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Washington Public Disclosure Commission VIA EMAIL: pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov
Attn: Mx. Fox Blackhorn,
 Compliance Coordinator 2
711 Capitol Way S. #206
PO BOX 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

Re: Allegation: Violation of RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to disclose income and payments to law firm from the City of Kennewick

Dear Mx. Blackhorn,

I would like to take this opportunity to address the F-1 complaint filed by failed candidate Ms. Lillian Slovic. Ms. Slovic ran a campaign for Richland City Council Position #1 and lost to me. Ms. Slovic has struggled with the loss and I have concerns for her mental well-being.

Ms. Slovic has continued to attempt to slander my name since the loss of the election and has continued to look for any transgressions that I may have committed, when for over 30 years I have always performed my duties as a representative for the City of Richland. I have always acted with the utmost professionalism, honesty, and integrity, this is known amongst my fellow council members and the community.

Her allegation is based upon a misunderstanding of business practices or alternatively another desperate attempt to tear down people and government practices she does not agree with.

Addressing her concerns, on the F-1 form, Ms. Slovic must know that all law offices use the cash method of accounting. That is, when the payments received become available for disbursement. The payment complained about, apparently was approved, and sent out for payment in December of 2019 by the City of Kennewick for the legal representation of the now deceased Steve Young. My office did not receive the payment until January 2020.

My office represented Mr. Young in a recall petition, the City of Kennewick has never been my client in any matter and nor did it in the payment received. The City of Kennewick City Council voted to and approved to pay for Mr. Young's defense.

The money more accurately was to reimburse Mr. Young for his legal fees, but payment was made to my business as Mr. Young had died.

Addressing, what I understand to be the complaint, my office is a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) and I am an employee of that firm.

My records reveal that the check was deposited into the office trust account on January 22nd, 2020, *See Appendix 1*. Even then the monies received are not available for disbursement as the bank takes between 7-10 business days for the check to clear and to be available for payment.

Pursuant to the office business practices the first payment made from the trust fund occurred on Jan. 30th, 2020 to co-counsel Kevin Holt.

This I believe addresses Ms. Slovic's and the Commissions concerns over a misfiled F-1 form as the monies accrued are not reportable in 2019 F1 form. But would be on a 2020 F-1 filing.

Should there be any further questions or concerns with regards to this allegation, please do not hesitate me via email or feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. J. Thompson", followed by a long horizontal line.

Robert J. Thompson
Attorney at Law

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT 1



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Official Receipt

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