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November 22, 2021

Delivered electronically to Leslie Lewallen at lewalbk55@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by John Slivarich, PDC Case 98137

Dear Ms. Lewallen:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to John Slivarich concerning a complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on August 31, 2021.

As noted below in the letter to Mr. Slivarich, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into this allegation or take further enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this letter constitutes a formal written warning to you concerning the failure to accurately and timely file the 21-Day Pre-Primary and 7-Day Pre-Primary Summary Full Report Receipts and Expenditures (C-4) reports that reflect true political advertisement expenditures made by the Campaign, as required by the statutory scheme codified in RCW 42.17A. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of the PDC laws/rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina, Compliance Officer at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/_____
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

s/_____
Peter Lavalley, Executive Director



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Delivered electronically to John Svilarich at jsvilarich@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Leslie Lewallen, PDC Case 98137

Dear Mr. Svilarich:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on August 31, 2021. Your complaint alleged that Leslie Lewallen, a 2021 first-time candidate for City Council, Ward 3, Position 2 in the City of Camas, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately report political advertising expenditures undertaken by her 2021 Campaign.

PDC staff reviewed your allegation; the applicable statute, rule(s), and the reporting requirements; the Summary Full Report Receipt and Expenditure (C4) reports filed by Friends to Elect Leslie Lewallen (Campaign); and the June 29, 2021, response to the complaint provided by Leslie Lewallen on behalf of the Campaign.

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

- On May 28, 2021, Leslie Lewallen filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report and selected the Full Reporting Option.

Alleged failure to timely and accurately report political advertising expenditures on the Summary Full Report Receipt and Expenditures Report (C4) – (RCW 42.17A.235 and .240)

- Staff reviewed the C-4 reports filed by the Campaign and found that the Campaign failed to timely file some political advertisement expenditures made by the Campaign before the Primary election 2021. The expenditures should have been reported in the June (for expenditures made in the month of May 2021), the 21-Day Pre-Primary and the 7-Day Pre-Primary C-4 reports.
- Staff noted that there was a discrepancy in the ending balance on the 21-Day Pre-Primary C-4 (showing a balance of \$399.24), and the beginning expenditure balance on the 7-Day Pre-Primary report, which showed a balance of \$3,050.03. It appears that some expenditures were not included on the 21-Day Pre-Primary C-4 report or an amended C-4 report for the 21-Day Pre-Primary report was not filed/submitted successfully.
- In its response to the complaint received on September 22, 2021, the Campaign by way of the Brian Lewallen, Treasurer, attached what appeared to be the correct 21-Day Pre-Primary C-4 showing

expenditures towards the political advertisements in question. However, it was not successfully filed with the PDC and therefore the public does not have access to it. In its response, the Campaign by way of Brian Lewallen, Treasurer, stated: “We have reported all contributions and expenditures for this campaign in a timely manner, including all expenses for websites, signs, door hangers, and direct mailers, via C-4 submission as required by law. You should already be in possession of those C-4 filings, but we have attached them here for your convenience.”

- On November 16, 2021, the Campaign, by way of Brian Lewallen, Treasurer, successfully submitted the amended 21-Day Pre-Primary C-4 report depicting all the political advertisement expenditures in question, that were supposed to be filed before the 2021 Primary election.

While our review found that Leslie Lewallen failed to timely and accurately report expenditures for political advertisements in the months leading up to the 2021 Primary election, she is a first-time candidate with no prior PDC violation(s).

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).

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Leslie Lewallen will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to timely and accurately file the 21-Day Pre-Primary and 7-Day Pre-Primary Summary Full Report Receipts and Expenditures (C-4) reports that reflect true political advertisement expenditures made by the Campaign in the months leading up to the 2021 Primary election, as required by the statutory scheme. Leslie Lewallen will be informed the Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of the PDC laws/rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina, Compliance Officer at 360-586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov

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cc: Leslie Lewallen

