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December 28, 2021

Delivered electronically to Haley Pendergraft at hpender@comcast.net

Subject: Complaint filed by Anne Rose, PDC Case 100113

Dear Ms. Pendergraft:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Anne Rose concerning the complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on October 19, 2021.

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

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this letter constitutes a formal written warning to you concerning the failure to accurately and timely file the Summary Full Report Receipts and Expenditures (C-4) report for the period beginning October 12 through October 25, 2021 (7-Day Pre-General C-4 report), as required by the statutory scheme codified in RCW 42.17A. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of the PDC laws/rules.

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 pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/_____ Erick Agina, Compliance Officer s/_____ Peter Lavallee, Executive Director





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December 28, 2021

Delivered electronically to Anne Rose at mrmatto@msn.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Haley Pendergraft, PDC Case 100113

Dear Ms. Rose:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 19, 2021. Your complaint alleged that Hayle Pendergraft, a 2021 first-time candidate for School Director Position 1, in Tahoma School District 409, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately report one in-kind contribution as a candidate under the Full-Reporting option in the 2021 election year.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statute(s), rule(s), and the reporting requirements; the Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions (C-3) and Summary Full Report Receipts and Expenditures (C-4) reports filed by Haley for Tahoma (Campaign); and the November 2, 2021, response to the complaint provided by Haley Pendergraft on behalf of the Campaign.

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

- On June 1, 2021, Haley Pendergraft filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report and selected the Full Reporting Option.
- Staff reviewed the statutory expenditure and contribution reports filed by the Campaign and found that the Campaign failed to report an in-kind contribution donated by Jefferey Hill, a "1-800-Got-Junk" truck owner/operator who donated a truck to the Campaign on October 15, 2021. The Campaign used the donated truck to display its banner for about eight hours but failed to report the donation as an in-kind contribution from Mr. Hill.
- In its response to the complaint and staff's follow up questions regarding the "1-800-Got-Junk" truck donated to the Campaign received on November 2, 2021, the Campaign by way of Haley Pendergraft, stated: "The truck was not parked with a campaign sign for 24 hours as the claimant declared. The Campaign banner was displayed on the Got Junk truck on 10/15/21 for approximately 8 hours." The Campaign also attached a letter from the owner of the "1-800-Got-Junk" truck to its response. In the letter, the owner, Jefferey Hill, stated: "It was a pleasure spending time with you on Friday 10/15/21, as you may recall we were able to discuss the campaign in person while we used one of my company trucks to hoist a

campaign sign. I was able to use one of my trucks free of charge as it was decommissioned that day (We have a fleet of 35+ trucks and we were only using 10-12 truck that day due to seasonality). Typically, on those off days we park the trucks out in the community to promote our business, in fact I had permission from the landowner to do so that day."

• On October 27, 2021, the Campaign, by way of Haley Pendergraft, successfully amended the 7-Day Pre-General C-4 report to include the in-kind donation received from Jeff Hill on October 15, 2021. The in-kind donation from Jeff Hill for the use of his "Got-Junk" truck was due to be reported on the 7-Day Pre-General C-4 report which was due no later than October 26, 2021, and was reported 13 days late.

While our review found that Haley Pendergraft failed to timely file an accurate 7-Day Pre-General C-4 report to include the in-kind donation from Jeff Hill, she is a first-time candidate with no prior PDC violation(s). Additionally, Ms. Pendergraft was responsive after being notified of the complaint and took responsibility by amending the 7-Day Pre-General C-4 report to include the in-kind contribution received from Jeff Hill for the use of his "Got-Junk" truck for eight hours on October 15, 2021.

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).

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Haley Pendergraft will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to timely and accurately file the 7-Day Pre-General C-4 report during the accelerated reporting period in the 2021 election cycle, as required by the statutory scheme. Haley Pendergraft will be informed the Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of the PDC laws/rules.

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cc: Haley Pendergraft

