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March 25, 2020

Delivered electronically to "finnw@ci.woodland.wa.us"

Subject: Complaint filed by Christen Ellis, PDC Case 66926

Dear Will Finn:

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

As noted in the letter to Christen Ellis, 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 filing of all required reports. PDC staff expects in the future that you will file all future reports in accordance with PDC laws 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](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Tabitha Townsend  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

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Delivered electronically to “[ellis.l.christen@gmail.com](mailto:ellis.l.christen@gmail.com)”

Subject: Complaint regarding Will Finn, PDC Case 66926

Dear Christen Ellis:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on March 11, 2020. The complaint alleged that Will Finn (Respondent), a candidate for County Commissioner for Cowlitz County may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely and accurately file Candidate Registration.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by the Respondent and the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent 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 the Respondent is required to file their Candidate Registration within two weeks of becoming a candidate.
- The Respondent publicly announced candidacy on February 24, 2020; making their Candidate Registration due no later than March 9, 2020.
- The Respondent filed their Candidate Registration on March 17, 2020, making the registration 8 days late.
- The Respondent does not have any prior violations with the PDC.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file the Candidate Registration does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Will Finn about the importance of the timely filing of all required reports for 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: Will Finn