



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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Delivered electronically to "steven.ketelsen@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Steve Haverly, PDC Case 96996

Dear Steven Russell Ketelsen:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 29, 2021. Your complaint alleged Steve Haverly may have violated RCW 42.17A.235(6) by failing to make campaign records open for inspection during the inspection period preceding the 2021 Primary election.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response by Steve Haverly; and spoke with Mr. Haverly to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Mr. Haverly said he went through the complaint on several occasions with PDC staff member Phil Stutzman. Mr. Haverly said he was unaware of Mr. Ketelsen's request to review his financial contributions and expenditures until he received a phone call, as well as an email, from Mr. Stutzman, on July 30, 2021. Mr. Haverly said after speaking with Mr. Stutzman about the complaint he searched through his Junk Mail email folder and found the request to review his records. He said he then spoke with Mr. Stutzman the following business day, August 2, 2021, and explained he was not aware of the request.
- Mr. Haverly said he then responded to Mr. Ketelsen, sharing a listing of his seven campaign expenses totaling \$908.70, and explaining he had not accepted any donations, because he had told people he was not going to accept campaign contributions unless he made it through the primary election.
- Mr. Ketelsen requested to inspect Mr. Haverly's campaign records on Thursday, July 29, 2021, and Mr. Haverly provided his records to Mr. Ketelsen electronically on Monday, August 2, 2021, which was within 48 hours of the date requested for the review since the inspection of records need not occur on weekends unless agreed to by the person providing the records.
- Mr. Haverly said, since learning of the rule requiring the inspection of campaign records during specified periods, he has been diligently searching through his Junk Mail email folder for any such request.

- Mr. Haverly said he will continue to do his best to be thorough and transparent, and to follow all the rules to the best of his abilities.
- Mr. Haverly does not have previous warnings/violations of PDC requirements.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance no evidence supports a finding of a violation for failing to timely accommodate a request to review campaign records during the open inspection period.

However, PDC staff is reminding Steve Haverly about the importance of timely responding to requests to review campaign records and is encouraging Mr. Haverly to check his Junk Mail email folder frequently during the records inspection period to accommodate requests to inspect records.

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 Phil Stutzman at 360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed Philip E. Stutzman

Phil Stutzman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

Electronically Signed Kim Bradford

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Executive Director

cc: Steve Haverly