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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
Citizens for Better Government by IAFF Local 726
PDC Case 157524

I, Shaun Cuthbert, in my capacity as Secretary/Treasurer of Citizens for Better Government by IAFF Local 726 Sponsored by IAFF Local 726 (the “Respondent”), hereby acknowledge that the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 by failing to timely disclose contributions and expenditures on C-4 reports for election year 2024.

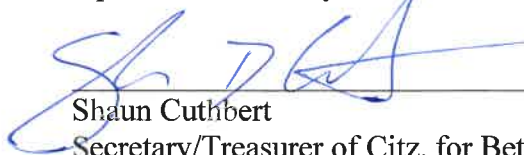
The facts are as follows:

- The Respondent’s C-4 report (covering 4/2/24 - 4/15/24) was filed 75 days late and before the Primary Election. The report disclosed \$7,700 in election-related expenditures, including seven contributions made to candidates.
- The Respondent’s C-4 report for May of 2024 was filed 44 days late and before the Primary Election. The report disclosed \$6,000 in election-related expenditures, including five contributions made to candidates.
- The Respondent’s 7-day pre-Primary C-4 report (covering 7/16/24 – 7/29/24) was filed one (1) day late and before the Primary Election. Late-reported expenditures totaled \$21,026, including \$5,300 in election-related expenditures (six contributions made to candidates), and a \$15,726 contribution made to a political committee.

The Respondent would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, the Respondent acknowledges that it violated Washington State law as described above and agrees to enter into this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, the Respondent agrees to pay a \$150 penalty for acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failing to timely file three C-4 reports disclosing a total of \$34,726 in election -related expenditures for election year 2024.

The Respondent understands that, by signing this SOU, it acknowledges the violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waives its right to a hearing in this matter. The Respondent further understands that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with a payment for the \$150 civil penalty will resolve the issue of the three late-filed C-4 reports for election year 2024 indicated above.



Shaun Cuthbert

Secretary/Treasurer of Citz. for Better Government by IAFF Local 726

10/19/2024
Date Signed

Kindly sign and submit this SOU and your payment using one of the options below by no later than **October, 21, 2024**.

Online Payment Option

To initiate an electronic payment, please email the following information to payments@pdc.wa.gov (see below):

- Your PDC Case Number (157524)
- The Respondent's Name (Citizens for Better Government by IAFF Local 726)

A payment link containing further instructions will be emailed to you. Processing fees may apply.

- ***Email a scanned image of your signed SOU to the Compliance Officer assigned to your case prior to making your online payment.***

Mailed or In-Person Payment Option

To submit a physical payment, make your check or money order payable to "Washington State Treasurer," write your PDC Case Number in the Memo field, and mail or deliver the payment **and your signed SOU** to one of the addresses shown below:

Regular mail:

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