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September 8, 2020

Delivered electronically to nathan.gorton@warealtor.org and mark@northcreeklaw.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 73588

Dear Mark Lamb, legal counsel for Columbia Voice PAC:

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

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed PDC Case 73588 in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

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

Sincerely,

/s _____
Alice Fiman
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Subject: Complaint regarding Columbia Voice PAC, PDC Case 73588

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed July 15, 2020. The complaint alleged Columbia Voice PAC violated RCW 42.17A.320(1), (5) and 42.17A.350 for failing to disclose who authorized/paid for a radio advertisement, the sponsor's name, city, state, Top 5 contributors and Top 3 donors, and the party preference of the candidate identified and RCW 42.17A.255(5)(b) for failure fully describe independent expenditure details on C-6 reports.

To determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations, PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the applicable PDC reports, the audio and video files you provided and the response from Mark Lamb, attorney for Columbia Voice PAC.

We found the following:

- In response to the complaint Lamb stated “The complaint incorrectly claims that the advertisements placed by the Columbia Voice PAC failed to include proper disclaimer and party ID in a single radio advertisement,” and also provided audio of the advertisement as it was provided to radio stations.
- PDC staff reviewed the recording, which included all information required by law.
- In response to the allegation of failure to fully describe independent expenditure details on C-6 reports, Lamb stated “Our committee treasurer Heather Clarke accurately listed the expense at issue in the complaint as “Radio Advertising”. The question marks are a technical issue with the data entry program. When the Treasurer selected the candidate name from a drop down the program populated parentheses around "Bill" and that's how it translates to the filed report. She selected the candidate name correctly and the program populated 6 question marks, something our Treasurer would have no reason to do.”

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 fdc@fdc.wa.gov.

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