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November 22, 2021

Delivered electronically to Jack Burkman at [jb Burkman@portvanusa.com](mailto:jb Burkman@portvanusa.com)

Subject: Complaint filed by Conner Edwards, PDC Case 98707

Dear Mr. Burkman:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Conner Edwards concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on September 14, 2021.

As noted below in the letter to Mr. Edwards, 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.

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](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

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Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

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November 22, 2021

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Subject: Complaint regarding Jack Burkman, PDC Case 98707

Dear Mr. Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 14, 2021. Your complaint alleged that Jack Burkman, a 2019 candidate for Port Commissioner for the Port of Vancouver, may have violated RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to sufficiently describe expenditures undertaken by his Campaign in 2019.

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 People for Jack Burkman (Campaign); and the September 23, 2021, response to the complaint provided by Janet James, Treasurer, on behalf of the Campaign.

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

- On January 24, 2019, Jack Burkman timely filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report and selected the Full Reporting Option.
- The complaint alleged that the Campaign failed to sufficiently describe expenditures undertaken by the Campaign. Specifically, the complaint alleged that the Campaign failed to sufficiently describe expenditures paid to (1) The Columbian for newspaper advertisement inserts or advertisements; (2) Columbia Litho for newspaper inserts, a mail piece, flyers, business cards, envelopes, and letter head; and (3) Tom Edwards for number of signs and sub-vendor information if any.
- In its response to the complaint, received on September 23, 2021, the Campaign by way of the Treasurer Janet James, stated: "We did not have a primary, so I did not have those reports to file. I have gone in and amended the account you requested for more information for the months of July and August and amended the pre-general election C-4 reports. I did not change the name of Tom Edwards. He was not a sub vendor but the owner of the sign business and that is how he requested to his checks made out to. I did enter the amount and size of signs."
- On November 14, 2021, the Campaign, by way of Janet James, Treasurer, amended the three C-4 reports at issue from the 2019 Campaign to include the expenditure descriptions, as required by the statutory scheme.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, the failure to provide expenditure descriptions for a few items does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Jack Burkman made a minor or ministerial error(s) on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors by staff, Jack Burkman amended the reports at issue, making the necessary technical corrections as required by staff.

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).

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cc: Jack Burkman

