



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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September 21, 2021

Delivered electronically to nevadakali@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Joseph Burns, PDC Case 98634

Dear Kalista Martin:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 13, 2021. The complaint alleged that Joseph Burns (the “Respondent”), a candidate for City Council Member for the City of Sedro Woolley, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 by failing to report contributions received by the campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and the filing history of the Respondent and found the following:

- On May 18, 2021, the Respondent filed a *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) with the PDC and selected the Mini-Reporting option. The Respondent appears to be a first-time candidate.
- Under the Mini-Reporting option, candidates and their authorized committees are prohibited from raising and spending more than \$5,000 in the aggregate and may not receive more than \$500 in aggregate contributions from any one source other than the candidate.
- Pursuant to WAC 390-16-105(1), candidates that select the Mini-Reporting option on their registration are not required to file campaign finance reports disclosing contribution and expenditure activities undertaken by the campaign and are exempt from the reporting requirements found in RCW 42.17A.225 through .240.
- In May of 2021, the Respondent voluntarily filed six C-3 reports disclosing deposits made by the campaign that were not required due to the campaign’s status as a Mini-Reporter.
- The Skagit County Democratic Central Committee contributed \$250 to the Respondent’s campaign on August 21, 2021; this contribution was not required to be reported to the PDC due to the campaign’s status as a Mini-Reporter.

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) and WAC 390-37-060(1)(a).

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s

Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

cc: Joseph Burns