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August 7, 2020

Delivered electronically to [cyrus@votecyrus.com](mailto:cyrus@votecyrus.com)

Subject: Complaint filed by Martin Buckley, PDC Case 73582

Dear Cyrus Krohn:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Martin Buckley concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter, 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 note the confusion regarding the word “for” on your signs and encourage you to remove the word in future campaigns to improve clarity and transparency.

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s

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Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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August 7, 2020

Delivered electronically to martin@buckleymail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Cyrus Krohn, PDC Case 73582

Dear Martin Buckley:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed July 8, 2020.

The complaint alleged Cyrus Krohn, a 2020 candidate for House of Representatives, Legislative District 5, Position 1, may have violated 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 Krohn, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations. We found:

- Krohn filed with the Public Disclosure Commission on May 24, 2020 as a 2020 candidate for House of Representatives, Legislative District 5, Position 1, with party preference listed as Unity Restoration.
- Krohn is a first-time candidate and did not advance to the 2020 General Election.
- In response, Krohn stated “My political party is “Unity & Restoration” or “Unity Restoration” and is used interchangeably, such as when filing for office with the Secretary of State and I had to remove the “&” due to character limitations. There has been no intent to deceive the public or hide my Party affiliation. The expense for the signs was reported timely on my campaign finance disclosure.”
- As noted above, the signs did include the party preference text, however PDC staff has noted the confusion when Krohn added the word “for” on the signs and encouraged the candidate to remove the word in future campaigns to improve clarity and transparency.

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 Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

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