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Sent electronically to Glen Morgan at glen@wethegoverned.com

Subject: Complaint regarding the 33rd Legislative District Democrats, Case 74924

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints filed on August 6, 2020. The complaint alleged that the 33rd Legislative District Democrats, a Continuing Bona Fide Political Party Committee in 2019, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to disclose contributions as required by law.

PDC staff reviewed your allegation(s); the applicable statute(s), rule(s), and reporting requirements; the C-3 and C-4 reports filed by the 33rd Legislative District Democrats (Committee); and the August 17, 2020 and September 8, 2020, responses to the complaint provided by Timm Clark and Jennifer Carey on behalf of the Committee.

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

- On January 1, 2018, the 33rd Legislative District Democrats filed a Committee Registration (C-1pc) report and selected the Full Reporting Option.

Alleged failure to file an accurate Monetary Contribution (C-3) report for the month of December 2019 (RCW 42.17A.235 and .240).

- Staff reviewed the C-3 report filed by the Committee in December 2019, and noted that the Committee did not report the contribution received from Friends for Mia in December 2019. According to the Committee's treasurer, Jennifer Carey, "The Committee shows that the contribution received from Friends for Mia was reported, at least from our end when I look at the ORCA account we are able to see the contribution from Friends for Mia and Adam Smith for Congress as being reported on the same December 2019 C-3 report. Mia's deposit was done with Adams Smiths for a total of \$750. I also have the bank deposit to show for it and I was in balance at the end of the year."
- On September 11, 2020, the Committee, by way of the Committee treasurer, Jennifer Carey, amended the December 2019 C-3 report and included the contribution from Friends for Mia and Adam Smith for Congress – noting, "I have amended the deposits for: Mia; \$500.00 and Adam Smith; \$250.00 which

had been done together for the total of \$750.00, and because I had done Tina Orwell on that same day I redid her contribution of \$1,000.00. I stayed in balance and have amended the C4 report.”

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, the Committee’s failure to file an accurate contribution report for the month of December 2019, does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

However, the 33rd Legislative District Democrats will receive a reminder letter concerning its failure to make sure that contributions are reported accurately as required by the law. The Committee officials will be informed that the PDC staff expects them to review all contribution reports in the future to ensure that they are timely and accurate, as required by the statutory scheme.

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 pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/ _____
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

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

cc: Timm Clark and Jennifer Carey, Chair/Treasurer – 33rd Legislative District Democrats

