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Sent electronically to Charles Torelli at chuckinkennewick@icloud.com

Subject: Complaint regarding William McKay, PDC Case 77349

Dear Mr. Torelli:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 15, 2020. Your complaint alleged that William McKay, a 2020 candidate for County Commissioner (Position 3) in Benton County, may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to file a Candidate Registration (C-1) report within two weeks of becoming a candidate, and RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement report (F-1) by April 15, 2020.

PDC staff reviewed the applicable statute(s), rule(s), and the reporting requirement(s) related to a Candidate Registration (C-1) report and the annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1).

Based on staff review, we found the following:

- Mr. McKay original filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report On May 4, 2020. This report was amended five times to correct typographical errors and the committee's name. The final amended C-1 report was received on June 4, 2020. Since Mr. McKay filed for candidacy with the Office of the Secretary of State on May 11, 2020, this report C-1 report was filed timely.
- On October 2, 2020, Mr. McKay filed a Personal Financial Affairs Statement report (F-1) with the PDC. This report was due no later than April 15, 2020.
- In his response to the complaint received on October 1, 2020, the McKay Campaign, by way of Charlotte Benjamin, stated, "After reviewing his C1, I realized there were some grammatical errors that needed correction, and therefore, filed an amended C1 with the corrections. Later, I realized that somehow the Committee's name was changed during the first amendment. I informed Mr. McKay of the problem and amended the C-1 again to ensure the Committee's name was corrected. This explains the difference in dates of filing the C1. On the issue of not filing the F1, this is truly a thoughtless oversight. Mr. McKay thought to wait until he filed his tax returns so that he could provide the most up-to-date information on the F1."

While our review found that Mr. McKay failed to timely file a Personal Statement of Financial Affairs (F-1) report that was due no later than April 15, 2020, we found no prior PDC violations against him. Mr. McKay was also responsive and cured the deficiency as soon as this issue was brought to his attention.

However, PDC staff will remind William McKay about the importance of filing a Personal Statement of Financial Affairs (F-1) report in a timely manner in the future, as required by the law.

Based on this information, the PDC 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: William McKay

