

## State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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July 8, 2020

Sent electronically to nicholaspetrish@gmail.com

Subject: Complaints filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 34600

Dear Nick Petrish:

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed April 11, 2018 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging the Committee to Elect Nick Petrish violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures.

As noted in the letter to Morgan, 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.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities. PDC staff expects you will timely file all future PDC reports in accordance with the statutes and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at (360) 586-4746, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,
/s
Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer
Endorsed by, /s
Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee
Executive Director



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Subject: Nick Petrish, PDC Case 34600

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed April 11, 2018 regarding Nick Petrish.

Your complaint alleged the Committee to Elect Nick Petrish (Committee) may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to accurately and timely file Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) reports.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the C-3 and C-4 reports filed by Nick Petrish and the response from Petrish, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

You stated allegations two through seven were based "on information and belief" but you failed to provide any evidence to substantiate the allegations. Therefore, staff did not review these allegations.

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

- Nick Petrish was a 2016 candidate for Senator from the 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. Petrish did not advance to the 2016 General Election.
- In a C-4 report filed September 13, 2016, the Committee listed \$14,001 in contributions and \$9,424.67 in expenditures during the 2016 campaign.
- The Committee filed 34 C-3 and C-4 reports in 2016, with 17 filed as amended reports.
- The email address listed on Petrish's December 2015 candidate registration was inactive when the PDC originally contacted Petrish in April 2018.
- When reached by PDC staff in January 2020, Petrish stated he was contacted by the PDC in 2018 and was told the complaint was resolved. PDC staff was not able to find a record of this contact.
- Petrish then stated he was currently working in eastern Washington and did not have access to the bank records needed to answer the complaint.

• On July 6, 2020, Petrish filed two C-4 reports, covering the periods of July 26, 2016 to August 31, 2016 and September 1 to September 31, 2016. The reports included loans of \$2,500 and \$1,500 from Elizabeth Petrish, made to the Committee on October 10, 2014 and repaid on September 8, 2016.

Based on these findings, and the fact Petrish does not currently hold public office and has not had a filing requirement with the PDC since 2016, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to timely and accurately file reports of contributions and expenditures does not amount to an actual violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Nick Petrish about the importance of timely disclosing all contribution and expenditure activities and timely filing all future PDC reports in accordance with statutes and 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).

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