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August 7, 2020

Sent electronically to Glen Morgan at [glen@wethegoverned.com](mailto:glen@wethegoverned.com)

Subject: Complaint regarding Daniel Smith, PDC Case 73552

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 Daniel Smith, a 2020 first-time candidate for State Senate in the 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, 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; the April 2020 Summary Campaign Contribution and Expenditure report (C-4 report) filed by the Smith for 17<sup>th</sup> LD Committee (Campaign); and the July 29, 2020 response to the complaint provided by Josie Olsen on behalf of the Campaign.

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

- On February 9, 2020, Daniel Smith timely filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report and selected the Full Reporting Option.

*Alleged failure to properly break down and describe expenditure details – (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 April 2020 C-4 report and found that one expense lacked proper description and break down as required by the law/rule. On April 1, 2020, the Campaign made a \$1,300.80 expenditure for signs from vendor *ADCO* in Vancouver, Washington. This payment/expenditure did not include the number of items printed or the number of signs purchased. A more detailed description that includes the number of items bought, including sub-vendor information/identity if applicable, should have been included in the April 2020 C-4 report by the Campaign.
- On July 29, 2020, the Campaign amended its April 2020 C-4 report and included detailed description of the expenditure made on April 1, 2020, including the number of item(s) purchased. In its response, by way of

Josie Olsen, Treasurer, the Campaign stated, “As a first-time candidate, Mr. Daniel Smith’s Campaign has tried to comply with all applicable legal requirements. Mr. Morgan identified a sign printing expense that only lacked the quantity printed on the C-4 covering 4/1-4/30. This expense was reported on time and represents 1% of all expenditures to date. We have amended this report to add that 15 signs were printed. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Campaign transitioned treasurers, which provided an opportunity to ensure all expenditures have been properly reported.”

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, the Campaign’s failure to properly and accurately describe the purpose of one expenditure on the April 2020 C-4 report, does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

However, Daniel Smith will receive a reminder letter concerning his 2020 Campaign’s failure to properly break down or describe monetary campaign expenditure, 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](mailto:erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

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cc: Daniel Smith

