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July 24, 2023

Delivered electronically to "kitty509forward@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 138403

Dear 509 Forward Sponsored by Lisa Brown for Congress:

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the enclosed letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,
Electronically Signed Philip E. Stutzman
Phil Stutzman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,
Electronically Signed Kim Bradford
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For Peter Frey Lavalley
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Subject: Complaint regarding 509 Forward Sponsored by Lisa Brown for Congress, PDC Case 138403

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 6, 2023. Your complaint alleged that 509 Forward PAC Sponsored by Lisa Brown for Congress may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to report legal service expenditures provided to the committee. PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by 509 Forward PAC Sponsored by Lisa Brown for Congress; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and 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:

- On March 27, 2023, Derek Schoonmaker, an attorney with Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt LLP, notified the PDC that his firm had recently been retained to assist 509 Forward in its response to your complaint.
- Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt, LLP provided legal consulting services during March and April 2023, and on April 11, 2023, sent a response to the allegations in the complaint for PDC Case 122194.
- On May 31, 2023, the PDC dismissed Case 122194 with a formal warning.
- On June 12, 2023, 509 Forward Sponsored by Lisa Brown for Congress filed a C-4 report of contributions and expenditures for the month of May 2023. The report included an in-kind contribution received on May 10, 2023, valued at \$631.50, from Blue Wave Political Partners, LLC for legal services provided by Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt, LLP.
- 509 Forward PAC Sponsored by Lisa Brown for Congress was not required to report an obligation to Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt, LLP on its March or April C-4 report because the total value of the services received was not greater than the reporting threshold, which was \$750 in March and \$1,000 in April.
- The May C-4 report was amended on June 30, 2023 to include the address of the vendor providing the services.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, no evidence supports a finding of a violation warranting further investigation.

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

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