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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding

WA Forward (The Leadership Council): PDC Case 74270

I Tom Perry, as an Officer of WA Forward (The Leadership Council), a political committee (Printed Name of Officer) registered with the PDC, hereby acknowledge that:

WA Forward (The Leadership Council) made monetary contributions to five Legislative candidates during the 2020 election that were affiliated with the monetary contributions made to the same five candidates by The Leadership Council, a separate caucus related political committee registered with the PDC, that exceeded contribution limits in violation of RCW 42.17A.405 and WAC 390-16-309.

RCW 42.17A.405 limits Legislative candidates in 2020 to receiving \$1,000 in total aggregate contributions from any one contributor, including from a political action committee (PAC) for the primary election and \$1,000 in total aggregate contributions for the general election. In addition, WAC 390-16-309 (3) states "...two or more entities shall be treated as one entity and share a contribution limit under RCW 42.17A.405 and 42.17A.410 if one of the entities is established, financed, maintained or controlled by the other."

- WA Forward (The Leadership Council) disclosed on its Committee Registration that it is being sponsored in 2020 by The Leadership Council. To date WA Forward (The Leadership Council) has disclosed receiving \$550,000 in total aggregate contributions from The Leadership Council in 2020 and has received \$100 in additional contributions from ten individuals. WA Forward (The Leadership Council) and The Leadership Council are affiliated entities and share one contribution limit for the 2020 election cycle.
- On October 24, 2019, the Leadership Council made a \$2,000 monetary contribution to the Steve O'Ban Campaign for State Senator in the 28th Legislative District, and the O'Ban Campaign designated \$1,000 for the 2020 primary election and \$1,000 for the 2020 general election. On July 8, 2020, WA Forward (The

Leadership Council) made a \$1,000 monetary contribution to the Steve O'Ban Campaign, which exceeded contribution limits by \$1,000.

- On December 12, 2019, the Leadership Council made a \$1,000 monetary contribution to the Lynda Wilson Campaign for State Senator in the 18th Legislative District, and the Wilson Campaign designated \$1,000 for the 2020 primary election. On July 13, 2020, the Leadership Council made an additional \$1,000 monetary contribution to the Lynda Wilson Campaign, and the Wilson Campaign designated \$1,000 for the 2020 general election. On July 13, 2020, WA Forward (The Leadership Council) made a \$1,000 monetary contribution to the Lynda Wilson Campaign, which exceeded contribution limits by \$1,000.
- On March 11, 2020, the Leadership Council made a \$2,000 monetary contribution to the Connie Beauvais Campaign and the Beauvis Campaign designated \$1,000 for the 2020 primary election and \$1,000 for the 2020 general election. On July 8, 2020, WA Forward (The Leadership Council) made a \$1,000 monetary contribution to the Connie Beauvais Campaign, which exceeded contribution limits by \$1,000.
- On December 12, 2019, the Leadership Council made a \$2,000 monetary contribution to the Ron Muzzall Campaign for State Senator in the 10th Legislative District, and the Muzzall Campaign designated \$1,000 for the 2020 primary election and \$1,000 for the 2020 general election. On July 8, 2020, WA Forward (The Leadership Council) made a \$1,000 monetary contribution to the Ron Muzzall Campaign, which exceeded contribution limits by \$1,000.
- On December 12, 2019, the Leadership Council made a \$2,000 monetary contribution to the Chris Gildon Campaign for State Senator in the 25th Legislative District, and the Gildon Campaign designated \$1,000 for the 2020 primary election and \$1,000 for the 2020 general election. On July 8, 2020, WA Forward (The Leadership Council) made a \$1,000 monetary contribution to the Chris Gildon Campaign, which exceeded contribution limits by \$1,000.

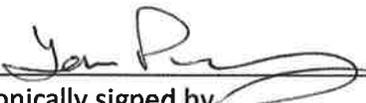
WA Forward (The Leadership Council) would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) being scheduled by Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff. Therefore, in lieu of PDC staff scheduling a Brief Enforcement Hearing, WA Forward (The Leadership Council) is completing this Statement of Understanding and enclosing a check or money order in the amount of \$750 as a penalty payment to resolve this matter.

The \$750 penalty being assessed against WA Forward (The Leadership Council) is for five acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.405, for making contributions to five legislative candidates that, when combined with the contributions made by The Leadership Council, exceeded contribution limits.

The \$750 penalty is being assessed in accordance with the Penalty Schedule and the mitigating and aggravating factors adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143.

WA Forward (The Leadership Council) understands that by completing this Statement of Understanding, the committee acknowledges violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC as set forth above, and the committee is waiving its right to a hearing in this matter.

WA Forward (The Leadership Council) further understands that this will resolve the issue of exceeding contribution limits for the five contributions to Legislative candidates during the 2020 primary election.

s/  _____
Electronically signed by
On behalf of WA Forward (The Leadership Council)

11/4/20
Date Signed

Please make your check or money order payable to the **“Washington State Treasurer”** and be sure to include the PDC Case number in the memorandum field, and mail or deliver this Statement of Understanding along with your payment to:

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