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June 30, 2021

Sent electronically to Sarah Arndt at [sjcarndt@hotmail.com](mailto:sjcarndt@hotmail.com)

Subject: Complaint regarding Jesse DeGroff, PDC Case 92823

Dear Ms. Arndt:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 11, 2021. Your complaint alleged that Jesse DeGroff, a 2021 first-time candidate for City Councilmember, Position 5 in the City of Woodinville, may have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement report (F-1) and RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1) report within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

PDC staff reviewed the applicable statute(s), rule(s), and reporting requirement(s) related to the annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement and Candidate Registration.

Based on staff review, we found the following:

- On June 24, 2021, Mr. DeGroff filed a Personal Financial Affairs Statement report (F-1) with the PDC. The 2020 F-1 report was due within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than June 4, 2021 and was filed 20 days late.
- On June 25, 2021, Mr. DeGroff filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report with the PDC. The C-1 report was due no later than June 4, 2021 and was filed 21 days late.
- In his response to the complaint, received by the PDC on June 24, 2021, Mr. DeGroff stated: "I was unfamiliar with the process. I have filed both of the reports as required."

While our review found that Jeff DeGroff failed to timely file a Personal Statement of Financial Affairs (F-1) report that was due no June 4, 2021, including failure to file a Candidate

Registration (C-1) report in a timely manner, Jeff DeGroff is a first-time candidate who was unfamiliar with the process. We also found no prior PDC violations against Jeff DeGroff.

However, PDC staff will remind Jesse DeGroff about the importance of filing a Personal Statement of Financial Affairs (F-1) and Candidate Registration (C-1) reports in a timely manner in the future, as required by the statutory scheme.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina, Compliance Officer at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl, Deputy Director for  
Peter Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Jesse DeGroff

