 59303

Dear Pete Schave:

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

As noted in the letter to Erik Larson, 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 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

Barbara Sandahl
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Delivered electronically to “erik.p.larson@comcast.net”

Subject: Complaint regarding Pete Schave, PDC Case 59303

Dear Erik Larson:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 25, 2019. The complaint alleged that Pete Schave (Respondent), a Candidate for Mayor for City of Aberdeen may have violated RCW 42.17A.020, .235 and WAC 390-16-043 for failure to provide access to campaign records and books of account for public inspection.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements and the response provided 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.235, during the ten calendar days immediately preceding the date of the election, the Respondent is required to keep books of account current within one business day. As specified in the political committee's statement of organization filed under RCW 42.17A.205, the books of account must be open for public inspection by appointment at a place agreed upon by both the treasurer and the requestor, for inspections between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day from the tenth calendar day immediately before the election through the day immediately before the election, other than Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday.
- Pursuant to WAC 390-16-043(4) inspection of the books of account may occur on weekdays, unless the treasurer for the candidate or committee agrees otherwise, beginning on the eighth day before the election, excluding legal holidays, for at least two consecutive hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at a location that is agreed upon by the treasurer and the individual requesting the inspection. The inspection must be allowed within forty-eight hours of the date and time the request was made at the agreed-upon location, provided that if the request is not made by 3:00 p.m. on the third day preceding an election, the candidate or political committee need only make best efforts to accommodate the request.
- The Complainant requested to view the books of account on October 25, 2019 via email, then called on October 25, 2019 after normal business hours, at 6pm, to speak to the Respondent, they agreed on the date of October 31, 2019 for the viewing due to schedule conflicts on the Complainant’s part.
- On October 31, 2019 the Respondent contacted the PDC to state that the Complainant had not shown up as agreed upon, Complainant then confirmed this via email to the PDC on November 7, 2019.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance there is no evidence to support a finding of a violation and does not warrant further investigation.

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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