



State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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**Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
23rd Legislative District Republican Committee: PDC Case 80600**

I, April Ferguson, hereby acknowledge that:
(April Ferguson, Chair of 23rd Legislative District Republican Committee)

During calendar year 2020, 23rd Legislative District Republican Committee (Committee) violated: (1) RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to file timely and accurate campaign reports (C-3 and C-4 reports); (2) RCW 42.17A.220 by failing to deposit monetary contributions within five business days of receipt; and (3) RCW 42.17A.235 & WAC 390-16-043 by failing to maintain current “books of account” for the purpose of providing them during the public inspection period prior to the November 3, 2020 general election.

On November 3, 2020, Ms. Elaina Gonzales-Blanton requested and was granted the ability to inspect the “books of account” provided by the Committee. Finding the campaign records to be both out of date and incomplete, Ms. Gonzales-Blanton filed complaints against the Committee with the PDC on November 9 and 10, 2020.

The Committee has implemented several measures to ensure future compliance with PDC laws and rules, including training for Committee officers, independent audits, general accounting oversight procedures and the employment of an individual knowledgeable with PDC laws, rules and filing requirements, to fill the treasury position full-time.

The Committee 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. Therefore, in lieu of PDC staff scheduling a Brief Enforcement Hearing, the Committee is completing this Statement of Understanding and enclosing a check or money order in the amount of \$750 as a penalty payment to resolve this matter.

The Committee understands that by completing this Statement of Understanding, the Committee is acknowledging the violations of RCW 42.17A set forth above and is waiving its right to a hearing in this matter.

The Committee further understands that this will resolve the issues of the Committee failing to file timely and accurate campaign reports (C-3 and C-4 reports), failing to deposit monetary contributions within five business days of receipt, and failing to maintain current "books of account" for the purpose of providing them during the public inspection period prior to the November 3, 2020 general election.



(Signature of April Ferguson, Committee Chair)

12/17/2021

(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 mail this Statement of Understanding along with your payment/check to the PDC at the following address:

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