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May 24, 2021

Delivered electronically to voterandycorman@gmail.com and racorman@comcast.net

Subject: PDC Case 89286, Complaint filed by Krysta Strasbaugh

Dear Randy Corman:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Krysta Strasbaugh concerning a complaint filed April 20, 2021 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 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s

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Subject: Complaint regarding Randy Corman, PDC Case 89286

Dear Krysta Strasbaugh:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed April 20, 2021. The complaint alleged Randy Corman violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 for failing to timely and accurately disclose contributions, in-kind, expenditures, debts, and loans, specifically failing to file Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and Campaign Full Summary Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports since August of 2020 for his 2021 Renton City Council Campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the materials you provided; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and Campaign Full Summary Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports filed with the PDC; and the response from Anastasia Corman, treasurer for Re-elect Randy Corman for Renton, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations. Based on staff's review, we found:

- Randy Corman is a City of Renton council member, serving in the office since 2018.
- On August 5, 2020, Corman registered with the PDC as a candidate for the same office, City of Renton, City Council Member, Council Member Position 1, establishing Re-Elect Randy Corman for Renton (Campaign) and listing Randy Corman as Candidate and Anastasia Corman as Campaign Manager and Treasurer.
- As noted in the complaint, the Campaign filed two reports in August 2020, a C-3 filed August 26, 2020 listing a \$1,000 contribution received August 18, 2020 from the Boeing Company and a C-4 report filed August 31, 2020, listing zero expenditures made and \$1,402.48 in total contributions made, which included \$402.48 campaign starting balance.
- In response to the complaint, Anastasia Corman stated "Yes, we have not filed any reports since August 2020 because we didn't need to. The rules say that we need to file reports "Monthly from the beginning of the campaign through May of the election year. If a campaign has over \$200 in contributions or expenditures during a month, a C-4

report is filed by the 10th of the following month." Source:

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/new-candidates>. Our first donation was in August 2020. We have not received another donation until today. It will be covered in the next end of month report, which is not due yet. As of the date of the complaint, we didn't have more than \$200 in expenditures or contributions in any single month since the start of the campaign, so that's why you didn't see any other C3 or C-4 reports online."

- On May 7, 2021, the Campaign filed a C-3 report, listing a \$1,000 contribution received May 6 from the Affordable Housing Council.
- In response to the allegation Corman "*purchased his cormanforrenton.com URL in 2017 (which he also failed to report in his 2017 campaign) which has not had any monthly charges reported ever, and his website was redesigned this year according to the copyright.*", Anastasia Corman stated "The website was off-line until April 15th, 2021. During the entire duration of the campaign, Andy Corman has not spent more than \$50 of his own money; therefore, his in-kind contribution is not required to be reported."
- On May 3, the Campaign filed a C-3 report listing a \$100 contribution received April 23 from Ruth Perez and \$451.22 in expenditures, which included a \$17.92 in-kind contribution received April 15 from Andrew Corman for website domain and hosting and an April 9 expenditure to Hudson's Portrait Design for election PR images.
- In response to the allegation the "*website was created using wordpress which means he either had to pay someone to create it for him or he had to pay for the platform and design it himself yet there has been no C4 report filed since 08/30/2020,*" Anastasia Corman stated "It is free to create a website using WordPress.org. It only costs money to host the website or pay for the domain name, but we didn't use WordPress.org for that. We only used their free feature to create the website, and then Andy hosted it through his own account on a different site. Randy Corman did not pay anyone to create it. His daughter, Katie Jones, helped Randy create it. Katie Jones is a Campaign Volunteer. Katie Jones is a full-time stay-at-home mom. She volunteered her services to the campaign to help Randy create the website."

Based on these findings staff has determined, in this instance, the alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 for failing to timely and accurately disclose contributions, in-kind, expenditures, debts, and loans does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation. 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, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601- 2828, or by e-mail pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

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