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Delivered electronically to Spokane Indivisible at [wfsiems@msn.com](mailto:wfsiems@msn.com)

Subject: PDC Case 169775 regarding Spokane Indivisible

Spokane Indivisible:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Kelly Cruz on March 21, 2025. The complaint alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to register as a political committee and RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to disclose contributions and expenditures.

Applicable Laws and Rules

[RCW 42.17A.205](#) requires registration of political committees two weeks after organization or within two weeks after the date the committee first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in any election campaign, whichever is earlier.

[RCW 42.17A.235](#) describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions, in-kind donations of goods or services, and expenditures made by the campaign.

[RCW 42.17A.240](#) describes the required content of each campaign report including the name and address of each person making contributions and to whom an expenditure was made.

In addition, while an organization may be a civic, social, or professional organization primarily, it may also be a political committee if it solicits or receives contributions for the purpose of use in election campaigns or otherwise meets the primary purpose tests outlined in [PDC Interpretation 07-02](#).

Background and Findings

- The complaint alleged that Spokane Indivisible's Facebook page was created to oppose certain elected officials, specifically Congressman Michael Baumgartner and that it is an unregistered political committee.
- In his response on behalf of the Respondent, William F. Seims explained that Indivisible ([indivisible.org](http://indivisible.org)) is a national 501c4 nonprofit social welfare group with thousands of affiliated

local groups in all states and congressional districts. He stated that Spokane Indivisible is one of these affiliates and as such, Spokane Indivisible is permitted to raise money for projects using the services of ActBlue, so long as money raised is not used to support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure. Mr. Seims further stated this is the only way Spokane Indivisible has ever raised money and asserted that because of this, Spokane Indivisible is not a political committee subject to the PDC's reporting requirements.

- No candidates or ballot measure committees have reported receipt of contributions from Spokane Indivisible.
- Staff's review of Spokane Indivisible's content on Substack did find instances of support for a candidate for federal office and one instance of support for a local school board candidate. The costs connected to these posts are minor and would not constitute expenditures triggering registration or reporting by the Respondent.
- Based on review of the evidence provided in the complaint, Spokane Indivisible's social media and other online media, the response to the complaint, and PDC records, Spokane Indivisible does not meet the requirements to register as a political committee.

### Summary and Resolution

Staff have determined that, in this instance, no evidence shows that Spokane Indivisible meets the definition of a political committee requiring registration per RCW 42.17A.205 and reporting per RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with [RCW 42.17A.755\(1\)](#).

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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