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September 4, 2020

Sent electronically to Dorothy Gilmour at dluzzogilmour@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Rodney “Rocky” Mullen, PDC Case 74254

Dear Ms. Gilmour:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 22, 2020. Your complaint alleged that Rodney Mullen, a first-time candidate for the County Commissioner (Position 2) in Franklin County, may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to include sponsor identification (paid-for-by information) on political advertisement.

PDC staff reviewed the applicable statute(s), rule(s), and the reporting requirement(s) pertinent to the sponsor identification.

Based on staff review, we found the following:

- On November 25, 2018, Rodney Mullen, filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report declaring his candidacy for Franklin County Commissioner Position 2 in the 2020 election.
- The Committee to Elect Rodney Mullen for County Commissioner, sponsored a postcard mailer used for the 2020 election campaign that was required to include sponsor identification (paid-for-by information).
- On July 29, 2020, five days before the 2020 Primary Election, Rodney Mullen emailed PDC staff with a photo attachment of the corrected postcard/mailer with the correct sponsor identification/paid-for-by information depicted on the postcard, but including his complete mailing address.
- In his response, received on August 3, 2020, Rodney Mullen stated, “It was an error on my part and I was able to make the correction on the remaining post cards. I have attached a photo of the corrected remaining post cards.”

While our review found that Rodney Mullen failed to include sponsor identification (paid-for-by information, followed by his name and complete address) on his political advertisement for the postcard/mailer that was sent to the voters on or about the second week of July 2020, he is a first-time candidate who has no prior PDC

violations. Mr. Mullen was also prompt in taking corrective action as soon as this complaint was brought to his attention.

However, PDC staff will remind Rodney Mullen about the importance of including sponsor identification information on political advertisement for all future mailers. PDC staff expects that Rodney Mullen will review all political advertisements in the future that, he or his campaign sponsors, to ensure they contain required sponsor identification information (“Paid for or Sponsored by” followed by the candidate’s name and complete address), as required by law.

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 pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

/s _____
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl, Deputy Director for
Peter Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Rodney Mullen

