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October 29, 2021

Delivered electronically to electpam4kids@hotmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 99880

Dear Pam Orebaugh:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Bryan Taylor and Heather Tanner concerning complaints filed October 5 and 19, 2021 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging a violation of RCW 42.17A.320 for failing to include the complete sponsor identification on political advertising sponsored by the 2021 campaign.

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

PDC staff expects you to review PDC's Political Advertising Guide and reminds you about the importance of including complete sponsor identification on political advertising in the future.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Alice Fiman Compliance Officer /s

/s Kim Bradford **Deputy Director** For Peter Lavallee **Executive Director**



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October 29, 2021

Delivered electronically to longbmt@gmail.com and hmltanner@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Pam Orebaugh, PDC Case 99880

Dear Bryan Taylor and Heather Tanner:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaints you filed October 5 and 19, 2021. The complaints alleged Pam Orebaugh, a candidate for Central Valley School Board, Position 5, violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include the complete sponsor identification on political advertising sponsored by the 2021 campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and interpretations, the evidence provided in the complaint and a response from Pam Orebaugh, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

We found the following:

- According to PDC records, Pam Orebaugh registered with the PDC as candidate for Central Valley School District, Position 5, on June 2, 2021.
- In response to the complaint, Orebaugh stated "After reviewing the sponsor identification details of the mentioned RCW 42.17A.320 it appears that the information on flyers I have been passing out to my constituents may not be sufficient. My e-mail address and my domain website address are all listed on my flyers that direct recipients to the information for my campaign. My domain explicitly identifies paid for by Electpam4kids. I was not aware that since this is my own campaign that there was a requirement to list any additional information besides my own personal information and link to extended information on my flyers. Regardless, I have subsequently reworked all remaining flyers and replaced those with all of my volunteers with the duplicate information published on my website."
- In the image provided to the PDC, the flyers include complete sponsor identification, listing "paid for by ElectPam4Kids" and a post office box address.

Based on these findings, and the fact Orebaugh promptly took action to comply, PDC staff has determined that, in this instance, failing to include the complete sponsor identification on the

political advertising sponsored by the 2021 campaign does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Pam Orebaugh about the importance of including complete sponsor identification on political advertising in the future and expects Orebaugh to review PDC's Political Advertising Guide.

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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