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November 22, 2019

Delivered electronically to "marlyschmidtke@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 59315

Dear Citizens for Lopez Solid Waste Levy:

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

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, 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.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of including, in your committee's registered name, the name of any sponsor that contributes 80% or more of its contributions. PDC staff expects in the future that you will include the sponsor in the committee's name on C-IPC reports in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 1-360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s

Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s

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For Peter Lavallee
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Delivered electronically to "glen@wethegoverned.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Citizens for Lopez Solid Waste Levy, PDC Case 59315

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 23, 2019. The complaint alleged that Citizens for Lopez Solid Waste Levy (the "Respondent"), a single-year election committee, may have violated RCW 42.17A.205(5) by failing to include its sponsor's name in the registered committee's name on reports during election years 2016 and 2019.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; and the applicable PDC reports filed by Respondent to determine whether they support a finding of one or more violations.

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

- RCW 42.17A.205(5) and WAC 390-16-011A(2) require a sponsored committee to include the name of its sponsor "in the committee's name" on the Committee Registration (C-1PC report) form.
- RCW 42.17A.005(46)(b)(i) defines the "sponsor" of a political committee to include a person¹ or its members, officers, employees or shareholders from which a committee receives 80% or more of its contributions. WAC 390-15-011A(3) states that all contributions received in the previous 12 months should be considered when determining whether a political committee has met the 80% threshold set forth in .005(46).
- The Respondent reported receipt of a \$1,500 contribution from the political committee Solid Waste Alternative Program (SWAP) on August 1, 2016 and a \$400 contribution from SWAP on September 23, 2016. These contributions from SWAP represented 100% of the Respondent's contributions received during the preceding 12 months.
- The Respondent reported receipt of a \$3,000 contribution from SWAP on June 24, 2019, which represented 100% of the contributions received by the Respondent during the preceding 12 months.

¹ "Person" includes, but is not limited to, a political committee.

