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WA PDC

Response to complaint – Jim Ferrell 2017 Mayoral Campaign

To whom it may concern:

I Joseph Atkinson took over as campaign treasurer for Mayor Ferrell from July of 2017. Late 2020 we realized that the amount in the bank accounts did not reflect the data I inputted on the PDC ORCA software, reflecting a balance of \$12,728.50 when the bank account balance upon closing the campaign was \$1187. At this point I did an extensive review of all the bank records and found exactly \$1391.50 in unreported expenditures. I added the \$1391.50 expenditures & amended several 2017 C-4 reports (7/10 \$654.84, 8/31 \$55, 10/16 \$340.71, 10/30 \$80 & 11/30 \$234.14).

I personally amended these reports (the candidate did not). I was not able to submit the reports with my password, so per direct PDC guidance I was able to submit the data from my computer using the candidate's password.

The other factor is that on the C-4 report ending 7/10/2017 an expenditure to DataGraphics in the amount of \$10,150 did not make it on our 7/10/2017 report. Per my records I amended this report on 1-25-2018, but the expenditure did not make it into the final C-4 report referenced ending 12/31/17. I am not sure why the data didn't reflect on the final report. When I made the smaller corrections on October 22 2020 the expenditure to DataGraphics that was already in the system balanced the C-4 reports.

Of course the reports are all based on the data inputted into ORCA. In 2020 I extensively reviewed all bank records, and every expenditure & data set inputted in the PDC ORCA software matches the line items in all related bank statements. Every contribution reported matches the bank deposits too.

Any oversight in reporting several expenditures late as amended was my mistake alone. I have served as a treasurer in the past, but taking over in the middle of a campaign and re-learning all the rules and regulations in a short amount of time was a challenge.

Regarding the other complaint pertaining to lacking expenditure details, I was under the assumption (per research and conversations with PDC staff) that the descriptions inputted were sufficient. If they were not, I would encourage the PDC to clarify the rules and send a memo to all candidates for clarification.

Please to not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Atkinson