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July 30, 2021

Delivered electronically to san_yonzon@yahoo.com

Subject: PDC Case 94739

Dear Sanjeev Yonzon:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Michael Fertakis concerning a complaint filed June 29, 2021 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging violations of RCW 42.17A.205, and .235 for failure to timely register with the PDC and timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures on Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and 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.

PDC staff reminds you about the importance of timely and accurately filing with the PDC and staff expects in the future you will timely and accurately file reports in accordance with PDC laws and 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

Kim Bradford
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Delivered electronically to michaelfertakis@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Sanjeev Yonzon, PDC Case 94739

Dear Michael Fertakis:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed June 29, 2021. The complaint alleged Sanjeev Yonzon, a 2021 candidate for Renton City Council Position 1, violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235 and .240 by failing to timely register with the PDC and timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures on Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and 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 Sanjeev Yonzon, 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 Renton City Council Position 1, indicating there is a primary election for this office on August 3, 2021.
- Yonzon registered a candidacy with the PDC for Renton City Council and filed a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) with the PDC on June 2, 2021, noting a campaign start date of May 21, 2021. Both reports were filed timely.
- Yonzon is a first-time candidate for public office.
- In response, Yonzon stated “I have been working with the public commissions (PDC) officer for the last 3 weeks. Since it’s my first time running for the public office, it wasn’t an easy journey. Regarding the cost of the yard signs, t-shirts, and postcards I have spoken with the PDC and they have responded, telling me to submit the expenses by July 11th. I made a payment to Seattle Design and Print on June 23. My friends and family paid for my website editing and social media pages. The social media post was paid for by my relatives who support me. It's not a donation, but it’s payment from their own pockets, which I was unaware I was expected to report given I was uninvolved in the transactions. Regarding expenses for my website Domain, I initially bought the domain

for personal use, not political. I then updated my website on 21st of May, the same day I registered my campaign.”

- Yonzon filed the C-4 report for May 2021 on July 2, 2021. This report was filed 22 days late. Yonzon filed the 21-day and 7-day pre-primary C-4 reports timely.
- Yonzon mistakenly filed a 2021 post-primary report on July 9, 2021 and indicated to PDC staff the report will be amended on its due date, September 10, 2021.

Based on these findings, and the fact that is a first-time candidate and there is no apparent intent to conceal candidacy or contributors, the candidate promptly took action to comply and timely filed both the 21-day and 7-day pre-primary C-4 reports, PDC staff has determined that, in this instance, the failure to timely register with the PDC and timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding about the importance of timely registering with the PDC and filing required reports in accordance with PDC laws and 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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