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November 17, 2020

Sent electronically to Bev Howard Morgan at jandbhoward@q.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Mike Conrad, Case 76356

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 3, 2020. Your complaint alleged that Mike Conrad, a 2020 first-time candidate for State Representative in the 4th District (Position 1), may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file contribution and expenditure reports 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 Mike Conrad for State Representative Committee (Campaign); and the November 4, 2020, response to the complaint provided by Bev Miles on behalf of the Campaign.

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

- On May 30, 2020, the Campaign filed a Committee Registration (C-1pc) report and selected the Full Reporting Option.

Alleged failure to report timely and accurate Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) reports (RCW 42.17A.235 and .240)

- Staff reviewed the contribution and expenditure reports filed by the Campaign and noted that the Campaign did not file the 7-Day Pre-Primary (C-4) and the Post-Primary (C-4) reports. These reports were due no later than July 28 and September 10, 2020, respectively.
- In its response to the complaint, the Campaign, by way of the treasurer, Bev Miles, stated, "The oversight is totally on me, I overlooked the final C4 while working on 2 other campaigns. After the primary, there was no further activity and the ad mentioned in the complaint was paid for by me personally and should have been reported as a contribution. I will file the final C4 to make sure the campaign is current."

- On November 15, 2020, the Campaign, by way of the Campaign treasurer, Bev Miles, filed the 7-Day Pre-Primary and the Post-Primary (C-4) reports. These reports were filed 110 and 66 days late, respectively.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, the Campaign's failure to file 7-Day Pre-Primary and Post-Primary (C-4) reports in the 2020 election year, does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation. Mike Conrad is a first-time candidate who used his own money even though he received a small contribution from public and lost in the primary. Mike Conrad's Campaign also acknowledged violation(s) of RCW 42.17A.235, and fully cooperated with the PDC staff by taking responsibility and filing the missing reports.

However, the Mike Conrad will receive a reminder letter concerning his failure to make sure that statutory reports are reported accurately and timely as required by the law. Mike Conrad will be informed that the PDC staff expects his campaign to file timely and accurate statutory reports in the future.

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: Mike Conrad

