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November 3, 2020

Delivered electronically to “pdiaz@americanwolf689.org”

Subject: Complaint filed by Joe Hyer, PDC Case 77665

Dear American Wolf:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Joe Hyer concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Joe Hyer, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the timely filing of registration and the timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities. PDC staff expects in the future that you will timely file all PDC reports in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-586-4555 or toll-free at 1- 877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed

Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

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Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee
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Subject: Complaint regarding American Wolf, PDC Case 77665

Dear Joe Hyer:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 5, 2020. The complaint alleged that American Wolf (Respondent) may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely register as a political committee; RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Peter Diaz on behalf of the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.205 political committees are to register within two weeks of becoming a committee.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 a full reporting political committee would be required to timely and accurately file all required reports for contributions and expenditures (C-3 and C-4 reports).
- The complaint alleged that the organization American Wolf was engaging in political activities. However, American Progressive Constitutionalist Party (APCP) Sponsored by Peter Diaz was registered by Mr. Diaz on October 21, 2020. The response received states that "the purpose of the non profit [APCP] is to help get common sense leaders elected."
- APCP registered as a WA Non-Profit Corporation as of June 17, 2020, making the registration of the committee due on or no later than July 1, 2020.
- The committee, APCP Sponsored by Peter Diaz, registered 111 days beyond the statutory deadline.

- The committee (APCP) registered as a mini-filer and is not required to file contribution and expenditure reports, but is held to the restrictions and requirements of a mini-filer under WAC 390-16-105 through WAC 390-16-125 as well as the RCW 42.17A laws and rules that apply to political committees.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file the committee registration does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding American Wolf, APCP and Peter Diaz about the importance of the timely filing of registration, the timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities and the timely filings of all future PDC reports in accordance with the statutes 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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