



**State of Washington  
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February 16, 2021

Delivered electronically to [jwnelson90@gmail.com](mailto:jwnelson90@gmail.com)

Subject: Complaint filed by Mary Loquvam, PDC Case 78848

Dear James W. Nelson:

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Mary Loquvam concerning a complaint filed October 17, 2020 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

On February 10, 2021, the PDC received your completed Statement of Understanding (SOU) acknowledging a violation of RCW 42.17A.235 for failing to timely report contributions and expenditures on a Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) report.

Your payment of a \$150 civil penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule) resolves the issue of failing to timely report contributions and expenditures on a Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) report.

The PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or take any further enforcement action in this matter. Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed the case in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and WAC 390-37-070.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

/s

Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s

Peter Lavalley  
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February 16, 2021

Delivered electronically to maryloq@q.com

Subject: Complaint regarding James W. Nelson, PDC Case 78848

Dear Mary Loquvam:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed October 17, 2020. The complaint alleged James W. Nelson, a 2020 candidate for Whatcom Superior Court Judge Position 4, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely report contributions and expenditures on a Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) report.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the applicable PDC reports; and the response from James W. Nelson, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On May 29, 2020, James W. Nelson registered with the PDC declaring candidacy for Whatcom County Superior County Judge for the 2020 election, selecting the Full Reporting Option.
- Nelson is a first-time candidate for public office.
- In his response to the complaint, Nelson stated: "Due to a technical difficulty the ORCA program would not accept a C4 filing. However, with the aid of PDC assistance the report was filed and all filings are now current."
- ORCA is the PDC's Online Reporting of Campaign Activities application.
- Nelson received assistance from PDC filer assistance staff on October 27, 2020, and the same day Nelson filed 21-day and 7-day Pre-General Election C-4 reports, reporting \$63,078.75 in contributions and \$63,078.75 in expenditures during the 2020 campaign.
- The 7-day Pre-General Election report was filed timely.
- The 21-day Pre-General Election report was filed 14 days late and reported \$31,524.41 in in-kind contributions and the same amount in in-kind expenditures for goods and services, with all contributions from James W. Nelson.

- James W. Nelson was the only listed contributor to the campaign.

On February 10, 2021, the PDC received a completed Statement of Understanding (SOU) from James W. Nelson, acknowledging a violation of RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely report contributions and expenditures on a Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) report.

James W. Nelson paid a \$150 civil penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule), which resolves the issue. PDC staff found no evidence of material violations requiring additional enforcement action in this matter.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed the case against James W. Nelson, in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and WAC 390-37-070.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

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