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Ms. Blacksmith,

Please find the following response to PDC Case Number **169481**

Complaint against Together for Pierce County alleging failure to timely and accurately disclose contributions & expenditures on reports (EY25 MAR25).

Thank you for the opportunity to review the complaints and provide a comprehensive response. We have addressed each complaint individually below for clarity.

1. This committee failed to timely file their post-general C4 report.

Together for Pierce County acknowledges that our post-general election C4 report was filed 6 days after the deadline of December 10. However, the report was filed less than a week after the deadline and with complete information. As this was a post election report that involved relatively small resources, this minor delay had no impact on the election or the availability of information to voters in advance of the election.

2. The committee failed to timely disclose a \$7500 contribution and a \$5000 contribution (both of which were required to have been disclosed before the election) until over a month after the election had already ended.

Together for Pierce County acknowledges that the two contributions were received on October 30, making them subject to the final weekly C3 reporting period on November 4, the day before the General Election Day. We sincerely regret the error. The information was included in the first post election report. As the report was due the day before Election Day, it is reasonable to believe that the delay in disclosure had no substantial impact on the election or the availability of information to voters in advance of the election.

3. On the last C4 for 2020, the committee disclosed an ending cash on hand balance of \$1,520.01. However, on the committee's opening C4 for 2024, the committee disclosed a starting balance of \$0.00

4. The committee filed no reports covering January 1, 2021 to August 12, 2024.

We will address these two items together, as they are linked. Together for Pierce County PAC ceased operating after the 2020 election and had no activity between December 2020 and August 2024. When our Operations Director Leticia Villamar, who was the Treasurer for the PAC left our organization in 2021, we believed that the PAC had been closed. That is why a new PAC also named Together for Pierce County was started in 2024 with a new C1 indicating a zero dollar starting balance in a newly established bank account. The current Operations Director and PAC Treasurer, Rowan Lenihan, was not aware of the existence of the previous PAC or of the corresponding bank account, which still exists and holds a balance of \$1520.

We are ready and willing to take all actions recommended by the PDC to harmonize the existence of these two PACs. Our proposal is that we now transfer the \$1520 from the old, no-longer used PAC to the new, operational one, zeroing out that old PAC, and file the appropriate reports for each PAC.

Thank you,

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