

July, 25, 2023

Public Disclosure Commission  
PO Box 40908  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Public Disclosure Commission –

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the complaint filed on June 23<sup>rd</sup> by Samuel Daheim (case #59313). In the submitted complaint, Samuel Daheim makes claims against the campaign that are not accurate. Below is our response.

1. Hilary Franz announced her candidacy for Governor on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Since the end of the legislative session and prior to the May 10<sup>th</sup> announcement work was performed by the digital team and by the consultants on behalf of the Lands Commissioner race. Since May 10<sup>th</sup>, there was mostly work performed for the Gubernatorial run but also some work to close down and transfer donations from the Lands Commissioner race and work to the new race. We believe we split the invoices on a pro rata basis for work performed during that time period fairly between the two accounts.
2. The North Star expense was pro-rated properly but listed twice on the Lands Commissioner C4 as a debt instead of one portion on the Gubernatorial C4 and one pro-rata share on the Lands Commissioner C4. However, the payment was made correctly on the June C4 and detailed specifically as a May expense (<https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110158225>) We amended the original Lands Commissioner C4 and Gubernatorial C4 for May to fix that technical error on the debts line.
3. Bossy LLC was the lead fundraising team for the Gubernatorial campaign in May with supplemental text fundraising assistance from Run the World. For June, Run the World was the lead fundraising team and invoiced (and we paid) \$6000 for their work in June. Previous invoices paid before the May texting program would have been for Lands Commissioner work. We believe this was properly reported.
4. The video work that Samuel Daheim details was work provided by AL Media. They intended to invoice at a later time when they are fully retained but we will estimate the cost for that work and include that on our amended May/June C4s and upcoming July C4 as a debt.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to address this matter. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jason Bennett, Treasurer  
Friends of Hilary Franz