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July 11, 2019

Delivered electronically to Trevor Gage at [gagegroup@gmail.com](mailto:gagegroup@gmail.com)

Subject: Complaint regarding Pedro Olguin, PDC Case 27211

Dear Mr. Gage:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on November 4, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Pedro Olguin, a first-time candidate for City Council Member for the City of Burien in 2017, may have violated RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-037 by failing to provide detailed breakdown of expenditures for wages paid to Mogollan Guillermo.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the applicable C-3 and C-4 reports filed by Burien for Olguin (Committee); and the response provided by the Committee.

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

On April 11, 2017, Pedro Olguin timely filed a C-1 report declaring his candidacy for City Council Member for the City of Burien and selected the Full Reporting Option.

Allegation: Failure to breakdown expenditures.

- PDC staff reviewed the five total expenditure breakdowns for \$2,200 in total wages paid to Guillermo Mogollan between October 3, 2017 and October 28, 2017. Staff found that the description of the wage payments to Guillermo Mogollan did not include specific or additional details regarding what services were provided by Mr. Mogollan. However, staff also determined that "wages" is an acceptable description in this instance.

Although the description of the wages paid to Guillermo Mogollan by the Committee on five separate occasions did not include the specifics as to why he received the wages or services provided, "wages" is a common and acceptable description as depicted on *Schedule A to the C-4 form* under *Codes for Classifying Expenditures*.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, the failure by the Committee to include specific details why they paid wages to Guillermo Mogollan, does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

However, staff is reminding Pedro Olguin about the importance of always properly describing and breaking down expenditures in details, where applicable, for all future reports filed with the PDC.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina at 360-586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
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For Peter Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Pedro Olguin

