

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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March 11, 2025

Delivered electronically to Dustin Shaffer at drshaff730@gmail.com

Subject: Regarding Complaint filed by Conner Edwards, PDC Case 151267

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Conner Edwards on February 20, 2024. The complaint alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failure to timely and accurately file expenditure reports during the 2023 Primary election cycle.

Applicable Laws & Rules

- RCW 42.17A.235 describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions.
- RCW 42.17A.240 describes the required contents of campaign finance reports filed with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Background & Findings

- Dustin Shaffer (Respondent) was a candidate for City Council Member position in the City of Lake Forest during the 2023 Primary election cycle. Dustin Shaffer was registered under the "Full Reporting" option.
- The Respondent failed to timely and accurately file the required expenditure (C-4) reports, as a candidate registered with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) under the "Full Reporting" option.
- On January 12, 2025, the Respondent late filed all the missing expenditure (C-4) reports showing zero/no campaign monetary activity during the entirety of the 2023 Primary campaign/election duration.
- The Respondent does not have any prior violations of PDC laws/rules.

Summary and Resolution

You completed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) and paid a \$100 civil penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule), acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely file the post-primary election C-4 Report during the 2023 Primary election campaign.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with <u>RCW 42.17A.755(1)</u>. Any allegations regarding reporting by you for the 2023 election cycle that are not otherwise addressed are hereby dismissed.

You are required to comply with all PDC requirements in the future. Failure to do so could lead to further enforcement action.

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina at toll-free (1-877-601-2828) or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

s/_____ Erick O. Agina PDC Compliance Officer

s/_____ Kim Bradford Deputy Director For Peter Frey Lavallee Executive Director

cc: Conner Edwards