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December 24, 2020

Delivered electronically to Shukri Olow at [info@electshukriforkc5.com](mailto:info@electshukriforkc5.com),  
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Subject: Complaint filed by Justin Allen, PDC Case 80733

Dear Shukri Olow:

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

As noted in the letter, 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, contact Alice Fiman at (360) 586-4746, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Delivered electronically to justinchanceallen@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Shukri Olow, PDC Case 80733

Dear Justin Allen:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed November 19, 2020. The complaint alleged Shukri Olow, a 2021 candidate for King County Council, District 5, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately disclose contributions, specifically for reporting four \$1,000 donations from the same individual.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements, the applicable PDC reports filed by the Shukri for King County D5 (Campaign), and the response from Jeanne Legault, Treasurer for the Campaign, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Shukri Olow registered with PDC September 11, 2020, declaring 2021 candidacy for King County Council, District 5, selecting the Full Reporting Option. Olow is a first-time candidate for public office.
- RCW 42.17A.235 requires candidates under the full reporting option to timely and accurately file reports of contributions and expenditures.
- As alleged in the complaint
  - On November 10, 2020, the Campaign filed a Monetary Contributions (C-3) report (#101014760) listing two \$1,000 donations received October 9, 2020 from Sadiyo Guled. One donation was designated for the primary election, and one for the general election.
  - On November 15, 2020, the Campaign filed an amended C-3 report (#110000047), amending a C-3 report (#110000039) also filed November 15, 2020. The amended report (#110000047) listed two \$1,000 donations received

October 9, 2020 from Sadiyo Guled, one donation was designated for the primary election, and one for the general election.

- RCW 42.17A.405(2) limits county council candidates to receiving a maximum of \$1,000 per election from an individual.
- In response to the complaint, Legault stated “Sadiyo Guled only in fact donated a total of \$2,000.00. For some reason, when the C3 report was amended, it did not show as amended, thus making it appear that he made that same donation twice, which he did not. As Ms. Olow's treasurer, I also attest to the fact that I only received a donation of \$2,000 from Sadiyo Guled. Because I have no idea how to correct this problem, not showing this earlier report on my Orca software, a request has been put in to have a filing technician phone me to solve the problem.”
- ORCA (Online Reporting of Campaign Activity) is the PDC-provided software for online filing of C-3 and C-4 campaign finance reports.
- Legault worked with PDC staff, and on December 17, 2020, filed report #110003914, amending report #110000047, removing the two donations from Sadiyo Guled.

Based on these findings staff has determined, in this instance, the allegation of failing to timely and accurately disclose contributions, specifically for reporting four \$1,000 donations from the same individual, does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

The Campaign made minor or ministerial errors on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, Shukri Olow timely amended reports, making the necessary technical corrections as requested by staff.

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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