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March 25, 2020

Delivered electronically to "pkardos_jean@yahoo.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Norm Smith, PDC Case 67094

Dear Phyllis Kardos:

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

As noted in the letter to Norm Smith, 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@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s

Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s

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Subject: Complaint regarding Phyllis Kardos, PDC Case 67094

Dear Norm Smith:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on March 17, 2020. The complaint alleged that Phyllis Kardos (Respondent), a candidate for County Commissioner for Pend Oreille County may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to disclose sponsor identification on political advertisement.

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.320 the Respondent is required to disclose sponsor identification on political advertisements as specified in WAC 390-18-010(3).
- The Respondent issued political advertisements on their website and in the newspaper, Newport Miner, prior to the complaint being filed, which did not have full sponsor identification details or proper sponsor identification placement.
- The Respondent states that the ad has completed its run and will not be running again in the local newspaper, Newport Miner, and the Respondent acknowledged that the sponsor information was missing from the advertisement.
- The Respondent is a first-time candidate and does not have any prior violations with the PDC.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to disclose sponsor information on political advertisement does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Phyllis Kardos about the importance of the proper and full disclosure of sponsor identification on political advertisements in accordance with the statutes and rules in the future.

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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