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July 31, 2024

Delivered electronically to Maria Gloria Mendoza, at gloria@votegloria.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Ray Shafer, Case 156095

Dear Gloria Mendoza:

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

As noted in the letter to Mr. Shafer the PDC has dismissed this matter per RCW 42.17A.755(1) and WAC 390-37-060(1)(a) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s/ Electronically Signed

Tanya Mercier
Compliance Officer

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Delivered electronically to Ray Shafer at shafer4@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint about Maria Gloria Mendoza, Case 156095

Dear Ray Shafer:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 26, 2024. The complaint alleged that Gloria Mendoza (the “Respondent”), a candidate for State Representative, Legislative District 14 Position 1, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately disclose an expenditure on a Receipts and Expenditure Summary (C-4) report and RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to provide sponsor identification on political advertising during the 2024 election.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response(s) provided by the Respondent; 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:

- Maria Gloria Mendoza, a candidate in election 2024 for State Representative, filed a candidacy registration with the PDC on May 15, 2024, for the Full Reporting option.
- 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 amended C-4 report, #110222440, provided as evidence for late reporting was submitted to the PDC on June 12, 2024, and amended a prior report that was submitted timely. The amended report added USPS services of \$154 to expenditures and was reported as an in-kind contribution from the candidate. In this instance, amendments are insufficient evidence of late reporting. There are many reasons a committee might amend their reports and the mere presence of an

amendment is not itself conclusive evidence of a violation. As well, the public was not deprived of critical information prior to the election.

- RCW 42.17A.320 states, “all written political advertising, whether relating to candidates or ballot propositions, shall include the sponsor’s name and address.” The statute exempts yard signs, if the signs were printed before June 6, 2024, and other forms of political advertising where sponsor identification is impractical.
 - Upon review of the photos provided as evidence, there is a date stamp on the yard sign showing a print date of May 31, 2024. The yards signs are exempt from the sponsor identification requirement.
- The Respondent does not have other similar warnings or violations of PDC requirements.

Based on our findings, the evidence does not support a violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failing to timely and accurately disclose an expenditure on a Receipts and Expenditure Summary (C-4) report or for RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to provide sponsor identification on political advertising during the 2024 election.

The PDC finds that no further action is necessary and has dismissed this matter per RCW 42.17A.755(1) and WAC 390-37-060(1)(a).

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cc: Maria Gloria Mendoza