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January 15, 2025

Delivered electronically to Molly Marshall at [mollymarshall@gmail.com](mailto:mollymarshall@gmail.com)

Subject: Complaint filed by John Estey, PDC Case 161348

Dear Molly Marshall:

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

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

If you have questions, you may contact Tanya Mercier, Compliance Officer, by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

/s/ Electronically signed  
Tanya Mercier  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Kim Bradford  
Deputy Director  
For Peter Frey Lavalley  
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January 15, 2025

Delivered electronically to John Estey at [johnestey97@gmail.com](mailto:johnestey97@gmail.com)

Subject: Complaint regarding Molly Marshall, PDC Case 161348

Dear John Estey:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 24, 2024. The complaint alleged that Molly Marshall (Respondent), a candidate in the 2024 election for Spokane County Commissioner for District 5, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately disclose contributions and expenditures on Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and Receipts and Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports; and RCW 42.17A.405 by accepting over-limit contributions.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; and the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Molly Marshall filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) with the PDC on February 9, 2024, under the Full Reporting option. Ms. Marshall filed a Declaration with the Washington State Secretary of State's Office on May 6, 2024. Geoff Bracken is the campaign Ministerial Treasurer.
- Ms. Marshall participated in the 2024 Primary Election and proceeded to the General Election where she lost.
- Per RCW 42.17A.235 and .240, under the Full Reporting option, a committee is required to disclose contribution and expenditure information by submitting Receipts and Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports and Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports to the PDC. The Committee's due dates for the C-3 and C-4 reports are determined by its activity and participation in the election cycle.
- RCW 42.17A.405 describes the limits on monetary and in-kind contributions to candidate committees, including candidates running for a county office.

- Ms. Marshall previously received a Warning, for PDC case #155727, that addressed accepting an in-kind contribution in excess of Primary Election contribution limits for services used in the Primary Election. The Marshall Campaign paid for the services to reduce the aggregate contribution total to Hamilton Studios LLC and amended required reports.
- In this instance, staff found the campaign to be in substantial compliance of reporting requirements.
- In your complaint you allege:  
 The Molly Marshall Campaign and Citizens for Liberty and Labor are in violation of RCW 42.17A.005(15)(a)(iii) and 42.17A.005(30) because Hamilton Studios, an authorized agent of the Molly Marshall Campaign (having produced political advertising for the campaign), also produced ads for Citizens for Liberty and Labor, a committee running independent expenditures in support of Molly Marshall and against her opponent, Al French.
- We have determined there is no evidence that Hamilton Studios, a vendor utilized by both the Molly Marshall campaign and Citizens for Liberty and Labor, acted as an authorized agent, as defined in WAC 390-15-190, for either entity.

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), and WAC 390-37-060(1)(a).

If you have questions, you may contact Tanya Mercier, Compliance Coordinator, by e-mail at [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

/s/ Electronically signed  
 Tanya Mercier  
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cc: Molly Marshall