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Statement of Understanding

Thurston County Republican Central Committee: PDC Case 77232

I <u>Sherry Y Beard Slee</u>, hereby acknowledge as a Committee Officer, (Printed Name of Treasurer/Committee Officer) the Thurston County Republican Central Committee violated:

RCW 42.17A.235 by failing to timely file Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) reports disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Thurston County Republican Central Committee (Committee) for election year 2020.

RCW 42.17A.235 requires political committees, including political party committees, to timely and accurately file C-4 reports disclosing contribution and expenditure activities undertaken by a political party committee for the previous reporting period.

As a 2020 continuing political party committee registered with the PDC under the Full Reporting option, the Committee was required to file monthly C-4 reports by the 10th of each month disclosing contribution and expenditure activities incurred in the previous calendar month through May 31, 2020, and 21-Day and 7-Day Pre-Primary C-4 reports and a Post-Primary Election C-4 report.

On October 26, 2020, the Committee filed C-4 reports covering the period January 1 through October 12, 2020, disclosing \$44,598 in total contributions received and \$26,128 in total expenditures made. The C-4 reports filed by the Committee on October 26, 2020, included both the 21-day and 7-day pre-primary C-4 reports disclosing seven 2020 candidate contributions totaling \$6,000 made between July 22 and August 21, 2020.

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The seven candidate contributions made by the Committee included: \$500 to Garry Holland; \$500 to JD

Ingram; \$250 to Marty McClendon; \$2,000 to Dan Giffey; \$2,000 to Drew MacEwen; \$250 to Dusty Pierpoint;

and a \$500 contribution to C Davis.

The \$6,000 in candidate contributions reported on the 21-day and 7-day pre-primary reports filed by the

Committee were disclosed 103 and 89 days late, and only eight days before the November 3, 2020 General

Election.

The Thurston County Republican Central Committee 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, the Thurston County Republican

Central Committee are completing this Statement of Understanding and enclosing a check or money order in

the amount of \$500 as a penalty payment in this matter. The \$500 penalty assessed in this matter is in

accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in

WAC 390-37-143, for the multiple acknowledged violations of 42.17A.235 listed above for failing to timely file

C-4 reports during election year 2020.

The Thurston County Republican Central Committee understands that by completing this Statement of

Understanding, the Committee acknowledges multiple violations of RCW 42.17A set forth above and are

waiving their right to a hearing in this matter.

County Republican Central Committee

2/25/2021 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/check to the PDC at the following address:

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