

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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April 21, 2021

Delivered electronically to kentongartrell@hotmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Janice Deccio, PDC Case 89166

Dear Kenton Gartrell:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on April 13, 2021. The complaint alleged that Janice Deccio (the "Respondent"), a candidate for Yakima City Council, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 by failing to timely report contributions & expenditures undertaken by the campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and the Respondent's filing history and found the following:

- The Respondent registered as a candidate with the PDC on January 30, 2021 under the name "The Committee to Elect Janice Deccio District 4 City Council" and selected the full-reporting option. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.235 & .240, filers with the full-reporting option are required to file periodic reports disclosing contribution & expenditure activity, which are due based on the election cycle.
- Candidates are required to report contributions that are received and deposited during the months of January through April on monthly C-3 reports that are due on or about the 10th day of each following month. When the 10th falls on a weekend, the report is due the next business day.
- Candidates are required to report expenditures made during the months of January through April on monthly C-4 reports that are due on or about the 10th day of each following month. When the 10th falls on a weekend, the report is due the next business day.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.235, the requirement to file monthly reports is triggered only when the candidate's committee 1) receives a contribution or makes an expenditure in the preceding calendar month; and 2) either its total contributions or total expenditures made since the last report exceed \$200.
- The Respondent's campaign website at <u>janicedeccio.com</u> was registered as a domain name on April 7, 2021.
- In an April 10, 2021 post to the Committee to Elect Janice Deccio to City Council's Facebook page, the Respondent thanked readers for donating to the campaign.

- The Respondent's filing history shows she timely filed a C-3 report on April 17, 2021 (report no# 110016824) wherein the campaign reported receipt of two \$125 contributions on April 16, 2021.
- In her response to the complaint, the Respondent indicated that she did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures prior to April 16, 2021 and therefore had nothing to report.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and WAC 390-37-060(1)(a).

For your information, Key Reporting Dates for Candidates in 2021 can be found on the PDC's website at https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/publications/candidate-instructions/basic-information/key-dates-2021-candidates

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 1-360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

cc: Janice Deccio