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August 22, 2023

Sent electronically to Robert Parker at recordstransferacct@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Laurel Khan, PDC Case 137655

Dear Mr. Parker:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on May 25, 2023. Your complaint alleged that Laurel Khan, may have violated RCW 42.17A.700(2) for failure to timely file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1) report within two weeks of becoming a candidate; and RCW 42.17A.240(2) for failure to accurately report a contribution on the Cash Receipts Monetary Contribution (C-3) report.

PDC staff reviewed your allegation(s); the applicable statute(s), rule(s), and reporting requirements; and all other relevant information to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Laurel Khan filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report with the PDC on November 12, 2021. As a declared candidate, Laurel Khan was required to submit or file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1) report within two weeks of declaring her candidacy, or at the time she filed a C-1 report with the PDC.
- On August 4, 2023, Laurel Khan filed a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1) report with the PDC. The F-1 report was due no later than November 12, 2021, and was filed 630 days late. Ms. Khan amended the same report on August 10, 2023, to correct the period covered on the F-1 report.
- Regarding the allegation regarding the failure to accurately report a contribution on a C-3 report. Staff noted that the C-3 report filed by Laurel Khan on May 14, 2023, failed to include the name of the contributor and only included the contributor's address, in violation of RCW 42.17A.240(2).
- On August 22, 2023, Laurel Khan amended the C-3 report at issue to include the name of the contributor missing on the original C-3 report filed on May 14, 2023, for the \$500 contribution received on April 28, 2023.

While our review found that Laurel Khan failed to timely file a *Personal Statement of Financial Affairs* (F-1) report, and file an accurate C-3 report, she was a first-time candidate who was not familiar with the F-1 and C-3 requirement(s).

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Laurel Khan will receive a formal written warning concerning her failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) report and file an accurate C-3 report. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Laurel Khan will file timely and accurate F-1. Laurel Khan will also be expected to file timely and accurate C-3 reports for the remainder of her campaign for Governor in 2024 and in the future. Additionally, Laurel Khan will be informed that the Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Accordingly, the PDC staff finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina, Compliance Officer at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

/s _____
Erick O. Agina, Compliance Officer

/s _____
Peter Frey Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Laurel Khan