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Statement of Understanding

Citizens In Support of Yelm Community Schools (Citizens for Yelm)

PDC Cases 158177 & 166572

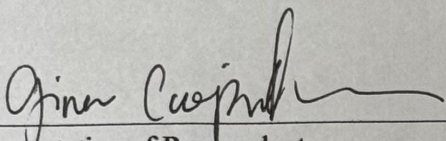
I, Grina Coopridge, the authorized representative of Citizens In Support of Yelm Community Schools – Citizens for Yelm (The Committee), hereby acknowledge that during the April 2024 and February 2025 Special Elections, The Committee violated: (1) RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file Campaign Summary Receipts & Expenditures (C-4) reports, disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Committee; and (2) RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to file a Committee Registration (C-1pc report) for the 2024 April Special Election.

The facts are as follows:

- During the April 2024 Special Election, a 21-Day pre-election C-4 report (covering March 1 – April 1, 2024) and a 7-Day pre-election C-4 report (covering April 2 – April 15, 2024) were due on April 2, 2024, and April 16, 2024, respectively. Separately, a post-election C-4 report (covering April 16 – April 30, 2024) was due on May 10, 2024.
- The Committee did not file its 21- and 7-Day pre-election C-4 reports until November 7 and 12, 2024, 219 and 224 days after the deadline, respectively. This constitutes a violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240.
- The Committee did not file its post-election C-4 report until November 12, 2024, 224 days after the deadline. This also constitutes a violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240.
- The Committee was required to file timely and accurate weekly C-3 reports, each Monday, for deposits made during the previous 7 days beginning December 4, 2023. The Committee did not file any weekly C-3 reports until November 17, 2024, 270 days after the deadline. This also constitutes a violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240.
- The Committee's C-1pc was due within two weeks after the date the Committee first had the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures. The Committee received its first contribution on February 21, 2024. Thus, the Committee was required to file its C-1pc no later than March 6, 2024. The Committee did not file its C-1pc until September 12, 2024, 190 days after the deadline. This constitutes a violation of RCW 42.17A.205.
- Lastly, for the 2025 February Special Election, a 7-Day pre-election C-4 report (covering January 21 – Feb 3, 2025) was due on February 4, 2025. The Committee did not file its 7-Day pre-election C-4 report until February 11, 2025, 7 days after the deadline. This also constitutes a violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240.

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 Committee acknowledges that it violated Washington State law as described above and agrees to enter this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve this 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 \$300 penalty for its violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 as described above. By signing this SOU, I acknowledge the Committee's violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW and waive the Committee's right to a hearing in this matter. I further understand that, by signing this SOU and paying the \$300 penalty, PDC Cases 158177 and 166572 will be fully resolved.



Representative of Respondent

March 12, 2025

Date Signed

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Please make your check or money order payable to the "Washington State Treasurer" and be sure to include PDC Case Numbers 158177 & 166572 in the memorandum field.

Kindly mail or deliver this SOU and your payment by or no later than **March 15, 2025.**