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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding

Bethel Citizens for Schools Committee: PDC Case 111158

I Mary Ann Mulloy-White & Carole Wagner, as a Committee Officer for the Bethel Citizens for Schools Committee,

(Committee Officer Name) hereby acknowledge that the Committee violated the following:

RCW 42.17A.235 and **.240** by failing to timely and accurately file a Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Report (C-4 report) as a ballot committee in support of the 2018 Bethel School District bond measure, under the Full Reporting option disclosing contribution and expenditure activities.

During calendar year 2018, the Bethel Citizens for Schools Committee, a political committee registered with the PDC under the Full Reporting option, supported Bethel School District ballot propositions for two elections. The Committee's election efforts included expenditures in support of three Bethel School District ballot propositions on the ballot during the February 13, 2018, Special Election, specifically: Proposition 1 (a Maintenance and Operations Levy), Proposition 2 (a Technology and Capital Projects Levy), and Proposition 3 (a \$443 million General Obligations Bond Measure). The Committee also supported Proposition 1, a \$443 million General Obligations Bond Measure on the ballot during the November 6, 2018, General Election.

RCW 42.17A.235 and **.240** require 2018 ballot measure committees in support of a November 6, 2018, ballot measure and under the Full Reporting option, to timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports, including the 21-Day and 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 reports.

1. On November 6, 2018, the Bethel Citizens for Schools Committee (Committee) filed the 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report covering the period October 16 through 29, 2018, disclosing that \$0 monetary contributions had been received, and \$7,740.18 in expenditures were made.

2. The C-4 report disclosed 10 Committee expenditures that were all made on October 29, 2018, and included the following nine expenditures: (1) four expenditures totaling \$5,528.66 made to Always Great Graphix for Bond Campaign shirts and promotional advertising; (2) three expenditures totaling \$1,502.06 to EZ Texting to send "Robo texts to voters"; (3) a \$348.61 expenditure made to L2 Political for "Contact Information of Community"; and (4) a \$315.65 expenditure made to Sandy Williamson for "Vote Bond Card Reimbursement."
3. The 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report was required to have been filed no later than October 30, 2018. The 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report was filed seven days late by the Committee and on the date the November 6, 2018, general election was held.

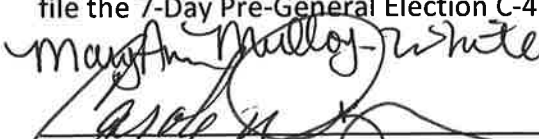
Bethel Citizens for Schools Committee (Committee) would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) being scheduled by Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff.

Therefore, in lieu of PDC staff scheduling a Brief Enforcement Hearing, the Committee is completing this Statement of Understanding and enclosing a check or money order in the amount of \$150 as a penalty payment to resolve this matter.

The \$150 penalty assessed against the Committee includes one acknowledged violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failing to timely file the 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report during the 2018 general election cycle, in accordance with WAC 390-37-143, the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings.

Bethel Citizens for Schools Committee understands that by completing this Statement of Understanding, they are acknowledging a violation of Chapter 42.17A RCW as set forth above and are waiving their right to a hearing in this matter.

Bethel Citizens for Schools Committee further understands that this will resolve the issue of failing to timely file the 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report during the 2018 election cycle as described above.


Bethel Citizens for Schools Committee Officer

10/20/22
10/31/22

Date Signed

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