



STATE OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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I, Keren Vazquez herby acknowledge that:
Keren Vazquez

During election year 2023, while a candidate for the position of City Council Member for the City of Sunnyside, I, violated RCW 42.17A.205, WAC 390-16-105 and WAC 390-16-115 by converting to the Mini Reporting option when my campaign was not eligible; RCW 42.17A.220 by failing to deposit contributions within five business days of receipt; and RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and correctly file campaign reports (C-3 and C-4 reports) disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by my Campaign.

The facts are as follows:

- On October 12, 2023, the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) received a complaint against my campaign alleging failure to timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports. PDC Staff conducted an investigation, identified as case number 143910, and through this review it was determined the campaign had violated additional PDC statues and rules.
- My campaign filed under the Full Reporting option on June 2, 2023, and then amended its filing status on October 23, 2023, to the Mini Reporting option. My campaign accepted contributions on September 3, 2023, and September 26, 2023, that exceeded the per person \$500, aggregate, allowable limit to be eligible for the Mini Reporting option.
- My campaign filed only one C-3 report, submitted on 10/26/23, identifying five contributions received between June 8, 2023, and October 11, 2023, for a total of \$2,085. These contributions were deposited on October 12, 2023.
 - o The reported information for the June through September contributions was significantly late. In the reporting cycle for the October contributions, the report was submitted 10 days late. The contribution information was provided after the complaint was filed.

- o All but the contribution received on October 11, 2023, were held past the allowed five business days of receipt for deposit.
- My campaign filed most of the required C-4 reports, on October 27, 2023, after the complaint was filed. On January 1, 2024, after the PDC instructed me to do so, I filed the 7-day pre-general and the post-general reports. The end of cycle C-4 was reported timely. Because the expenditures reported in these reports were missing details about the purpose of the expenditure, I amended the reports on January 22, 2024.

I would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, I acknowledge that I violated Washington law as described above and agree to enter this Statement of Understanding to resolve this case with the PDC. Further, per the Penalty Schedule in WAC 390-37-143, I agree to pay a \$150 combined civil penalty for violations violated RCW 42.17A.205, WAC 390-16-105, WAC 390-16-115, RCW 42.17A.220, RCW 42.17A.235, and RCW 42.17A.240.

By signing this Statement of Understanding, I acknowledge that I violated RCW 42.17A.205, WAC 390-16-105, WAC 390-16-115, RCW 42.17A.220, RCW 42.17A.235, and RCW 42.17A.240 as described above and waive my right to a hearing in this matter. I further understand that by signing this Statement of Understanding and paying the \$150 civil penalty, PDC case number 143910 is resolved.


Signature

01-25-2024
Date

Please make your check or money order payable to the "Washington State Treasurer" and be sure to include PDC case number 143910 in the memorandum field, and or deliver this Statement of Understanding along with your payment/check, by January 30, 2024, to the PDC at the following address:

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