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To: "PDC Support" <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>

External Email

Dear Mr. Agina and members of the Public Disclosure Commission:

I received the email with the complaint alleging two violations of PDC reporting rules.

I was the volunteer tasked with providing financial information to the PDC at the end of 2024 and beginning of 2025. I had multiple questions about how to set up reports for our ballot measure campaign and began working with a PDC advisor in November 2024. We communicated via email and telephone multiple times. The staff member was very patient with my questions and worked to get me answers. I am grateful for the assistance! At the time I made the deposit in question, I thought I understood what I needed to do. Unfortunately, when I went to record the deposit online I ran into difficulty. I had several more back and forth exchanges with the PDC advisor and was eventually able to record the deposit correctly and file C3 and C4 reports.

The ballot measure was not submitted to the county auditor's office until <u>after</u> these C3 and C4 reports were submitted, meaning the reports were filed before the ballot measure became official. The records have been available for any potential voters to examine for multiple months, well before the election.

The second item concerns a C4 which shows an expense payment reimbursing a committee member for website hosting fees. I have been working with our new treasurer to teach her how to enter the C3 and C4 data and unfortunately we missed checking the box that says there was a secondary vendor. As soon as this discrepancy was pointed out to us, she updated the expense information and amended the C4. I believe this error has been corrected. You will note that our new treasurer has been very diligent at entering this information for all subsequent reimbursements.

In considering this case, I hope that you will take into account my good faith effort to enter the required data correctly, as shown by repeated contacts with your office. I do appreciate the importance of proper and timely reporting and have communicated this to our new treasurer. I believe that everything is up-to-date and correct and will strive to assist our treasurer in any way I can so we do not have further issues in the future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you very much for your patience; this has been a significant learning experience for me, and I appreciate your time to sort out my questions as well as respond to this complaint.

Sincerely,

Christine Perkins

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