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October 26, 2020

Delivered electronically to Lilian Slovic at [rslovic@gmail.com](mailto:rslovic@gmail.com)

Subject: Complaint regarding Jerome Delvin, PDC Case 78020

Dear Ms. Slovic:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed on October 12, 2020. Your complaint alleged that Jerome Delvin, a 2020 candidate for County Commissioner (Position 1) in Benton County, may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to disclose or include party preference/affiliation on campaign related materials and website(s).

PDC staff reviewed the applicable statute, rule, the link to Mr. Devin's campaign website embedded in the complaint, and the statutory requirement(s) pertinent to campaign related materials and the online political advertising/communication through campaign website when running for a political office.

Based on staff review, we found the following:

- On May 6, 2020, Jerome Delvin, filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report with the PDC for County Commissioner (Position 1) race in Benton County.
- The Jerome Delvin for Benton County Commissioner Committee maintained a campaign website/Facebook page and produced campaign related materials/literature that did not contain or disclose his party preference/affiliation as required by the statute. Specifically, Mr. Delvin's official campaign website did not contain his party preference/affiliation.
- In his response, received on October 14, 2020, Jerome Delvin stated, "I have received the complaint and have corrected the slight mistake on the webpage. My campaign signs have been corrected as my brochures, Facebook page and advertising. I apologize for the mistake."

While our review found that Jerome Delvin failed to include party preference/affiliation on his official campaign website and other campaign related materials/literature, it appears that Mr. Delvin made a mistake. Once this mistake was brought to Mr. Delvin's attention, he responded immediately and corrected the mistake by including party preference/affiliation on his campaign online platform(s) and other materials/literature.

However, Jerome Devine will receive a reminder letter about the importance of including party affiliation/preference on campaign materials for all future campaigns. Jerome Devine will be informed that PDC staff expects him to review all campaign related materials, including the official campaign website in the future that, he or his campaign produces and maintains, to ensure they contain party affiliation/preference, 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 [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl, Deputy Director for  
Peter Lavallee, Executive Director

cc: Jerome Delvin

