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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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**Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
Thurston County Democrats
PDC Case 161581**

I, Kait Toompas, in my capacity as Chair of the Thurston County Democrats (the Committee), hereby acknowledge that, during election year 2024, the Committee violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) and Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions reports (C-3 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures.

The facts are as follows:

- The Committee was registered as a county bona fide party committee under the “Full Reporting” option during calendar year 2024.

JULY 2024

- The Committee filed the July 2024 C-4 report seven days late on August 19, 2024, disclosing \$50,655.07 in total contributions and \$29,124.03 in total expenditures.
- The July 2024 C-4 report was amended on December 8, 2024, to add missing expenditure descriptions.
- The Committee filed three C-3 reports seven days late on August 19, 2024, for deposits totaling \$48,212.26 made during the month of July from seven low-cost fundraisers.

AUGUST 2024

- The Committee filed the August 2024 C-4 report thirteen days late, disclosing \$150 in total contributions and \$6,729.31 in total expenditures.

The Committee would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, the Committees acknowledges that it violated Washington state law as described above and agrees to enter into this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, the Committee agrees to pay a \$150 penalty for acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports, disclosing contributions and expenditures during calendar year 2024.

The Committee understands that, by signing this SOU, it acknowledges the violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW set forth above and waives its right to a hearing in this matter. The Committee further understands that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with the \$150 civil penalty will resolve this violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports during calendar year 2024.



Kait Toompas
Chair, Thurston County Democrats

Date Signed

Kindly sign and submit this SOU and your payment using one of the options below by no later than **[DUE DATE]**.

Online Payment Option

To initiate an electronic payment, please email the following information to payments@pdc.wa.gov (see below):

- Your PDC Case Number
- The Respondent's Name

A payment link containing further instructions will be emailed to you. Processing fees may apply.

- ***Email a scanned image of your signed SOU to the Compliance Officer assigned to your case prior to making your online payment.***

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To submit a physical payment, make your check or money order payable to “Washington State Treasurer,” write your PDC Case Number in the Memo field, and mail or deliver the payment **and your signed SOU** to one of the addresses shown below:

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