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**Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding  
FairVote Washington: PDC Case 114356**

I, Lisa Ayrault

(Lisa Ayrault) am the Director of FairVote Washington and Committee Director for the incidental committee of the same name. In that capacity, I hereby acknowledge that the FairVote Washington incidental committee (the Committee) violated multiple provisions of RCW 42.17A.

The organization FairVote Washington registered on September 20, 2018, with the Washington State Secretary of State as a 501(c)(4) entity and remains in active status. The Committee is affiliated with FairVote WA PAC and supported the following political committees during the 2022 election: Ranked Choice Voting for Clark County, Ranked Choice Voting for San Juan County, and Ranked Choice Voting for Seattle.

The Committee acknowledges violating:

(1) **RCW 42.17A.207** by failing to file a Political Committee Registration (C-1ic) within three business days of having met the criteria outlined in statute in the last three weeks before an election;

- The C-1ic for the Committee was triggered when payments totaling more than \$10,000 were received during the reported period of 10/25/22-10/31/22, and an expenditure for \$50,000 was made to the Ranked Choice Voting for Seattle committee on 10/25/22.

- Using the 10/25/22 date of the expenditure, and because this activity occurred in the last three weeks before the election, the C-1ic was due by October 28, 2022.
- The C-1ic was filed on December 21, 2022, seven weeks and five days after the election.

(2) **RCW 42.17A.235** and **RCW 42.17A.240** by failing to file the Incidental Committee Payments and Political Expenditures report (C-8) of any election campaign expenditure under RCW 42.17A.240(7) at the time the C-1ic was filed, and by failing to file subsequent C-8 reports containing the information required by RCW 42.17A.240 and at the intervals outlined in RCW 42.17A.235(2):

- a) On the seventh day immediately preceding the date on which the election is held; and
- b) On the tenth day of the first full month after the election.
- The first C-8 was required to be filed on 10/28/22, at the time the C-1ic was due. This report should have included in-kind contributions made in May 2022. This activity was not reported until PDC staff identified the discrepancy and requested the information be reported. An amended C-8 was filed on February 4, 2023, this report was ninety-nine days late.
- An additional C-8 was due on 11/1/22, to include the October 2022 activity of the committee. This report was not filed until December 21, 2022, this report was fifty days late.
- An additional C-8 was due on 12/12/22, to include the November 2022 activity of the committee. This was not filed until December 21, 2022, this report was nine days late.

(3) **RCW 42.17A.240** by failing to certify as correct by the treasurer expenditures made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars during the period covered by the first C-8 report.

- The first C-8 filed by the committee was not accurate because it did not include in-kind contributions made in May 2022.

The Committee would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, I acknowledge that I violated Washington law as described above and agree to enter into this Statement of Understanding to resolve this case with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). Further, in accordance with the Penalty Schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143, the Committee agrees to pay a \$150 penalty for its violations of RCW 42.17A.207, 42.17A. 235, and RCW 42.17A.240.

By signing this Statement of Understanding, I acknowledge the Committee violated RCW 42.17A.207, 42.17A. 235, and RCW 42.17A.240 and waive our right to a hearing in this matter. I further understand that by signing this Statement of Understanding and paying \$150 civil penalty, PDC Case no. 114356 is resolved.

Lisa A. Ayrault  
(Lisa Ayrault, Committee Director of FairVote Washington)

2/14/23  
(Date Signed)

Please make your check or money order payable to the "Washington State Treasurer" and be sure to include PDC Case number 114356 in the memorandum field, and mail or deliver this Statement of Understanding along with your payment/check, by **February 21, 2023**, to the PDC at the following address:

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