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December 13, 2018

Sent electronically to William Peach at graywolf7167@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding William Peach, PDC Case 40731

Mr. Peach:

Below is a copy of a letter sent to Craig Ritchie concerning the complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) against you on September 11, 2018.

On December 5, 2018, you confirmed in an email to PDC staff, by way of your treasurer, Sandy Schier, that you completed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) that you signed, agreeing to a \$600 penalty payment. In addition, you provided PDC staff with an emailed copy of the signed Statement of Understanding (SOU) acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.235, that was dated December 5, 2018.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed the complaint in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

Please ensure that the physical, signed copy of the SOU, as well as the payment, are delivered promptly.

If you have questions, you may contact me 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/	s/		
Erick Agina PDC Compliance Officer	Peter Lavallee Executive Director		





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Dear Mr. Ritchie:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 11, 2018. The complaint alleged that William Peach, an incumbent Clallam County Commissioner and candidate seeking re-election to that office in 2018, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235, and .240 by failing to timely file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports), and Campaign Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) disclosing contribution and expenditure activities undertaken by his campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in the complaint, exhibits, the statutes, rules and reporting requirements, and the C-3 and C-4 reports filed by the Committee to Re-elect County Commissioner Bill Peach and the response to the complaint. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On May 1, 2018, William Peach filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) declaring his candidacy re-election to County Commissioner in Clallam County in 2018, selecting the Full Reporting Option, and listing Silver Moon Bookkeeping, Sandy Schier as Treasurer.
- On August 3, 2018, the Campaign filed a C-3 report disclosing that Mr. Peach loaned \$20,000 to his Campaign using personal funds on May 16, 2018. The Campaign was required to file a C-3 report with an attached Schedule disclosing the \$20,000 candidate and the loan terms no later than June 11, 2018. The Campaign filed the C-3 report 53 days late, and just four days prior to the August 7, 2018 primary election. The candidate loan \$20,000 from Mr. Peach represented 84.5 percent of all contributions received by the Campaign as of November 14, 2018.
- On September 19, 2018, the Campaign filed three late primary election C-4 reports:
 - The 21-Day Pre-Primary Election C-4 report was required to have been filed on July 17, 2018, and the C-4 report disclosed no contributions were received, and \$825 in expenditures made for political advertisements. The C-4 report was filed 63 days late and after the August 7, 2018 primary election was held.
 - (2) The 7-Day Primary Election C-4 report was required to have been filed on July 31, 2018, and the C-4 report disclosed \$750 in contributions received and \$2,688 in expenditures made for political advertisements. The C-4 report was filed 49 days late and after the August 7, 2018 primary election was held.
 - o (3) The Post-Primary Election C-4 report was required to have been filed on September 10, 2018, and the C-4 report disclosed \$7,457 in expenditures made for Campaign signs, the development of a Campaign website, the candidate filing fee, and several political advertisements.

On December 10, 2018, William Peach, by way of his campaign treasurer, Sandy Schier, emailed a scanned copy of the signed Statement of Understanding (SOU) acknowledging four violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and agreeing to pay a \$600 civil penalty that was assessed in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule). By completing the SOU, Mr. Peach, acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 by failing to timely file one C-3 and three C-4 reports.

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cc: William Peach

