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August 23, 2018

Delivered electronically to "jerb98229@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 38098

Dear James Erb:

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

As noted below to Erika Riggs, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [micaiah.ragins@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:micaiah.ragins@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Micaiah Ragins  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
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Delivered electronically to "erikalriggs@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding James Erb, PDC Case 38098

Dear Erika L Riggs:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on July 20, 2018. Your complaint alleged that James Erb may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely file the C-4 expenditure report that is due twenty-one days before the election.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- The C-4 report was emailed to the PDC on July 17, 2018 as a PDF attachment, which was received twenty-one days preceding the election as required by RCW 42.17A.235(2)(a). The timestamp on the C-4 report does not reflect that the PDC received the document by the deadline.
- The C-4 report was not electronically-filed initially due to a software malfunction with the campaign's third party software, Blue Utopia. Copies of email correspondence demonstrates that the campaign treasurer notified PDF staff of the technical error and emailed the C-4 report as a temporary solution until the software issue was resolved.
- On July 20, 2018, PDF staff acknowledged receipt of the C-4 report that was received on July 17, 2018. The report was electronically filed by the campaign on July 25, 2018 after the software malfunction was resolved.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the twenty-one day C-4 report was filed on-time and the evidence does not support a finding of a material violation warranting further investigation.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

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cc: James Erb