Charlotte Benjamin (Thu, 1 Oct 2020 at 9:07 PM)

Mx Fox Blackburn:

On behalf of Candidate William D. McKay, Jr., I wish to apologize for the oversight that occurred resulting in this compliant. Both of us wish to assure you that there was not any malicious or nefarious intent resulting in this simple human error oversight.

Let me address the first issue regarding the difference in dates of filing the C1. Candidate McKay when deciding to run for the political position of Commissioner proceeded to file the required C1. However, since Mr. McKay operates his own business, he realized running his own campaign and operating his business simultaneously was more than he could do on his own. He called me requesting me to take on the job as Treasurer for his campaign. After I agreed, I proceeded to take the necessary steps to get his campaign up and running on the PDC's electronic platform.

After reviewing his C1, I realized there were some grammatical errors that needed correction, and therefore, filed an amended C1 with the corrections. Later, I realized that somehow the Committee's name was changed during this first amendment. I informed Mr. McKay of the problem and amended the C1 again to ensure the Committee's name was corrected. This explains the difference in dates of filing the C1.

On the issue of not filing the F1, this is truly a thoughtless oversight. Mr. McKay thought to wait until he filed his tax returns so that he could provide the most up-to-date information on the F1. Normally, he receives his return from his long-time professional accountant before the return is due. However, in this instance, due to the COVID-19 shutdown, his accountant was very slow getting the tax return out.

Since this is Mr. McKay's first-time running for political office, filing the F1 was overlooked and did not get filed at the appropriate time. That problem has been remedied. Mr. McKay's F1 was filed today.

Let me assure you that no harm was intended, and we apologize for any inconvenience or misinterpretation that may have been caused.

Please let either of us know what else we can do to clear up this matter in an expeditious manner.

Sincerely, Charlotte Benjamin Treasurer McKay 4 Benton County Commissioner (ph) 509-924-4211