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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Washington Against Discrimination
Everywhere (WADE),

Respondent.

PDC Case 82263

Findings of Fact,
Conclusions of Law, and
Order Imposing Fine

Pursuant to the notice of brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) sent to Jesse Wineberry, the principal organizer for Washington Against Discrimination Everywhere (WADE) on December 14, 2022, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on January 12, 2022, remotely from Olympia, WA by live audio and online transmission. The purpose of the hearing was to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failure to timely file two Summary, Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) reports for election years 2021 and 2022, disclosing \$25,000 debt owed to DocuSign as carry forward from the 2020 election year, as required for a committee registered under the “Full Reporting” option.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW, 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Chair Fred Jarrett was the Presiding Officer and Commission Vice Chair Nancy Isserlis was also in attendance. The Commission staff was represented by Erick Agina, Compliance Officer. Also in attendance for Commission staff were Kim Bradford, Deputy Director and Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator. The Respondent participated through his attorney, Toussaint L. Myricks, Esq.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was a political action committee that supported Initiative Measure No. 1776, a statewide ballot measure/proposition in the 2020 election year.
2. On June 18, 2020, the Respondent filed a Committee Registration (C-1pc) report as a “Continuing” committee and listed Dr. Terry Ross; Dr. Lynn French and Amanuel Mamo; and Abdirahman Mohamud, CPA, as Main Sponsor, Co-Sponsors and Treasurer, respectively.

3. On December 20, 2020, PDC staff received a complaint filed by Kan Qiu alleging that WADE and its committee officers failed to timely report expenditures made in support of a ballot proposition.
4. The Respondent failed to timely file two Summary, Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) reports for election years 2021 and 2022, disclosing \$25,000 owed to DocuSign as carry forward from the 2020 election year, as required for a committee registered under the “Full Reporting” option.
5. The Respondent has one prior violation which was resolved with a warning on December 18, 2020.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened, and all jurisdictional, substantive, and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely file C-4 reports disclosing debt owed, as required for a committee registered under the “Full Reporting” option.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

1. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of \$100, in accordance with the Brief Enforcement penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143.**

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this **25th** day of January 2023.

Public Disclosure Commission

Electronically signed by Peter Lavallee
Peter Lavallee
Executive Director

I, Erick O. Agina, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective address postage pre-paid, on the date stated herein. I certify that I also emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their email address of record.

/s/ Erick O. Agina

Date: 01/25/2023

APPEALS OF INITIAL ORDER

REVIEW OF INITIAL ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION

You may request that the full Commission review this initial order. To seek review, you must:

- Make the request by email, stating the reason for review, and identifying what alleged errors are contained in the initial order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(1).
- All requests for review must be submitted electronically to pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov **REQUESTS FOR REVIEW MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE THIS INITIAL ORDER WAS ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED TO YOU.**

If review of this initial order is timely requested, the full Commission will hear the matter. If the Commission is unable to schedule a meeting to consider the request within twenty (20) calendar days, this initial order becomes a final order, and any request for review will automatically be considered a request for reconsideration of a final order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(4). The matter would then be scheduled for consideration and disposition at the next Commission meeting at which it is practicable to do so.

A Respondent does not need to pay a penalty until after the Commission rules on a request for review of an initial order.

FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

If the Commission does not receive a request for review of this initial order within twenty-one (21) calendar days, the initial order shall be the FINAL ORDER. *See* WAC 390-37-142(7).

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A FINAL ORDER TO SUPERIOR COURT, PURSUANT TO THE PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW PROVISIONS OF RCW 34.05.542.