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August 17, 2018

NOLAN A WENTZ  
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Subject: Request to Change Reporting Options

Dear Mr. Wentz:

This is a formal notification from the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) that your August 13, 2018 request to change from the Mini Reporting option to the Full Reporting option has been denied.

Based on staff's review, your 2018 candidacy for Yakima County Sheriff exceeded the \$5,000 contribution limitations of the Mini Reporting option on June 13, 2018, when you accepted and deposited \$800 in monetary contributions received, which brought total monetary and in-kind contributions to \$5,502. By accepting contributions (monetary and in-kind) and making expenditures, in excess of the \$5000 limit for Mini reporting, you exceeded the Mini Reporting limits.

In your August 15, 2018 email, you stated that the campaign has no financial means to get back within the Mini Reporting limits. Per WAC 390-16-125(5), you exceeded the limitations of the Mini Reporting option prior to completing an application to change to the Full Reporting options, which would likely constitute one or more violations of chapter 42.17A RCW or 390-17 WAC.

One of the PDC's primary missions is making campaign finance contribution and expenditure information timely available to the public, especially close to an election. While PDC staff has denied your request to change reporting options, in the interest of disclosure and transparency, all of the reports you filed electronically will be available on the PDC website. If there is any additional contribution or expenditure activities undertaken which has not been reported, please file those reports.

While PDC staff understands you are a first-time candidate for public office, and that \$6,000 (+) of the \$9,779 in total contributions received were from you using your personal funds, the C-3 and C-4 reports you electronically filed as part of your request, the reports clearly indicate that you exceeded the limitations of the Mini Reporting option.

Based on these facts, PDC staff is opening an initial review of the facts concerning allegations that your 2018 campaign for Yakima County Sheriff exceeded the limitations of the Mini Reporting Option. Keep in mind, that, while the PDC does not have the authority to prevent you from spending additional personal funds, or from engaging in additional campaign activities, any such activities, including contributions or expenditures, or any failure to timely reports these activities, may constitute additional violations of RCW 42.17A or WAC 390.

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For your information, staff's review of the facts is similar to a citizen filed complaint in that a case ticket is created, and the complaint document (in this case a copy of this letter), and your response(s) are posted on the PDC website, and the case status is posted as "Under Assessment." The PDC Enforcement Guide is available on our website under the "Learn" tab, then select "Publications", and then "Enforcement-guide."

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Chip Beatty at (360) 586-0616, toll free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at [chip.beatty@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:chip.beatty@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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