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February 10, 2022

Delivered electronically to jenniferidamason@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 102707

Dear Jennifer Mason:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed January 8, 2022 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging violations of RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to accurately disclose the expenditure descriptions for political advertisements undertaken by your 2021 Campaign for Bellingham School Board.

As noted in the letter, 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.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman at (360) 586-4746, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s

Kim Bradford
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For Peter Lavallee
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Subject: Complaint regarding Jennifer Mason, PDC Case 102707

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed January 8, 2022. The complaint alleged Jennifer Mason may have violated RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to accurately disclose the expenditure descriptions for political advertisements.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements, exhibits provided in the complaint, the applicable PDC reports and a response from Mike Estes, treasurer for Vote Jenn Mason, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Jennifer Mason was first elected to the Bellingham School Board in 2017. On May 21, 2021, Mason submitted a 2021 Candidate Registration for Bellingham School Director, District 4 and was re-elected to the position.
- Mason reported a total of \$8,054.90 in contributions and \$7,834.79 in expenditures during the 2021 campaign.
- The complaint alleged Mason failed to provide the required expenditure description for postage cost and mailers.
- On October 12, 2021, the campaign filed a Full Summary Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) report listing an October 8, 2021 expenditure to AMS for \$3,233.34 and described as for postage costs. On January 29, 2022, the campaign amended the report to add additional expenditure detail for 9,798 mail pieces.
- On October 26, 2021, the campaign filed a C-4 report listing a \$2,345.03 in-kind contribution from the Whatcom County Democrats for a mailer. The campaign amended the C-4 report on January 29, 2022, adding the required expenditure detail of 77,259 pieces.

- On December 10, 2021, the campaign filed a C-4 report listing a November 10, 2021 expenditure to AMS for \$1,519.09 described printing costs for mailer. On January 29, 2022, the campaign amended the report to add the required expenditure detail of 9,798 mail pieces.

Based on these findings staff has determined, in this instance, the allegation of failing to accurately disclose the expenditure descriptions for political advertisements does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

The Campaign made minor or ministerial errors on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, the Campaign timely amended reports, making the necessary technical corrections as requested by staff.

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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