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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding Andrew Ashiofu PDC Case 113113

I, Andrew Ashiofu, hereby acknowledge that during my 2022 election campaign for State Representative in the 37th Legislative District, I violated the following laws and rules:

- RCW 42.17A.405(2) and (14) and WAC 390-05-400 by accepting \$2,000 in over-limit contributions for the August 2, 2022 primary election when the campaign used general election contributions for the primary election;
- WAC 390-17-300(5) by spending \$2,000 in general election contributions for the primary election when to do so caused the general election contributors to exceed their contribution limit for the primary election;
- WAC 390-17-300(6) by failing to return \$2,000 in general election contributions after losing in the primary election; and
- RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by filing multiple inaccurate reports of contributions and
 expenditures during and after the 2022 primary election, reflecting, (1) anticipated
 monetary contributions as actual deposited contributions, and (2) large debt forgiveness
 as over-limit in-kind contributions when there was no loan, debt, debt forgiveness, or
 over-limit in-kind contribution.

The facts are as follows:

- Andrew Ashiofu was a first-time candidate for State Representative in the 37th Legislative District during the 2022 election cycle. He hired Jeanne Legault, an experienced treasurer, to receive contributions, make expenditures, and file accurate reports with the Public Disclosure Commission. Mr. Ashiofu lost in the primary election and was required to return all general election contributions.
- Ms. Legault made the decision to spend \$2,000 in general election contributions to pay primary election expenses, resulting in the general election contributions becoming primary election contributions that were over-limit because the general election

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Matthew Lang on behalf of Andrew Ashiofu

Date Signed

Please make your check or money order payable to the "Washington State Treasurer" and be sure to include the PDC Case Number 113113 in the memorandum field.

Kindly mail or deliver this SOU and your payment to one of the following addresses by no later than April 16, 2024.

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