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December 20, 2019

Delivered electronically to "siriforschools@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 60389

Dear Siri Bliesner:

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 accurate and complete expenditure information on C-4 reports and disclosing full sponsor identification on political advertising. PDC staff expects in the future that you will provide accurate and complete details on C-4 reports and disclose full sponsor identification on political advertising in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

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
Compliance Coordinator

/s

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Delivered electronically to “glen@wethegoverned.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Siri Bliesner, PDC Case 60389

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on November 21, 2019. The complaint alleged that Siri Bliesner, a Candidate for School Director in Lake Washington School District 414 may have violated RCW 42.17A.205, .210, .215 for failure to timely and accurately file Candidate Registration reports (C-1 reports), disclosing treasurer and depository information; RCW 42.17A.235, .240 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 Campaign; and RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to disclosure sponsor identification on political advertising.

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.205, .210 and .215 the Respondent is required to file a Candidate Registration within two weeks of becoming a candidate.
- The Respondent declared candidacy with the local elections office on May 13, 2019 making the statutory deadline June 27, 2019, they had filed the required Candidate Registration on March 24, 2019, prior to the statutory deadline. An amendment was made to the registration on June 2, 2019, due to technical difficulties with the PDC filing system the date that is displayed to the website is incorrect and being fixed by PDC staff.
 - Technical problems with the electronic Candidate Registration filing system were identified by the PDC from May 13, 2019 to June 12, 2019, which prevented or delayed filers’ ability to timely file Candidate Registration during this period. Due to such circumstances, the filing requirements for the filer were suspended during this period, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.055.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.235, .240 the Respondent is required to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures, including descriptions as detailed in WAC 390-16-037 that include details such as detailed descriptive purpose, number of items.
- The Respondent filed C-4 reports that did not include the level of details as required by WAC 390-16-037, such as detailed purpose and number of items.

- The Respondent amended reports for April, June, September and October on December 1, 2019 to reflect the correct level of detail to increase the transparency of their campaign expenditures.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.320 the Respondent is required to disclose full sponsor identification on political advertising, including sponsor name, address, city, state, zip code.
- The Respondent has a Facebook page and a website for their campaign specific activities and advertising, there was no sponsor identification on either as of the filing of the complaint on November 21, 2019.
- As of December 6, 2019, the Respondent added full sponsor identification to both the Facebook page and website, including sponsor name, address, city, state and zip code.
- The public was not deprived of critical information as the reported expenditures were on the correct reports and the original Candidate Registration was filed timely.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to include accurate detail in the description of expenditures on C-4 reports and providing full sponsor identification on political advertising does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Siri Bliesner about the importance including accurate and complete expenditure information on C-4 reports and disclosing full sponsor identification on political advertising. PDC staff expects in the future that Siri Bliesner will provide accurate and complete details on C-4 reports and disclose full sponsor identification on political advertising in accordance with the statutes and 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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