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June 25, 2020

Delivered electronically to Paul Mahre at “votepaulmahre@protonmail.com”

Subject: Complaint filed by Norm Smith, PDC Case 71438

Dear Mr. Mahre:

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 Mr. 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 a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) with the PDC within two weeks of declaring candidacy for public office. PDC staff expects in the future that you will timely submit reports in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed

Jennifer Hansen
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Barbara Sandahl
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Subject: Complaint regarding Paul Mahre, PDC Case 71438

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 3, 2020. The complaint alleged that Paul Mahre, a candidate for Pend Oreille County Commissioner in the August 4, 2020 primary election, may have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than June 1, 2020.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Paul Mahre; 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.700, every candidate is required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) with the PDC, certifying financial activity for the preceding twelve months, within two weeks of becoming a candidate.
- Paul Mahre filed a Declaration of Candidacy with the with Elections officials on May 15, 2020. As a result, the Respondent was due to file an F-1 report with the PDC no later than June 1, 2020.
- Mr. Mahre electronically filed the required F-1 report with the PDC on June 6, 2020.
- In his response, Mr. Mahre provided confirmation of the F-1 report filing and apologized for the delay.

Although the F-1 report was received five days late, it was submitted immediately upon receipt of the complaint and well before any information regarding candidates appearing on the primary election was distributed to voters.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file a F-1 report does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Mr. Mahre about the importance of timely filing a Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the PDC within two weeks of declaring candidacy, and the timely filing 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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