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January 14, 2020

Delivered electronically to "chair@snocogop.org"

Subject: Complaint filed by Walter Smith, PDC Case 24654

Dear Snohomish County Republican Central Committee:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Walter Smith concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Walter Smith, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.775 and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-586-4555 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s

Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Coordinator

/s

Barbara Sandahl
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Subject: Complaint regarding Snohomish County Republican Central Committee,
PDC Case 24654

Dear Walter Smith:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 1, 2017. The complaint alleged that Snohomish County Republican Central Committee (Respondent), a political committee may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; and the Thurston County Superior Court Case 17-2-05728-34 and as a result of staff’s review, we found the following:

- The allegations contained in the complaint underlying PDC Case 24654 are substantially similar to a complaint filed in Superior Court by the Attorney General pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765, or by a citizen pursuant to RCW 42.17A.775.
- On January 2, 2020, the PDC became aware that a lawsuit containing substantially similar allegations as the complaint underlying PDC Case 24654 was filed in Superior Court in the name of Washington State.

The Superior Court now has primary jurisdiction over the substance of this complaint, and the PDC will defer to its judgment in bringing the issues to resolution.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.775 and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

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