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February 18, 2020

Delivered electronically to “info@kellychambers.org and jason@electnw.com”

Subject: Complaint filed by Joseph Colombo, PDC Case 62659

Dear Kelly Chambers:

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

As noted in the letter to Joseph Colombo, 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 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

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Delivered electronically to “joe_colombo@hotmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Kelly Chambers, PDC Case 62659

Dear Joseph Colombo:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on January 8, 2020. The complaint alleged that Kelly Chambers, a 2020 Candidate for State Representative for Legislative District 25 may have violated RCW 42.17A.560 for accepting contributions during the Legislative Session Freeze, the period beginning on the thirtieth day before the date a regular legislative session convenes and continuing through the date of final adjournment.

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.560 the Respondent is required not to accept contributions during the Legislative Session Freeze, the period beginning on the thirtieth day before the date a regular legislative session convenes and continuing through the date of final adjournment of regular and any special legislative sessions.
- Pursuant to WAC 390-17-400(13) online or credit card contributions are considered received at the time, “the transfer is made from the merchant account to a candidate or political committee account, except that a contribution made to a candidate who is a state official or legislator outside the restriction period established in RCW 42.17A.560, but transferred to the candidate's account within the restricted period, is considered received outside of the restriction period.”
- WAC 390-17-400(13)(a) further requires that any such contributions, “should be reported as received on the date the transfer is made from the merchant account to a candidate or political committee account.”
- The date the contribution was initiated and authorized by the contributor was December 13, 2019, prior to the Legislative Session Freeze starting on December 14, 2019.
- The Respondent supplied documentation of the postmark dates and on-line authorization dates verifying that the contributions in question were made prior to the Legislative Session Freeze beginning.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance there is no evidence that supports the finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

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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