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July 30, 2021

Delivered electronically to yakamatony@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 94529

Dear Anthony Sandoval:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Kenton Gartrell concerning a complaint filed June 21, 2021 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures on Full Summary Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports.

As noted in the letter below, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into the allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, this letter serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to timely report as required. Staff expects you will, in the future, timely and accurately file PDC reports and disclose contributions and expenditures as required by law.

The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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

Sincerely,

/s

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

/s

Peter Lavallee
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Delivered electronically to kentongartrell@hotmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Anthony Sandoval, PDC Case 94529

Dear Kenton Gartrell:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed June 21, 2021. The complaint alleged Anthony Sandoval, a 2021 candidate for Yakima City Council, Position 4, violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures on Full Summary Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the applicable PDC reports, the evidence provided in the complaint and a response from Anthony Sandoval, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

We found the following:

- According to PDC records, there are four candidates registered for City of Yakima Council, District 4 indicating there is a primary election for this office on August 3, 2021.
- In response, Sandoval stated “My response is one I have not done any advertising to date. It has been mainly signage. Two I have filed both Donations and expenses reports to date. Last I will forward an e-mail from Mr Doug Bettarel as to why he put Tony Sandoval on his reader board at no charge.”
- An email provided by Sandoval stated “My purpose for putting Tony Sandoval on my reader board and he didn't approach me on this. I put his name on the reader board because I think he is trying to make Yakima a better place and he is Trustworthy. Thank You Doug Bettarel”
- As the sign owner has indicated there was no collaboration with the campaign, Sandoval is not required to report the expenditure. PDC staff is continuing its review with Doug Bettarel to determine if there is reporting required on his part.
- Sandoval filed C-4 reports on July 13 and July 27, reporting \$1,033.15, in total contributions and \$852 in expenditures as of July 27.
- The C-4 reports filed July 13 covered the months of April, May and the 21-day-pre-primary report. The April and May reports were filed 64 and 33 days late.

- Sandoval timely reported expenditures on the 21-day-pre-primary C-4, however all the reports were lacking the required expenditure detail.
- On July 28, 2021, Sandoval amended the report originally filed July 13, 2021, adding the required expenditure detail, listing the number of signs and post cards.

Based on these findings, PDC staff has determined that, in this instance, the failure to timely and accurately report expenditures does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Anthony Sandoval will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to report contributions and expenditures. The formal written warning includes staff's expectation Anthony Sandoval will, in the future, timely and accurately file PDC reports and disclose contributions and expenditures as required by law.

The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on future Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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).

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