



**State of Washington
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Delivered electronically to Glen Morgan at glen@wethegoverned.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Pedro Olguin, PDC Case 25502

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 26, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Pedro Olguin, a first-time candidate for City Council Member for the City of Burien in 2017, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and 240: by failing to timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports, including the failure to timely and accurately report debts and obligations.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the applicable C-3 and C-4 reports filed by Burien for Olguin (Committee); and the response provided by the Committee.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

Allegation one: Failure to file accurate and timely C-3 and C-4 reports.

On April 11, 2017, Pedro Olguin timely filed a C-1 report declaring his candidacy for City Council Member for the City of Burien and selected the Full Reporting Option.

- PDC staff reviewed the 15 reports (12 C-3 and three C-4 reports) you attached in the spreadsheet. Staff found that one was an amended report that was originally filed timely. For the remaining 14 reports, six were between six and 35 days late and the remaining seven were between 40 and 74 days late, accounting for \$8,300 in contributions received and \$1,559.17 in expenditures. All the late reports were outside the accelerated reporting period, except for one which was 12 days late, and accounted for \$1,530 in contributions and \$443 in expenditures.

Allegation Two: Failure to timely report debt.

- PDC staff reviewed the three alleged unreported debts you attached in the spreadsheet. Staff found that one item in your spreadsheet appears to be an item that was ordered and paid for at the time the order was placed, during the same reporting cycle. On July 13, 2017, the Committee paid \$510.53 to the *USPS* for postage. The remaining payments – for example \$726.04 to *Overnight Printing* on July 13, 2017, appears to be an order or obligation that should have been reported by the Committee. However, you did not provide any evidence to show that any of these two expenditures, was preceded by a promise to pay in an earlier reporting period.

As noted above, the allegations listed in your complaint concerned information disclosed on the C-3 and C-4 reports filed by the Committee. Staff noted there were 11 reports that were reported late by the Committee. Staff further noted that some information on the reports filed by the Committee were not accurate or were not included in the reports. However, these deficiencies are mitigated by the fact that Pedro Olguin was a first-time candidate who was not familiar with the PDC requirements.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, the failure to file timely and accurate C-3 and C-4 reports, including expenditures for debt, does not amount to an actual violation warranting further investigation.

However, staff is reminding Pedro Olguin about the importance of filing timely and accurate C-3 and C-4 reports disclosing contribution and expenditure activities undertaken by the Committee, including expenditures for debt and filing fee.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina at 360-586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

s/ _____
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

s/ _____
BG Sandahl, Deputy Director
For Peter Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Pedro Olguin

