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September 20, 2023

Delivered electronically to kateytreloar@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Chandler Forsyth, PDC Case 140318

Dear Katey Treloar:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Chandler Forsyth concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Chandler Forsyth, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to comply with the filing requirements noted in the enclosed letter sent to Mr. Forsyth. Staff expects all future political advertising to comply with sponsor identification (ID) requirements, including font size. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 1-360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith

Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Subject: Complaint regarding Katey Treloar, PDC Case 140318

Dear Chandler Forsyth:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 30, 2023. The complaint alleged that Katey Treloar, a 2023 candidate for Spokane City Council, may have violated RCW 42.17A.320(3)(a) by using an insufficient font size for sponsor identification on written political advertising.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and evidence you submitted; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Katey Treloar (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:

- The Respondent is a 2023 candidate seeking the office of City Council Member for the City of Spokane. She filed a *Candidate Registration* (C-1 report) with the PDC on March 21, 2023 and selected the full reporting option.
- RCW 42.17A.320(3) sets forth the size and placement requirements for identifying the sponsor of political advertising. Subsection (a) states that the font size used in the sponsor identification statement for a written advertisement or communication directed at more than one voter must be at least the larger of the following: 1) ten-point type; or 2) ten percent of the largest type used in the advertisement.
- Prior to the 2023 Primary Election, the Respondent’s campaign distributed a brochure wherein the sponsor identification statement text font size was 8-point font.
- On August 11, 2023, the Respondent replied to the complaint allegation and said her campaign reached out to the brochure’s designer/printer and confirmed that an 8-point font was used on one brochure. She indicated that the printer erroneously believed the font size it used for sponsor identification (ID) on the brochure was compliant. The Respondent said her campaign did its best to ensure sponsor ID was included as required and that the error was not intentional. The campaign said it also confirmed with its printer

that other materials distributed prior to the Primary Election contained sponsor ID with an 11-point font.

- The Respondent does not have previous warnings/violations of PDC requirements.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to use a sufficient font size for sponsor identification on written political advertising does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, Katey Treloar will receive a formal written warning concerning her failure to comply with sponsor identification (ID) requirements for political advertising, including font size. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that all future political advertising complies with sponsor ID requirements. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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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cc: Katey Treloar