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External Email

Good Morning Tanya,

After receiving your email, listing the alleged violations, I met with my Campaign Manager James Hume (CC'd on this email as well) and we went through the items line by line.

With regard to the timeliness of reporting, there was some confusion on our part with when the "official" announcement of a candidacy. We were under the impression that the only way someone could "officially" become a candidate was after the filing window during that one week in May. Otherwise, it would just be someone saying they intended to run. We had thought that we were filing within the expected timeline, judging by the "KEY DATES: 2025" guidelines, listed on the PDC Website. Also, we believed we were adhering to the rules judging by the email that we had received from the PDC on May 2nd, which stated: *"These reports are due in place of monthly C-4 reports due through May. May C-4 reports are due by June 10."* We had uploaded financial information on May 17th, thinking we were in alignment with the proper dates. We had also uploaded our expenditures however, I am being told that they are not showing up for the public to view. So, I will need some guidance to sort that issue out as we've made sure that every item was uploaded into the PDC system.

Here is the information that we've also received from the PDC with regard to timelines for filing:

For the upcoming primary, these dates are as follows:

- *21-day pre-primary report: Due July 15, covering June 1 through July 14.*
- *7-day pre-primary report: Due July 29, covering July 15 through July 28.*
- *Post-election report: Due Sept. 10, covering July 29 through Aug. 31.*

We have everything up to date and will continue to upload any donations or expenditures into the system as directed. This is a small campaign that I have funded myself, for the most part, as I did in 2021. Then, I made it through the primary election on \$908.70, refusing donations and contributions unless I had advanced through the primary. This time, I have had more people behind me but have still never held a campaign fund-

raiser. People have donated to the campaign out of the goodness of their hearts to support change in Tacoma. When they do donate, it goes into the campaign bank account and pays for the monthly service fees and general operating costs. When we have needed signs or stickers or postcards, I buy them myself.

This leads me to the next alleged violation: Sponsorship of our signs, stickers, etc. We do not have a sponsorship to list. I have been purchasing those signs and stickers and postcards. As I had said, we are a small campaign. James, myself and James' wife Odessa are our team. This is a grass-roots effort in the purest form. There is no large group who is funding this effort. While it is significantly better than in 2021, it is still a self-funded operation for the most part, as you will see by the small amount of donations that have been made. Last time I ran, in 2021, I bought all the signs myself as well and was never before asked about listing a sponsorship on the signs or the website, because there was no sponsorship. Phil Stutzman was my PDC contact and had never at all mentioned that I needed to change anything about my signs, back then. The one suggestion that he made was that I add the word "FOR" to my signs. As in that I was running FOR Mayor. Otherwise, he had never mentioned anything about adding sponsorship. Simply because there is no sponsorship. My guess is that people would want to know if there was some kind of corporation who I am indebted to, but there is no company or corporation who supports me, like there are with some of the other candidates.

The biggest point that I would like to make is that we are trying to do everything by the books and follow the PDC's guidelines and rules. We are a very small campaign with lofty goals, supported by regular Tacoma citizens, not corporations and Special Interests. My desire to be fully transparent to the voters is paramount and I want to make sure that they have as much access as they need to know that we are up front and honest with regard to who is funding this campaign, which is essentially myself and a few concerned citizens.

I have really appreciated the PDC's willingness to always help me anytime I have needed advice on what to do. Phil Stutzman in particular was truly amazing as was anyone else who had helped me along the way. I will need some help sorting out why our expenditures are not showing up and will be calling as soon as my schedule allows. I work full-time in a very chaotic position so my time is very limited to being able to sit on the phone very long during business hours. I will call the Help Line this week and get that sorted out.

I hope that I have adequately addressed the items listed in the complaint and will do whatever it takes to get this sorted out but I can assure you that there has been no nefarious intent behind any of our actions. We want what's best for Tacoma and have tried our hardest, within our abilities, to adhere to the rules as best as possible. We are done spending until the primaries and will continue as we have to try and get the word out about

the campaign with the limited funds that we do have, reporting anything that may be donated along the way.

I look forward to your response and to the next steps along the way in this process. I/We will do anything we can to correct anything that may be wrong with our PDC reporting and look forward to making it through the primary and on to the General Election in November. Again, I appreciate your help along the way and look forward to a continued good relationship with the PDC.

Very Best Regards,

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