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Subject: Case Status Review (Initial Hearing) After Opening a Formal Investigation,
PDC Case 99265

Dear Whatcom County Republican Party, John Ramsey, Chairman:

After conducting a preliminary review and assessment of a complaint filed September 28, 2021 by Daniel Raas concerning alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failing to timely and accurately disclose contributions and expenditures, PDC staff opened a formal investigation and held an initial hearing (also referred to as a case status review) on December 17, 2021, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755, and WACs 390-37-060 and 390-37-071.

At the hearing, it was noted the case status review is not an adjudicative proceeding and RCW 42.17A.755 provides PDC staff with additional tools to resolve complaints through the use of alternatives to full, formal adjudication, or referral to the Attorney General's Office, and I am encouraging you to work with staff on resolving this matter.

If you have questions, please contact Alice Fiman, Compliance Officer, by replying to the latest staff email concerning this matter or by calling 360-586-4746.

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed
Peter Lavallee
PDC Executive Director