<u>Christine Ackerman</u> replied (*Tue, 25 Jan 2022 at 4:37 PM*) To:"PDC Support" <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>

Greetings to the PDC!

We have reviewed the Complaint submitted to you on December 30, 2021 and assigned the Case Number 102360.

Upon our own review of RCW 42.17A.205(5) and WAC 390-16-011A, we agree to take the following corrective actions:

1. We are today renaming our Exempt Fund as follows: **45th LD Democrats, Sponsored by Eastside Democrats Dinner PAC.** Because of the length of the new name, it might take us a few tries to abbreviate it (if necessary for filing) in a way that is clear and transparent. We ask that the Filer Assistant assigned to our Case would review our new C1-PC to ensure we have followed best practices. We expressed previously a concern about having to completely change our Exempt fund banking account to reflect the name change, and we are in communication with our bank regarding this matter.

2. We will amend our C-3 and C-4 reports for this Fund for August 2021, September 2021, October 2021, November 2021, and December 2021. Thank you to Jennifer Hansen of your office for allowing us a week's time as an extension for filing our C3s and C4s for those months.

3. We will prepare a summary of this matter for our permanent records, so that our future Treasurers or Compliance Officers can refer to it and watch carefully for other situations that might cause this Fund to become a Sponsored Committee as defined in the abovementioned law.

4. We are willing to provide an electronic copy of one of the brochures we mailed, which will show clearly in the Sponsorship information that the Eastside Democrats Dinner was the biggest contributor to that mailing. While it is too late to make any corrections to that mailing, we would be very appreciative of any instruction our Filer Assistant can provide us for future sponsorship language, given that we use both Exempt and Non-Exempt funds to fund such mailings.

Thank you to Jennifer Hansen for also explaining the background and history of this section of the law to us. Our Board Members have asked us to reassure all concerned parties that the Eastside Democrats Dinner PAC, originally a Dinner Auction Fundraiser, obtains funding from the *many members* of the four East King County Legislative Districts (the 5th, the 41st, the 45th, and the 48th) then divides the evening's net proceeds among those four Districts. The Eastside Democrats Dinner files its own forms C-3 and C-4 each year, with full reporting of donations. "Concealing the truth" about or "concealing the sponsorship" of our activities are not and never have been our intention.

Respectfully, Christine Ackerman Treasurer, 45th LD Democrats <u>clackermom@gmail.com</u> 503-706-2719