



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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May 19, 2021

Delivered electronically to Kenton Gartrell at "kentongartrell@hotmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Anthony Sandoval, PDC Case 89175

Dear Kenton Gartrell:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on April 13, 2021. The complaint alleged that Anthony Sandoval, a candidate for Yakima City Council in the 2021 election, may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to register as a candidate within two weeks of declaring candidacy (e.g. news article, press release) by filing a C-1 report (Candidate Registration) with the PDC.

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

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

- Anthony Sandoval declared his candidacy for Yakima City Council in the 2021 election by making a public announcement via a press release posted by the Yakima Herald-Republic on March 29, 2021.
- RCW 42.17A.005(8) defines the term "candidate" and specifically includes any individual who seeks nomination for election or election to public office by making a public announcement.
- The C-1 report was due within two weeks of the Respondent becoming a candidate, or no later than April 12, 2021.
- Mr. Sandoval submitted the C-1 report electronically, on April 24, 2021, listing Lupe Orozco as treasurer and choosing the "full reporting" option.
- The C-1 report was submitted twelve days late but was available to the public prior to Declaration of Candidacy filing week beginning on May 17, 2021.
- In his response, Mr. Sandoval stated that he was not aware of the requirement to file paperwork that soon.

It appears that late filing of the C-1 report by Mr. Sandoval was due to a lack of knowledge of PDC filing requirements and not made to withhold information from the public regarding his campaign.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file the C-1 report for the 2021 election does not amount to a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Anthony Sandoval will receive a formal written warning concerning failure to timely file a C-1 report registering his candidacy. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Mr. Sandoval timely files all future required reports. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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 Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed

Jennifer Hansen
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Peter Lavallee
Executive Director

cc: Anthony Sandoval