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April 19, 2024

Delivered electronically to East Valley 4 Education Levy Committee, at
eastvalley4education@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Conner Edwards, PDC Case 148216

Dear East Valley 4 Education Levy Committee:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Conner Edwards concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Mr. Edwards, the PDC has dismissed these matters following RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in these matters.

However, per WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this serves as a formal written warning concerning RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), showing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the February 2024 Special Election committee. Staff expects the committee, moving forward, to file accurate and timely reports of contributions and expenditures in the ORCA system. If violations of PDC laws or rules occur in the future, the Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action.

If you have questions, you may contact Tanya Mercier by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Electronically signed

Tanya Mercier
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s/ Electronically signed

Peter Frey Lavallee
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Subject: Complaint against East Valley 4 Education Levy Committee, PDC Case 148216

Dear Conner Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review and assessment of the complaint you filed on February 2, 2024. The complaint alleged that East Valley 4 Education Levy Committee, a Continuing Committee in the February 2024 Special Election, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), showing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegation(s); the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response(s) provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; the Respondent's data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database; and other relevant information, to decide whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- East Valley 4 Education Levy Committee filed a Committee Registration (C-1pc) on January 19, 2024, for the Full Reporting option. Dawn Bushyeager is the Treasurer and Jody Garcia is the Co-Treasurer for the committee.
- Per RCW 42.17A.235 and .240, under the Full Reporting option, a committee is required to disclose contribution and expenditure information by submitting Receipts and Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports and Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports to the PDC. The Committee's due dates for the C-3 and C-4 reports are determined by its activity and participation in the election cycle.
- The 21-day pre-election C-4 was due on January 23, 2024. The committee filed a C-4 for the period 01/04/23 – 01/22/24, on January 23, 2024, and amended several times with the final amendment on February 23, 2024, with substantive changes. Because the amendments included substantive changes, the report is considered filed late.

- The 7-day pre-election C-4 was due on February 06, 2024. The committee filed a C-4 for the period 01/23/24 – 02/05/24, on February 05, 2024, and amended numerous times with the final amendment on, March 20, 2024, with substantive changes. Because the amendments included substantive changes, the report is considered filed late.
- The post-election C-4, due on March 11, 2024, was filed timely.
- The Respondent does not have other similar warnings or violations of PDC requirements.

Based on our case review staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), showing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the February 2024 Special Election committee, does not amount to a finding of a violation that calls for further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, East Valley 4 Education Levy Committee will receive a formal written warning concerning RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), showing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the February 2024 Special Election committee. Staff expects the committee, moving forward, to file accurate and timely reports of contributions and expenditures in the ORCA system. If violations of PDC laws or rules occur in the future, the Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action necessary and has dismissed this matter per RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

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cc: East Valley 4 Education Levy Committee