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September 9, 2021

Sent electronically to shukri.a.ow@gmail.com, jeannelegault@aol.com,
emilio@electshukriolow.com, gabe@electshukriolow.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Taemin Um, PDC Case 96266

Dear Shukri Olow:

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Taemin Um, concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC), alleging a violation of RCW 42.17A.405 for accepting over-limit contributions, specifically receiving, from individuals, \$1,000 designated for the primary election and \$1,000 designated for the general election. The complaint included an allegation of RCW 42.17A.220(4), which was removed.

As noted in the letter below, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of compliance with RCW 42.17A.405 and PDC staff expects your Campaign not accept any contributions that exceed the contribution limits in the future, as required by law.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

/s

Kim Bradford
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For Peter Lavallee
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Sent electronically to taemin@winpowerstrategies.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Shukri Olow, PDC Case 96266

Dear Taemin Um:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed July 14, 2021. Your complaint alleged Shukri Olow, a 2021 candidate for King County Council, Position 5, violated RCW 42.17A.405 by accepting, from individuals, \$1,000 designated for the primary election and \$1,000 designated for the general election

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes and rules, and the response from both Shukri Olow and Jeanne Legault, Treasurer for Shukri Olow, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Shukri Olow first registered with the PDC as a candidate for King County Council, District 5 on September 11, 2020. The registration was most recently updated May 12, 2021.
- Olow is a first-time candidate for public office.
- As only two candidates registered for King County Council, District 5, there was no primary election held for the position in 2021.
- RCW 42.17A.405 limits King County Council candidates to \$1,000 in total contributions from an individual per election. Due to the lack of a primary election, a candidate is limited to \$1,000 in total contributions from an individual contributor for the 2021 election cycle.
- In response to the complaint, both Olow and Legault stated they were not aware of the limit and believed candidates could accept up to \$2,000 in contributions per individual.
- Once notified of the complaint, the Campaign refunded any contributions more than \$1,000 and amended its Monetary Contributions (C-3) and Full Summary Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports.
- The Campaign received contributions totaling \$136,958.19 and had \$62,640.54 as a cash on hand balance as of July 31, 2021. The Campaign had not spent the over-limit contributions.
- The Campaign began refunds when made aware of the complaint, however, due to technical issues experienced by Jeanne Legault, the process was delayed.

Based on these findings, and the fact Olow is a first-time candidate and refunded the contributions when notified of the requirement, staff has determined in this instance, the Campaign's acceptance of contributions more than \$1,000 from an individual does not amount to a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation

PDC staff is reminding Shukri Olow about the importance of not accepting over-limit contributions and PDC staff expects the Campaign will not accept any contributions exceeding the contribution limits in the future, as required by law.

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 fdc@fdc.wa.gov.

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