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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding

Javier PDC Case 78781

I JAVIER FIGUEROA, as a candidate seeking election to the Pierce County
(Printed Name) Council in 2020, hereby acknowledge that:

I violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include the required sponsor identification on political advertising in the form of newspaper advertising sponsored by my 2020 Campaign that ran in the Tacoma Weekly.

RCW 42.17A.320 requires all written political advertising, including newspaper political advertisements, to disclose the sponsor's name and complete mailing address, and party preference if required in the advertisement.

- On September 11, 2020, the Friends to Elect Javier (Campaign) filed a Post-Primary Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) report with the PDC, disclosing the Campaign made a \$2,500 expenditure on August 8, 2020 for a Tacoma Weekly advertising campaign.
- The political advertising package, priced at \$2,500 and offered to Figueroa by the Tacoma Weekly, included print newspaper advertisements, banner advertisements, some wrapped advertisements around Tacoma Weekly newspapers boxes, endorsement advertisements and the opportunity for a cover story.
- The political advertisements paid for and sponsored by the Figueroa 2020 Campaign that appeared in the Tacoma Weekly included the required sponsor identification information in accordance with RCW 42.17A.320, except for the cover story.
- The Tacoma Weekly cover story about his 2020 Pierce County Council candidacy published on August 18, 2020, did not include any sponsor identification. The cover story did not indicate or identify it was paid political advertising.

Javier Figueroa would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) being scheduled by Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff.

Jason Whalen

PDC Case 78780

Statement of Understanding

Therefore, in lieu of PDC staff scheduling a Brief Enforcement Hearing, Javier Figueroa is completing this Statement of Understanding, and enclosing a check or money order in the amount of \$150 as a penalty payment to resolve this matter.

The \$150 penalty being assessed against Javier Figueroa is for one acknowledged violation of RCW 42.17A.320. The \$150 penalty is being assessed in accordance with the Penalty Schedule, and the mitigating and aggravating factors adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143.

Javier Figueroa understands that by completing this Statement of Understanding, he acknowledges one violation of RCW 42.17A.320 as set forth above and is waiving his right to a hearing in this matter.

Javier Figueroa further understands that this will resolve the issue of failing to disclose sponsor identification on the one political advertisement that appeared in the Tacoma Weekly.

s/ Javier H. Figueroa
signed by

12/30/2020
Date Signed

Please make your check or money order payable to the "Washington State Treasurer" and be sure to include the PDC Case number in the memorandum field, and print, sign and mail this Statement of Understanding along with your payment to:

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