

September 8, 2021

Dear PDC and Mr. Hernandez,

Regarding allegations in case number 97693 that I, Cindy Gobel, did not report a certain campaign finance expenditure in partnership with over the limit contributions from one person, I respectfully disagree.

Campaign finance expenses of “printing, postage, and mailing” of my mail piece on July 30th, 2021, were reported once I received the invoice from Johnson Cox (my printer). I was unable to report that expense any sooner as I did not have the invoice.

Johnson Cox’s is a prominent company used within the realm of elections and they delivered their invoice to the best of their ability during these trying times. My hope is that Mr. Hernandez would have compassion towards small businesses and recognize the struggle to provide specialized services within an everchanging and challenging landscape. The ripple effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have affected all aspects of daily life, including this industry.

Regarding the accusation Mr. Hernandez has made that an overage of financial contributions was accepted are false.

One contribution from Brian Sabino totaling \$1,000 was reported on July 6, 2021. This donation was for the 2021 Primary Election and does not exceed the contribution limit. No campaign contributor has exceeded the legal allotment regarding my campaign contributions. The ORCA system, used to report financial contributions, does not allow contributions to exceed the limit. The ORCA system has a failsafe in place and provides an appropriate message stating as such.

As holder of a Juris Doctorate, following the law and ensuring legal compliance are of the utmost importance to me. I invite Mr. Hernandez to review the PDC website for relevant, current reporting and demonstration of these statements, as I have filed all reports correctly. I appreciate his commitment to the election process and transparency that is required to ensure fair and accurate elections.

Sincerely,

Cindy Gobel