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October 23, 2024

Delivered electronically to Lewis County Democratic Central Committee at lewiscodemocratswa@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Conner Edwards, PDC Case 160311

Dear Lewis County Democratic Central Committee:

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

This letter is to notify you about the resolution for PDC Case 160311

As noted in the letter to Conner Edwards the PDC has dismissed these matters following RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in these matters.

PDC staff is reminding you to submit C-4 expenditure reports by the expedited deadlines in RCW 42.17A.235 when you have engaged in activity supporting candidates on the primary ballot. For more information on how to update your reporting date settings if you are using ORCA, please see our tutorial <a href="here">here</a>.

If you still require assistance or have any questions regarding how to avoid this issue in the future, please contact our Filer Assistance team by e-mail at <a href="mailto:pdc.wa.gov">pdc.wa.gov</a> or by calling (360)753-1111 and selecting option 3

If you have questions, you may contact Jordan Campbell by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely, Endorsed by,

/s/ Electronically signed /s/ Electronically signed

Jordan Campbell

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Subject: Complaint against Lewis County Democratic Central Committee, PDC Case 160311

Dear Conner Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review and assessment of the complaints you filed on August 5, 2024. The complaints alleged that Lewis County Democratic Central Committee, a Political Action Committee participating in the 2024 Election, may have violated the following:

1. RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely file the 21-day and 7-day reports during an election in which they were participating.

PDC staff reviewed the allegation; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the applicable PDC 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:

- RCW 42.17A.235(2) states "Each treasurer of a candidate or political committee, or an incidental committee, required to file a statement of organization under this chapter, shall file with the commission a report, for each election in which a candidate, political committee, or incidental committee is participating, containing the information required by RCW 42.17A.240 at the following intervals:
  - On the twenty-first day and the seventh day immediately preceding the date on which the election is held.
- RCW 42.17A.005(38) defines participation to include:
  - o Making either a monetary or in-kind contribution to a candidate; and
  - Making an independent expenditure or electioneering communication in support of or opposition to a candidate.

• The Respondent submitted an expenditure report for its July expenses by Aug. 10, the deadline for committee reporting monthly.

As noted in the letter to Conner Edwards the PDC has dismissed this matter following RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in these matters.

PDC staff is reminding the Respondent to submit C-4 expenditure reports by the expedited deadlines in RCW 42.17A.235 when it has engaged in activity supporting candidates on the primary ballot.

The PDC finds that no further action necessary and has dismissed this matter per RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Jordan Campbell by e-mail at <a href="mailto:pdc.wa.gov">pdc.wa.gov</a>.

Sincerely, Endorsed by,

/s/ Electronically signed /s/ Electronically signed

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Deputy Director
For Peter Frey Lavallee

**Executive Director** 

cc: Lewis County Democratic Central Committee