



Erick O. Agina, Compliance Officer
Public Disclosure Commission

RE: Allegation: Violation of RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failure to timely & accurately disclose in-kind contributions or expenditures related to a May 10, 2023 fundraising event hosted by Ladies of Liberty Tri-Cities.

Mr. Agina,

Please accept my sincere apologies for this late submission as I have been on the campaign trail almost every day. I called your colleague, Jennifer Hansen on June 14, 2023 and answered all of the questions at that time.

Here are my written responses to your questions:

1. Did the you pay Ladies of Liberty for their fundraising event services or did they provide them to you for free or at a reduced cost?
 - a. There were no services rendered, costs incurred, of fees paid. Ladies for Liberty, a social group, as we understand it, offered to host a meet and greet event for my campaign and we accepted.
2. Did you collect contributions at the May 10, 2023 for your 2024 campaign? If so, have you disclosed these contributions on your campaign reports?
 - a. We did receive contributions at that event and ever single one was immediately reported in accordance with PDC guidelines.
3. PLEASE NOTE: My campaign has received in-kind donations before and after the event and never had a problem disclosing them, why would we start now. I would assert that it is our campaign's best interest to disclose campaign in-kind contributions, so there is neither motive nor precedent to support this allegation. That said, as stated to Ms. Hansen on June 14th, it is very well known in Richland, WA that Mr. Gilmore has a personal issue with me based on my political stances and actions as a school board director, which I assert is the nexus for this complaint.

Regards,

Misipati Semi Bird, Candidate, Washington State Governor