

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Subject: PDC Case 169089 regarding Aaron Bunn

Aaron Bunn,

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Conner Edwards on August 15, 2024. The complaint alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failure to timely and accurately file expenditure reports.

Applicable Laws & Rules

- RCW 42.17A.235 describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions.
- RCW 42.17A.240 describes the required contents of campaign finance reports filed with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Background & Findings

- Aaron Bunn was a candidate for City Council Member in the City of Kelso filing under the Full Reporting option for the 2023 election.
- The complaint alleged negative cash on hand balance and failure to disclose required expenditure detail for political advertising.
- The Respondent notified staff the negative balance was caused by the campaign entering an inkind contribution as a monetary expenditure. The Respondent updated their reporting in accordance with PDC requirements.
- The PDC strongly encourages the Respondent to amend the report to accurately disclose run dates for political advertising.

Summary and Resolution

Having reviewed the complaint and the supporting evidence, PDC staff has determined that the candidate appears to have violated RCW 42.17A. Based on the guidance provided to PDC staff by the Commission at its January 23, 2025, meeting, this matter is being dismissed in accordance with <u>RCW</u> 42.17A.755(1) and <u>WAC 390-37-060(1)(d)</u> due to current caseloads.

Any allegations regarding reporting by you for the 2023 campaign that are not otherwise addressed are also hereby dismissed.

You are required to comply with all PDC requirements in the future. Failure to do so could lead to further enforcement action.

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 by Colin Peeples</u> Colin Peeples Compliance Coordinator

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cc: Conner Edwards