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Delivered electronically to washougalmoms@protonmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 99603, Complaints filed by Melanie Wilson and Wendi Moose

Dear Washougal Moms:

On Oct. 27, 2021, PDC staff issued you a warning for apparent violations of RCW 42.17A.205 for failing to register as a political committee; RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures on Monetary Contributions (C-3) and Full Summary Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports, and RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to provide complete sponsor identification on your website.

In the 2021 election cycle, Washougal Moms received an in-kind contribution for signs and also supported and opposed political candidates. In addition, the Washougal Moms website reflected that the organization (1) solicited and accepted contributions for its activity and (2) engaged in the additional political activity of placing signs in the area. Taken together, these activities met the requirements under Washington state law for Washougal Moms to register with the Public Disclosure Commission as a political committee and report its contributions and expenditures. The Committee also had a duty to include the words "paid for by" or "sponsored by" followed by its name and address on webpages advertising in support of or opposition to candidates or ballot measures.

This matter was to be dismissed in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) once the Committee complied with the registration and reporting requirements described above. To date, the Committee has not complied.

It remains PDC staff's position that Washougal Moms is a political committee that is required to register and report the activity that occurred in 2021. However, PDC staff have not received any further complaints or information that would indicate the Committee was active in the 2022 or 2023 election cycles. Given the totality of the circumstances, PDC staff have decided to take no further enforcement action in this matter.

I am dismissing the complaint under RCW 42.17A.755(1) with the warning remaining in force. The

Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Sincerely,

/s

Peter Lavalley
Executive Director