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Sent electronically to Sally Bull at salonbalmes@outlook.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Shauna Beeman, Case 79730

Dear Ms. Bull:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 29, 2020. Your complaint alleged that Shauna Beeman, a 2020 first-time candidate for County Commissioner, Position 1 in Okanogan County, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file contribution and expenditure reports as required by law.

PDC staff reviewed your allegation(s); the applicable statute(s), rule(s), and reporting requirements; the Monetary Contribution (C-3) and Summary Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) reports filed by the Committee to Elect Shauna Beeman (Campaign); and the November 16, 2020, response to the complaint provided by Shauna Beeman on behalf of the Campaign.

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

- On May 21, 2020, the Campaign filed a Committee Registration (C-1pc) report and selected the Full Reporting Option.

Alleged failure to report timely and accurate Monetary Contribution (C-3) and the Summary Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) reports (RCW 42.17A.235 and .240)

- In its response to the complaint, the Campaign, by way of Shauna Beeman, stated, "I was not aware that my reports had not been filing. I only discovered this error when the Newspaper published an article and I saw it did not list my campaign donations correctly. I then went in and attempted to correct those reports but was not able to do so without assistance. I contacted the PDC and assisted me in correcting the data report issues that had kept my reports from filing. We discovered that I needed to impute a registered voter count to ORCA in order for my Republican Party Donation to be accepted. She also assisted me in making some date corrections so that my reports correctly reflect expenditures. My reports now correctly show that I purchased ads in one newspaper and on one radio station in October only. I only purchased ads in one newspaper and on one radio station. There was no exclusive ad from

KOMW. The KOMW open line is a program that all candidates may attend one time for free. My website is running for free and was designed by my teenage daughter for free so there are no website fees. This was my first time campaigning so the PDC reports were a sharp learning curb [sic]. I believe I have learned a lot.”

- On November 13, 2020, the Campaign successfully filed a C-3 report and amended six C-4 reports. The C-3 report was due no later than August 17, 2020, and was filed 88 days late.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, the Campaign’s failure to file one C-3 report and timely amend six C-4 reports in the 2020 election year, does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation. Shauna Beeman was a first-time candidate who has fully acknowledged violation(s) of RCW 42.17A.235, and cooperated with the PDC staff by taking responsibility and filing the missing C-3 report and amending the C-4 reports that needed to be amended. Lastly, Shauna Beeman also experienced technical difficulties with ORCA system.

However, the Shauna Beeman will receive a reminder letter concerning her failure to make sure that statutory reports are reported accurately and timely as required by the law. Shauna Beeman will be informed that the PDC staff expects her campaign to file timely and accurate statutory reports in the future.

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.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/_____
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

s/_____
Barbara Sandahl, Deputy Director for
Peter Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Shauna Beeman

