

**2023 Lisa Brown for Spokane Mayor Campaign response to complaints
PDC Case 140156**

To: "PDC Support" pdc@pdc.wa.gov
(Mon, 31 Jul 2023

External Email

Mr. Young,

See our responses below to your July 26 email summary and the two referenced complaints:

PDC Summary of Matters

1. We inadvertently filed our C4 report which was due 21 days before the primary late due to inadvertently not checking the box in the ORCA system which states that the candidate is participating in the primary election. It appears that checking that box activates filing reminders via ORCA, but the fact that box was not checked did not send the usual reminder. We have remedied this by ensuring that box is checked and reminders will be activated. This appears to be an issue with ORCA that needs to be fixed, so that every candidate in a primary election receives a notice concerning filing deadlines prior to the primary election without having to affirmatively check a box.

2. The disclosure for the April 4, 2023 \$1,079.10 payment to Mountain Dog Sign Company did not indicate it was for multiple yard signs. It was for one large sign with 2 polycarbonate panels for the outside of the campaign office. This was clarified in the description for the expenditure and an amended C4 has been filed.

We initially did not believe that the DH invoices triggered the obligation to record them as a debt because we made all payments on that invoice within the same reporting period, and because the invoice was 'net 30,' meaning that payment was not due for 30 days. Because nothing was owed for 30 days, we did not believe the invoice constituted a debt owed by the campaign. We have re-examined the situation, however, and have determined that we should record that invoice as a debt and payments against that invoice as satisfaction of the debt. We have therefore amended the relevant C4s accordingly.

3. The misspelling of Andy Billig's last name and the proper state in the address for PayPal have both been amended in the relevant C3s.

4. Don Hamilton and Lorna St. John has each individually made in-kind contributions to the campaign, not the business entity Hamilton Studio. This was a mistake in reporting. I have amended the appropriate C4's to reflect this and am attaching the original invoice that reflects the intention of the donor.

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

Andrew Taylor
Lisa Brown for Mayor
Treasurer