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**Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
Tacoma-Pierce Co. Assoc. of Realtors & Yes on Tacoma Measure 2
PDC Case 143847**

I, Sean Martin, in my capacity as CEO of Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors
("TPCAR") and campaign manager of the Yes on Tacoma Measure 2 committee,
(Title)

(collectively "The Committees"), hereby acknowledge that, during election year 2023, we
violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235, and .240 by failing to timely and accurately register Yes on
Tacoma Measure 2 and disclose a pledge from the National Association of Realtors ("NAR").

The facts are as follows:

- The City of Tacoma transmitted Tacoma Measure 1 (Resolution 41237) and
alternative Tacoma Measure 2 (Resolution 41238) to Pierce County Elections on July
13, 2023 for placement on the ballot in the November 2023 General Election.
- TPCAR applied for an Issues Mobilization Grant from the NAR, a non-profit trade
organization, for the purpose of funding an issue advocacy campaign to be carried out
by a yet-to-be formed committee that supported Tacoma Measure 2.
- On August 9, 2023, NAR notified me by email that a \$200,000 Issues Mobilization
Grant had been approved, at which time the grant became a pledge to the Yes on
Tacoma Measure 2 committee.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.205, TPCAR was required to register Yes on Tacoma
Measure 2 as a political committee within two weeks of having the expectation that it

would receive contributions¹ or make expenditures in support of a ballot proposition, which was August 23, 2023. Per RCW 42.17A.235 & .240, the August 9, 2023 pledge was disclosable on an August C-4 report due by September 11, 2023.

The Committees would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, the Committees acknowledge that they violated Washington state law as described above and agree to enter into this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, the Committees agree to collectively pay a \$300 penalty: \$150 for an acknowledged violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for failing to timely & accurately register Yes on Tacoma Measure 2 as a political committee during election year 2023; and \$150 for an acknowledged violation of RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 by failing to report the August 9, 2023 pledge that Yes on Tacoma Measure 2 received from NAR.

The Committees understand that, by signing this SOU, they acknowledge the violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW and set forth above and waive their right to a hearing in this matter. The Committees further understand that signing this SOU, returning it to the PDC with a \$300 civil penalty, registering Yes on Tacoma Measure 2, and reporting the pledge dated August 9, 2023 will resolve the issue the unregistered Yes committee and unreported August 9, 2023 pledge for election year 2023 indicated above.



Sean Martin, CEO of Tacoma-Pierce Co. Assoc. of Realtors
& campaign manager of Yes on Tacoma Measure 2
(Title)

April 18, 2025
Date Signed

Kindly sign and submit this SOU and your payment using one of the options below by no later than **April 15, 2025**.

Online Payment Option

¹ Per RCW 42.17A.005(15)(a)(i), the definition of “Contribution” includes pledges.

- ***Email a scanned image of your signed SOU to the Compliance Officer assigned to your case before making your online payment.***

To initiate an electronic payment, please email the following information to payments@pdc.wa.gov (see below):

- Your PDC Case Number (143847)
- The Respondent's Name (Tacoma-Pierce Co. Assoc. of Realtors)

A payment link containing further instructions will be emailed to you. Processing fees may apply.

Mailed or In-Person Payment Option

To submit a physical payment, make your check or money order payable to "Washington State Treasurer," write your PDC Case Number in the Memo field, and mail or deliver the payment **and your signed SOU** to one of the addresses shown below:

Regular mail:

Public Disclosure Commission
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

Overnight mail or in-person delivery:

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