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***VIA EMAIL ONLY***

Kurt Young  
Washington State Public Disclosure Commission  
P.O. Box 40908  
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RE: PDC Case No. 39601, Nolan Wentz

Dear Mr. Young:

This correspondence is in response to the complaint generated by PDC staff on August 20, 2018 alleging violations of RCW 42.17A by the Campaign to Elect Nolan Wentz for Yakima County Sheriff (the "Campaign").

As you are aware, Mr. Wentz is a first-time candidate for office. As such, when he filed for office in May, Mr. Wentz did not anticipate raising significant funds for his race for County Sheriff and thought the \$5,000 maximum for mini-reporting was reasonable. However, the campaign erred in believing that in-kind contributions by Mr. Wentz himself to the Campaign did not count toward the \$5,000 maximum.

As the Campaign attempted to switch to full reporting in August and to file all required C-3 and C-4 forms with the PDC, the Campaign was informed by PDC staff that the candidate's in-kind contributions did in fact count toward the mini-reporting maximum and that the threshold had been exceeded. The Campaign worked diligently with PDC staff to post the filings to ensure full public disclosure while it applied for full reporting status. On August 17, 2018, PDC Executive Director Peter Lavalley denied full reporting status to the Campaign.

Since receiving the denial letter and notice that PDC staff was opening a review of this matter, the Campaign has accepted no contributions of any kind nor had any expenditures save for a parade entry fee that came due, and it will not accept additional contributions or make additional expenditures until this matter is resolved.

It is also important to note that of Mr. Wentz's three opponents in the primary election, two raised and spent several thousand dollars more than Mr. Wentz's campaign and the other raised within \$250 of Mr. Wentz's total. None of these candidates have filed a complaint in this matter.

In summary, the campaign had every intention to comply with campaign finance and disclosure law but made one mistake – assuming candidate in-kind contributions did not count against the mini-reporting threshold. Mr. Wentz regrets the error and has updated all filings to ensure full disclosure and seeks to continue to do so as the campaign progresses.

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Please consider this information expeditiously as you resolve this case, and please contact me if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Brady", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Dan Brady, WSBA #33731