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August 26, 2019

Sent electronically to jeannelegault@aol.com

Subject: Complaints filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 54865

Dear: Jeanne Legault, Treasurer, 37th District Democrats

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging that the 37th Legislative District Democrats violated RCW 42.17A.220 for accepting and retaining over-limit anonymous contributions during the 2016 election year.

As noted in the letter to Mr. Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of not accepting anonymous contributions in excess of the allowable limit. PDC staff expects in the future that you will comply with the anonymous contributions limit in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at (360) 586-4746, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s_____

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s_____

Barbara Sandahl
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Sent Electronically to Glen Morgan at “glen@wethegoverned.com”

Subject: 37th Legislative District Democratic Central Committee, PDC Case 54865

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed July 17, 2019.

Your complaint alleged that the 37th Legislative District Democratic Central Committee (Committee) may have violated RCW 42.17A.220 for accepting anonymous contributions in excess of the allowable limit without forfeiting the excess amount to the State of Washington.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Jeanne Legault, Treasurer, 37th District Democrats; the applicable PDC reports filed by the 37th District Democrats; data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database and PDC Case 26340, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- The 37th Legislative District Democratic Central Committee is a Bona Fide Political Party Committee for the 37th Legislative District, located in Seattle, King County.
- In PDC Case 26340, resolved May 17, 2019, PDC staff investigated the allegation the Committee accepted anonymous contributions in excess of the allowable limit during the 2016 election year.
- RCW 42.17A.220(4) states in part that “accumulated unidentified contributions ..., in excess of one percent of the total accumulated contributions received in the current calendar year, or three hundred dollars, whichever is more, may not be deposited, used, or expended, but shall be returned to the donor if his or her identity can be ascertained. If the donor cannot be ascertained, the contribution shall escheat to the state and shall be paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund.”
- On its website, PDC guidance outlines the amount of anonymous contributions a committee may accept in a calendar year.

- The complaint alleged that in calendar year 2018, the Committee accepted anonymous contributions in the amount of \$658.51 which was \$358.51 more than the allowable limit of \$300.
- In response to this allegation, the Committee reported a November 27, 2017 expenditure to the State of Washington for \$358.51 for Contribution to the General Fund per RCW 42.17A.220(4).
- In issuing its findings in PDC Case 26340, PDC staff inadvertently left off wording regarding a reminder concerning the Committee's failure to comply with the anonymous contributions limit.

PDC staff is reminding the 37th Legislative District Democrats about the importance of compliance with the anonymous contributions limit and rules.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at 1-360-586-4746 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

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