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January 2, 2020

Delivered electronically to "RESPONDENT EMAIL"

Subject: Complaint filed by Nicolas Duchastel de Montrouge, PDC Case #####

Dear 45th Leg Dist. Republicans:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Nicolas Duchastel de Montrouge concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Nicolas Duchastel de Montrouge, 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 timely and accurate disclosure of all expenditure activities, including independent expenditures and electioneering communications reports. PDC staff expects in the future that you will timely and accurately file of all PDC reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-586-4555 or 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

Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee
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Subject: Complaint regarding 45th Leg Dist. Republicans, PDC Case 60511

Dear Nicolas Duchastel de Montrouge:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on November 25, 2019. The complaint alleged that 45th Leg Dist. Republicans (Respondent), a bona fide party committee, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235, .255, .260 and .305 for failure to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign, and failure to timely and accurately file Independent Expenditure and Electioneering Communication reports (C-6 reports).

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.235 the Respondent is required to timely and accurately report all expenditures undertaken by the committee.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.255, .260 and .305 the Respondent is required to accurately and timely report all independent expenditures and electioneering communications.
- The Respondent timely filed a C-6 report on November 2, 2019 showing an expenditure of \$1,188.12 for “Mail Piece” to Impact Media Group in support of Alfred Taylor.
- Toby Nixon, treasurer for the Respondent, stated he was told the mailing was in support of Alfred Taylor, however, at the last minute it was reframed in opposition to Nicolas Duchastel de Montrouge. Nixon stated he was unaware of the change until he received a copy of the complaint.
- On December 19, 2019 the Respondent amended the C-6 report to show the political advertisement was in opposition to Nicolas Duchastel de Montrouge.
- The Respondent timely filed a C-4 report December 9, 2019, listing the expenditure dated November 2, 2019 to Impact Media Group for the mailer totaling \$1,188.12.
- On December 20, 2019, the Respondent amended the C-4 report to reflect the opposition of Nicolas Duchastel de Montrouge.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to accurately file the C-6 report detailing independent or electioneering expenditures does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding 45th Leg Dist. Republicans about the importance of the timely and accurate disclosure of all expenditure activities, including independent expenditures and electioneering communications reports, and the timely and accurate filings of all future PDC reports 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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cc: 45th Leg District Republicans