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Sept. 13, 2024

Delivered electronically to justinmurta@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Conner Edwards, PDC Case 155324

Dear Justin Murta:

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 Conner Edwards, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Electronically signed Alice Fiman

Alice Fiman
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Endorsed by,

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Dear Conner Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed June 11 and August 7, 2024. The complaints alleged Justin Murta a 2024 Candidate for Washington State Insurance Commissioner, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely file Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and Campaign Summary Receipts and Expenditures (C-4) reports, disclosing contributions and expenditures.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and evidence you submitted; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Justin Murta; the applicable PDC reports filed by Justin Murta; and other relevant information to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Justin Murta registered with the PDC as a 2024 Candidate for Insurance Commissioner on May 24, 2024.
- RCW 42.17A.240 requires candidates file accurate campaign finance reports with the Public Disclosure Commission.
- RCW 42.17A.235 describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions.
- Justin Murta filed a C-4 report on July 30, 2024 that covered May 24 – May 31, 2024. The report listed zero contributions or expenditures and previous expenditures of \$1,457.14.
- On Sept. 3, 2024, Murta amended this C-4 report to cover May 10 – May 31, 2024 to correctly report the \$1,457.14 expenditure as an in-kind contribution from the candidate.
- Murta also filed a second C-4 on Sept. 3, 2024 covering the period of June 1 – Sept. 30, 2024. The C-4 report listed zero expenditures or contributions.

- As noted in his response, Murta paid for the campaign himself, did not receive any contributions and did not advance to the 2024 General Election.
- Non-compliance appears to be the result of a good-faith omission that Justin Murta remedied after being notified by the PDC.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely report the expenditure for the filing fee report does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

The violations of PDC laws and rules made by Justin Murta are remedial in nature and do not warrant further investigation or enforcement action. The expenditure and contribution involved totaled no more than the contribution limits set forth in RCW 42.17A.405(2) were inadvertent and minor and did not materially harm the public interest beyond the harm to the policy of Chapter 42.17A RCW inherent in any violation.

Justin Murta was a candidate who lost the election and did not receive aggregate contributions over the amount set forth in RCW 42.17A.005(46)(d)(ii)(B) per election during the campaign.

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

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