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January 20, 2021

Delivered electronically to Perry Dozier at “dozierforsenate@outlook.com”

Subject: Complaint filed by Richard Monacelli, PDC Case 79346

Dear Perry Dozier:

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

As noted in the letter to Mr. Monacelli, 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.

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

*Electronically signed*

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Jennifer Hansen  
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January 20, 2021

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Subject: Complaint regarding Perry Dozier, PDC Case 79346

Dear Richard Monacelli:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 22, 2020. The complaint alleged that Perry Dozier, a candidate for State Senate, Legislative District 16, in the November 3, 2020 general election, may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to use sufficient font size to identify party preference on yard signs advertising his campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; and the response provided by Perry Dozier (the "Respondent"), to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Perry Dozier filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) on October 23, 2019, declaring his candidacy for State Senate in Legislative District 16 in the 2020 election, and choosing the "Full Reporting" option. On May 12, 2020, Mr. Dozier submitted a Declaration of Candidacy with the Secretary of State choosing "republican" as his preferred party.
- RCW 42.17A.320 describes requirements for sponsor identification, party preference, size and placement of these items and other general information regarding political advertisements. The statute specifically obligates, among other things, that all forms of advertisement identifying a candidate for partisan office must include the candidate's party preference as named by the candidate on their Declaration of Candidacy and further states that, for written advertisements, the party preference must be printed in 10-point font or in a font that is at least 10 percent of the largest font used in the ad.
- The complaint included photographs of yard signs advertising Mr. Dozier's candidacy and alleged that the party preference was not large enough to be in compliance with RCW 42.17A.320.
- In his response, Mr. Dozier stated that the signs he printed and distributed did in fact include his party preference with the use of a PDC Commission approved abbreviation letter (R) that was greater than 10 percent of the largest font used on the yard signs.
- Staff reviewed the information submitted by the Respondent and found that the party preference was more than 18 percent of the largest font used in the yard sign and that no corrective action was required.

It appears that, although the party preference on Mr. Dozier's yard signs advertising his 2020 State Senate campaign may have been difficult for some members of the public, including the Complainant, to easily read from the road, the signs printed and distributed by Mr. Dozier, did include lettering that is compliant with PDC laws and rules.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, no evidence supports a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

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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cc: Perry Dozier