

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Delivered electronically to romero4schools@yahoo.com

Subject: PDC Case 144694 regarding Joseph Romero

Joseph Romero:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaints filed by Conner Edwards on October 27, 2023 and November 1, 2023. The complaints alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures.

Applicable Laws and Rules

- <u>RCW 42.17A.235</u> describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions.
- <u>RCW 42.17A.240</u> requires committees to file accurate campaign finance reports with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Background and Findings

- Joseph Romero was a full reporting candidate for School Director for Puyallup School District in election year 2023.
- The Respondent failed to timely file their 21 day and 7 day pre-general C-4 report
- The Respondent filed their C-4 report covering the 21 day and 7 day pre-general period as well as the post general C-4 on November 19, 2023.
- This C-4 report disclosed \$3,507.14 that was filed late.
- The Respondent does not have prior violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240.

Summary and Resolution

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, you are receiving a formal written warning concerning failure to timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditures. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that you timely file all future required reports of contributions and expenditures. The

Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Any allegations regarding reporting by you for election year 2023 that are not otherwise addressed are hereby dismissed.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with <u>RCW 42.17A.755(1)</u>.

If you have questions, you may contact Jordan Campbell at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

<u>Electronically signed by Jordan Campbell</u> Jordan Campbell Compliance Coordinator <u>Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee</u> Peter Frey Lavallee Executive Director

cc: Conner Edwards