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November 26, 2024

Delivered electronically to hollycousens@live.com.

Subject: Complaint filed by Conner Edwards, PDC Case 160565

Holly Cousens:

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

As noted in the letter, the PDC has resolved this matter as a technical correction in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and WAC 390-37-060 and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

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).

If you have questions, contact Colin Peeples, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed Colin Peeples

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Endorsed by,

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Subject: Complaint regarding Holly Cousens, PDC Case 160565

Dear Conner Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed August 19, 2024. The complaint alleged Holly Cousens may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failure to accurately file C-4 (expenditure) Reports.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and evidence you submitted; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; a phone call from Jeremy Nygaard, treasurer of the 2023 campaign for Yakima City Council; the applicable PDC reports; 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:

- The complaint alleged a negative balance on C-4 (expenditure) Reports and failure to disclose required quantities of political advertising on reports.
- The campaign made contribution entries with a deposit date of 2024, instead of 2023.
- Once contacted, the campaign corrected the deposit dates and updated their expenditure detail to include quantities and run dates for political advertising.

Based on our findings, staff determined Holly Cousens made a minor or ministerial error, which did not materially impact the public interest but needed to be corrected for the report to be in full compliance with the requirements of the chapter.

Based on this information, the matter is resolved as a technical correction pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755 and WAC 390-37-060. The PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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