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December 3, 2019

Delivered electronically to “nataliebham@gmail.com, fairwhatcom@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 59262

Dear Fair & Equal Whatcom:

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.

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,

Endorsed by,

/s

Tabitha Townsend
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/s

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Subject: Complaint regarding Fair & Equal Whatcom, PDC Case 59262

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 26, 2019. The complaint alleged that Fair & Equal Whatcom (Respondent), a single election political committee, may have violated RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to provide accurate and complete descriptions and details on Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the 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:

- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.240 the Respondent is required to disclose accurate and complete information about contributions and expenditures on the C-4 reports; as further described in WAC 390-16-037 this is including purpose and number of items.
- The Respondent had filed C-4 reports in 2015 that lacked the detailed descriptions including purpose or descriptive name of items and number of items during October and December of 2015. (For example: “Signs” verses “400 Signs/stakes – purchased from Boruck Printing, Seattle WA” – from reports 100665645 and amended report 100946072)
- The Respondent amended three C-4 reports 100665645, 100670027 and 100673979 on November 21, 2019 with reports 100946072, 100946073 and 100946074; this includes the number of items and the full descriptions of expenditures.
- The Respondent has no prior violations with the PDC.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to accurately and completely report expenditures on reports filed does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Fair & Equal Whatcom made minor or ministerial errors on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, Fair & Equal Whatcom timely amended their reports, making the necessary technical corrections as requested by staff.

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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