

Francis Benjamin (Wed, 20 Nov 2019 at 10:31 AM)

to:"PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Tabitha,

This is my first time filling this way and I do have a couple of questions related to how I go about correcting any errors I have made.

I would appreciate a filer assistance specialist to make sure I accurately correct any errors.

It would be helpful to talk with this person while I am at my computer accessing the online system

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Francis Benjamin (Tue, 26 Nov 2019 at 9:54 PM)

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Tabitha,

I appreciate your help with this since it is my first time doing full reporting. I am checking back on the status of the filer assistance specialist since it is now a week out from my required response.

I think that I have now corrected the first issue of accurately describing my expenses. I have refiled the c-4s which were due: 7/30, 9/10, 10/15, 10/29

In the process I also identified one missing expenditure from 10/3 for postage and have added it to the appropriate amended report.

The second issue of timely reporting is my own fault. I had entered everything into ORCA in a timely manner and had filed the C3 campaign donation reports in a timely manner, but didn't file the C4 reports since the option wasn't visible. I had assumed that since everything was in ORCA then it was accurate. It was only at the end of the election when I looked at another campaign and saw that they had filed C4 reports that I realized that I had done something wrong. I went back through the training and found that I had setup ORCA wrong and didn't check the right box. Once I checked the box, the C4 report options were visible and I submitted them all at the same time.

I think I still have 2 items left to correct.

The first is how to correctly report my personal funds which are covering expenses not covered by donations..

The second is the 21 day window. I used personal funds of over \$1000 and received a donation of over \$1000 from the Whitman County Relators during the 21 day window. I reported the donation on the C3, but I am not sure what additional paperwork is required.

Please pass this information on to the filer assistance specialist so they are better prepared when they assist me.

Thank you

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Francis Benjamin (Wed, 4 Dec 2019 at 10:28 PM)

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Tabitha,

I realize that my response is due today, I provided an initial response last week in anticipation of receiving additional guidance from a support specialist. Today I received, by email, the first contact from my assigned support specialist so I don't have an additional update.

There are two allegations

Allegation One: Violation of RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely file contribution and expenditure reports (C-3 and C-4 reports)

Allegation Two: Violation of RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to provide accurate details on contribution and expenditure reports (C-3 and C-4 reports)

The first issue of timely reporting is my own fault. I didn't report in a timely manner on C-3 the personal money I used to open my campaign bank account. I didn't initially view it as a donation. All donations from other people were reported accurately on C-3s. I entered everything into ORCA in a timely manner, but didn't file the C4 reports since the option wasn't visible. I had assumed that since everything was in ORCA then it was accurate. It was only at the end of the election when I looked at another campaign and saw that they had filed C-4 reports that I realized that I had done something wrong. I went back through the training and found that I had setup ORCA wrong and didn't check the correct box, Once I checked the box, the C-4 report options were visible and I submitted all of the late C-4s at the same time.

I feel that I still need to accurately report my personal funds used in the campaign and will work with the support specialist to figure out why I am not doing it correctly.

The second issue of accurate expense details was something which I thought I had done, I used codes to shorten the description and had planned on providing additional detail if needed if anyone had

questions while inspecting the books. I hadn't thought about any inspections when I wasn't physically present. I now realize that being more detailed in my expenses is required. I think that I have now corrected this issue of accurately describing my expenses. I have refiled the c-4s which were due: 7/30, 9/10, 10/15, 10/29 to reflect the more detailed descriptions.

In the process I also identified one missing expenditure from 10/3 for postage and have added it to the appropriate amended report.

Please let me know if you need anything further from me. The support specialist has asked for a copy of my ORCA file so they can review and assist me in correcting any other inaccuracies.

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Francis Benjamin (Fri, 20 Dec 2019 at 7:10 AM)

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Tabitha,

I have worked with the filer assistance specialist and completed the corrections to my reports.

It is now ready for your review.

Let me know if you need anything further.

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