

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Delivered electronically to cg.edwards53@gmail.com.

Subject: Complaint regarding Nicholas Timm, PDC Cases 159755

Dear Conner Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 11, 2024. The complaint alleged that Nicholas Timm, a candidate, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file *Campaign Summary Receipts & Expenditures* reports (C-4 reports), disclosing expenditures undertaken by the campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements for a 2024 candidate under the Full Reporting option; the applicable Expenditures Reports (C-4 reports) filed 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:

- Nicholas Timm filed a Candidate Registration declaring their candidacy for County Commissioner in Okanogan County, selecting the Full Reporting Option.
- A complaint was filed alleging failure to timely file their post-primary C-4 report, and one C-4
 (expenditure) report with a lack of required detail for an in-kind purchase, as required by WAC
 390-16-037.
- RCW 42.17A.235 describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions.
- RCW 42.17A.240 requires committees to file accurate campaign finance reports with the Public Disclosure Commission.
- The post-primary C-4 was filed on September 11, 2024, one day late.
- The Respondent amended their C-4 report covering June 1, 2024 through July 15, 2024 to include the required expenditure details.

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).

Furthermore, any allegations regarding reporting by this respondent for the 2024 campaign that are not otherwise addressed here are hereby dismissed.

Pursuant to <u>WAC 390-37-060(1)(d)</u>, however, Nicholas Timm will receive a formal written warning concerning failure to timely disclosure of all contribution and expenditures. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Nicholas Timm timely files all future required reports of contributions and expenditures. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Jordan Campbell at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

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Compliance Coordinator

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cc: Nicholas Timm