February 4, 2025

Delivered electronically to partytoelectmarcdoney@gmail.com.

Subject: Complaint filed by Conner Edwards, PDC Case 160582

Dear Marc Doney:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Conner Edwards concerning complaints he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) against your 2024 Campaign for County Commissioner in Okanogan County.

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

However, pursuant to <u>WAC 390-37-060(1)(d)</u>, this serves as a formal written warning concerning the requirement to timely and accurately file Contributions (C-3) reports and Campaign Summary Receipts and Expenditures (C-4) reports. In the future, staff expects you to file timely and accurately as required. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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, you may contact Colin Peeples at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely, Endorsed by,

<u>Electronically signed Colin Peeples</u>
<u>Electronically signed Peter Frey Lavallee</u>

Colin Peeples Peter Frey Lavallee
Compliance Coordinator Executive Director

February 4, 2025

Delivered electronically to cg.edwards53@gmail.com.

Subject: Complaint regarding Marc Doney, PDC Case 160582

Dear Conner Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed on October 1 and December 11, 2024. The complaints alleged that Marc Doney, a candidate, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file *Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions* reports (C-3 reports) and *Campaign Summary Receipts & Expenditures* reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and 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 Summary Full Campaign

Contributions (C-3 reports) and 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:

- Marc Doney (the Respondent) filed a Candidate Registration declaring their 2024, candidacy for County Commissioner in Okanogan County, selecting the Full Reporting Option.
- Complaints were filed alleging late filed C-3 (contribution) Reports, failure to disclose the filing fee, failure to include run dates for political advertising in the 2024 election cycle and failure to file the post general C-4 Report.
- 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.
- WAC 390-16-037 includes directions on disclosing expenditures made for certain types of political advertisements and includes an example of the expected detail.
- Marc Doney filed C-3 (contribution) Reports with incorrect receipt dates but corrected the information and submitted amendments once notified.
- Several C-3 (contribution) Reports were filed late, totaling \$550 dollars out of \$9,048.72 of total cash and in-kind contributions raised during the campaign.
- The campaign amended reports to include run dates and filing fee once notified.
- The Respondent filed the post general C-4 Report five days late, disclosing \$840 in radio and newspaper ads.

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).

Pursuant to <u>WAC 390-37-060(1)(d)</u>, however, Marc Doney 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 Marc Doney timely and accurately 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.

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

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

Sincerely,

Electronically signed Colin Peeples
Colin Peeples Compliance Coordinator

cc: Marc Doney

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