

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Delivered electronically to Glen Morgan at glen@wethegoverned.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Heidi Eisenhour, PDC Case 73030

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 7, 2020. Your complaint alleged that Heidi Eisenhour, a 2020 first-time candidate for County Commissioner in Jefferson County, may have violated RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to properly break down and describe expenditure details, as required in WAC 390-16-037 and WAC 390-16-205.

PDC staff reviewed your allegation; the applicable statute, rules, and reporting requirements; and the May 2020 Summary Campaign Contribution and Expenditure report (C-4 report) filed by the Committee to Elect Heidi Eisenhour (Campaign).

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

• On April 28, 2020, Heidi Eisenhour timely filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) and selected the Full Reporting Option.

Alleged failure to properly break down and describe expenses – (RCW 42.17A.240, WAC 390-16-037 and WAC 390-16-205)

- Staff reviewed the description of the payments/expenditures made by the Campaign on the May 2020 C-4 report and found that the expenses lacked proper description(s) and break down required by law/rule. For example, the three payments made to *The Station Signs & Screen*, in the month of May 2020 for yard signs and face mask printing, did not include the number of items printed or the number of signs bought. The same applies to all the individual vendors paid in the month of May 2020 for items like yard signs, stamps, and signs/banners. A more detailed description that includes the number of items bought, including sub-vendor information/identity if applicable, should have been included in the May 2020 C-4 report by the Campaign.
- On July 9, 2020, the Campaign amended the May 2020 C-4 report and included detailed description of expenditures made and the number of items bought.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, the Campaign's failure to properly and accurately describe the purpose of the expenditures, does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

There were six expenditures made by the Campaign either to a vendor or consultant in the month of May, for which a more detailed explanation or description such as the number of items bought should have been provided. However, this shortcoming is mitigated by the fact that the Campaign was responsive and amended the pertinent report as soon as the deficiency was brought to their attention. Additionally, Heidi Eisenhour has no prior PDC violations.

However, Heidi Eisenhour will receive a reminder letter concerning her 2020 Campaign's failure to properly break down or describe monetary campaign expenditures, as required by RCW 42.17A.240, WAC 390-16-037 and WAC 390-16-205.

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).

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina, Compliance Officer at 360-586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

s/_____ Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

s/_____ Peter Lavallee, Executive Director

cc: Heidi Eisenhour

