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July 16, 2020

Delivered electronically to friendsofdanevans@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 71862

Dear Daniel P Evans:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to concerning a complaint filed June 9, 2020 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below in the letter to Austin Taylor, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. However, PDC staff expects the Campaign to continue updating signs.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of compliance with RCW 42.17A.320, which includes identifying party preference on all political advertising. PDC staff expects in the future you will include proper party preference on political advertising, including political signs, in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s _____

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____

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Delivered electronically to austintaylor9697@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Daniel P. Evans, PDC Case 71862

Dear Austin Taylor:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of your complaint filed June 9, 2020. The complaint alleged Daniel P. Evans, a 2020 candidate for Island County Commissioner, position 2, may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to identify a party preference on political advertising, specifically political signs.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the applicable PDC reports, and the response from Evans, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Daniel P. Evans filed with the Public Disclosure on February 28, 2020 as a candidate for the office of Island County Commissioner, position 2, establishing Friends of Dan Evans 4 Commissioner (Campaign), and listing party preference as Republican.
- On its most recent Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) report, filed July 14, 2020, the campaign listed \$15,414.82 in contributions and \$10,246.42 in expenditures during the 2020 campaign, which included expenditures of \$7,128.77 for 365 signs and related installation materials.
- Once made aware of the complaint and requirements, Evans responded to the PDC on June 19, 2020, stating the Campaign had produced stickers and would update the signs.
- On July 10, 2020, Evans responded to the PDC, stating the Campaign was "currently updating our signs with the party identification. The large signs have mostly been completed and working on yard signs across the community."
- PDC staff expects the Campaign to continue updating signs.

Based on these findings, and the fact Evans is a first-time candidate, the political signs were purchased by the Campaign with no apparent intent to conceal party preference, and the expenditures for signs were reported timely and accurately on publicly-available PDC reports, staff has determined that, in this instance, the failure to include party identification does not amount a violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Daniel P. Evans about the importance of identifying the party preference on all political advertising in accordance with PDC laws 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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