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November 22, 2019

Delivered electronically to “info@electmuniz.com”

Subject: Complaint filed by Rebeca Muñiz, PDC Case 59361

Dear Rebeca Muñiz:

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

As noted in the letter to Amy Hughes, 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 timely file reports of contributions and expenditures. Staff expects that you will timely file all future required reports of contributions and expenditures. The Commission will consider the 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 Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s

Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator 2

/s

Peter Lavallee
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Delivered electronically to “deutschhughes@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Rebeca Muñiz, PDC Case 59361

Dear Amy Hughes:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 28, 2019. The complaint alleged that Rebeca Muñiz, a 2019 candidate for School Director for the Seattle School District, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Muñiz campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and queried the Respondent’s data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- The Respondent registered as a candidate for election to the Seattle School District on March 8, 2019, designating the candidate as treasurer, and selecting the Full Reporting option, requiring regular filing of C-3 and C-4 reports to disclose contribution and expenditure activity in accordance with RCW 42.17A.235, and the Respondent timely filed C-3 and C-4 reports covering March and April of 2019.
- On April 8, 2019, the Respondent amended the Candidate Registration to designate Jared Ahmed as a ministerial treasurer acting at the direction of the Respondent, and the response to the allegations indicated that the new treasurer’s Chromebook computer was not compatible with the ORCA campaign finance reporting software, and no C-3 or C-4 reports were filed by the campaign from May 10, 2019, until October 21, 2019.
- On October 14, 2019, the Respondent amended the Candidate Registration to designate Abbot Taylor as the ministerial treasurer acting at the direction of the Respondent, and the missing C-3 and C-4 reports were filed on October 21 and October 29, 2019.
- The Respondent filed 41 late C-3 reports, due from May 10 through October 28, 2019, disclosing \$18,858 in contributions, or 59% of total contributions in the election year, between 1-164 days beyond the statutory deadlines of RCW 42.17A.235, and after the Primary Election but before the General Election.
- The Respondent filed 5 late C-4 reports, due from June 10 through October 15, 2019, disclosing \$15,972 in contributions, or 50% of total contributions in the election year, and \$14,132 in expenditures, or 63% of total expenditures in the election year, between 14-

133 days beyond the statutory deadlines of RCW 42.17A.235, and after the Primary Election but before the General Election.

- While the Respondent's initial ministerial treasurer experienced some technical difficulties with filing, it is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that their C-3 and C-4 reports are filed timely, completely, and accurately.
- The Respondent is a first-time candidate with no prior violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file reports of contributions and expenditures does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Rebeca Muñiz will receive a formal written warning concerning failure to timely file reports of contributions and expenditures. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Rebeca Muñiz timely files all future required reports of contributions and expenditures. 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: Rebeca Muñiz