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August 26, 2020

Delivered electronically to communications@electanaruiz.com

Subject: PDC Case 74410

Dear Ana Ruiz Peralta:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to LaWanda Hatch concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). As noted in the letter below, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. However, PDC staff expects the Campaign to continue updating signs as needed.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of compliance with RCW 42.17A.320 and WAC 390-18-020 which includes identifying party preference on all political advertising.

PDC staff expects in the future you will include proper party preference on political advertising, including political signs, in accordance with PDC laws and rules. 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
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s

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Subject: Complaint regarding Ana Ruiz Peralta, PDC Case 74410

Dear LaWanda Hatch:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of your complaint filed July 30, 2020. The complaint alleged Ana Ruiz Peralta, a 2020 candidate for Franklin County Commissioner, position 2, may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 and WAC 390-18-020 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 Ana Ruiz Peralta, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Ana Ruiz Peralta filed with the Public Disclosure Commission on March 6, 2020 as a candidate for the office of Franklin County Commissioner, position 2, and listed the party preference as Democrat.
- Ana Ruiz Peralta responded to the PDC on August 19, 2020 stating "Our campaign is aware of the need to include our political affiliation on our campaign banners and signs. We have purchased stickers with the (D) clearly printed on them and we are currently in the process of putting those stickers on all of our signs so that they are all in compliance."
- PDC staff expects the Campaign to continue updating signs.

Based on these findings, and the fact Peralta is a first-time candidate and updated the signs when notified of the requirement, staff has determined in this instance the failure to include party identification does not amount a violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Ana Ruiz Peralta about the importance of identifying the party preference on all political advertising in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

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).

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