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| Complaint Description |
| <p>Malpassforjudge</p> <p>Mon, 15 Jul 2024 at 8:29 PM</p> <p>I timely requested to change from mini to full reporting on July 5, provided notice to my opponent and filed the C3 / C4 reports the following week (although not very well).</p> <p>I did not understand the C3/C4 have to be filed while still under the mini reporting and before approval of full reporting. However, I complied with the PDC directive (Ashley Carlson) to complete the reports. I appreciate her patience with my challenges. I am not even certain my request convert from mini to full reporting can actually be denied. I hope not.</p> <p>Nonetheless, I met the August 30 deadline for a judicial candidate that is automatically forwarded to the General Election (no primary).</p> <p>As of July 15, 2024 the request to change from mini to full reporting has not been achieved. My alleged, potential or prospective violations do not negatively impact the public and I desire to continue reporting information the public would want to know.</p> <p>I was told there is a "process" and "package" to be submitted to the Director, but do not know the timeframe or information required or what is being requested.</p> <p>Out of caution and for full disclosure to the public I am self-reporting preemptively and forecasting exceeding the expenditures under the mini reporting standard. It is inevitable as long as the PDC process for conversion to mini to full reporting experiences continued delays.</p> <p>I do not believe the PDC intends to intentionally stall or interrupt a candidate's campaign, but the process seems to be taking a while.</p> <p>Yet, the efforts and expenses of a campaign for a candidate running in three counties still accrue. Stopping all expenditures while waiting for the PDC to make a decision is unduly burdensome. I accept the mistake of mini reporting and will advise anyone to never do it, but I would like a resolution.</p> <p>I do appreciate the time and detail the agency expends into reviewing and managing the campaign contributions and expenditures. I just do not understand why it takes so long. I will accept responsibility for exceeding any mini reporting limits.</p> |

The PDC website states "So long as a completed application for changing options is received by the deadline, the application will be approved by the PDC's executive director." It further states "At the time of your request, you must not have exceeded the mini reporting limits."

I had difficulty with reporting expenditures paid exclusively by me and contributions that would be directly from me (no third parties). Admittedly, the process to report, submit and certify can be confusing, so I amended the C4 and C3 forms several times and gave the PDC access on July 12.

As of July 15 there has not been any response from the PDC and I am projected or already now over the limits due to outstanding invoices that required payment. Expenditures are continuing. For example, I am charged a monthly fee for the campaign website. Stopping the expenditure means shutting down the website? I do not think that is the intent of the PDC.

I followed the procedures to notify my opponent and filed the C3 and C4 reports requested. I have not received any contributions from anyone other than myself and offer this self disclosure or self reporting of expected violations if the delay continues.

I would like to hire an individual to maintain the receipts and accounting, but due to the uncertainty of when or if the approval from mini to full reporting is made by the PDC. Yet, my ability to pay someone is restricted via the "exceeding the expenditures" issue.

Please accept my self disclosure and reporting, I hope there is an imminent resolution. I intend to comply with reporting all contributions and expenditures and do not want to intentionally violate any reporting standards. But, I do not want to suspend my campaign either. I hope there is a collaborative resolution. Warm regards, Lisa

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

The public is impacted when the approval to convert from mini to full reporting is delayed and a candidate cannot fulfill the obligations and responsibilities required for mini or full reporting. The candidate is under the restrictions of mini reporting and not having to file reports while at the same time filing reports as if full reporting but limited to mini reporting standards. The public is impacted if it does not know what is exactly needed to be forwarded to the director for approval when notice, deadlines, and limits are met.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

See reports

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Ashley Carlson is who I have been communicating with at the PDC.

Certification (Complainant)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.