## **PDC Support**

RE: Case # 141073 – Whatcom Democrats

This cover letter and the attached seventy page analysis by Whatcom County Democratic Party's Treasurer Cheyanna Strickland is our response to the Complaint filed by Glen Morgan given Case #141073.

Mr. Morgan alleges that some 332 C-3s and C-4s were filed late. His admittedly superficial review suffers from one important analytical flaw: amended reports relate back to the date of the original filing. Otherwise there is no incentive for a filer ever to amend their reports, lest Mr. Morgan or another individual whose motives are more oriented towards wasting a filer's resources and time than accuracy file a complaint like Mr. Morgan's, potentially subjecting the filer to severe penalties.

In the vast majority of his alleged tardy reports Mr. Morgan uses the date upon which the amendment was filed as the record date of filing, and calculates the delay accordingly. His argument is not helped by his multi-colored spread sheet, although his excel skills might be admired.

A second recurring flaw is his inability to realize that when a January C-4 is amended in a subsequent month, every C-4 between the initial filing and the amended one must also be amended. Mr. Morgan would have each of these amendments be counted as late.

As Ms. Strickland notes, a few reports were actually filed late. Four reports of interest received from our bank, for a total of \$0.40, reflect amounts deposited to our account but not discovered until the bank account was reconciled. Further, as she details with e-mails with PDC Staff, others were late for a variety of acceptable reasons: IT issues, ORCA problems, Covid-19, adjusting journal entries, etc.

As a she also notes, as soon as the overage in cash receipts was noticed we changed the way we collected and handled miscellaneous cash contributions.

PDC Staff are incredibly supportive and have counseled not only the Whatcom Democrats, but also numerous candidates whom I have referred in my position as Chair of the Whatcom Democrats' Candidates Committee. Their goal, and our

goal, is to make campaign finance as transparent and open as possible. Mr. Morgan's goal, however, seems to make compliance as difficult and problematic as he can, fraught with traps that he casually discovers. While errors are occasionally are uncovered, they are cloaked in rhetoric designed to belittle and anger his targets. This does not serve the public. The Superior Courts of Washington discourage such antics through Civil Rule 11. The PDC should adopt a similar way to discourage frivolous and resource wasting filings.

As a matter of record, our proper names are either the Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee (for our non-exempt account) and the Whatcom County Democratic Party – Exempt (for our exempt account). Colloquially we answer to Whatcom Democrats. Given his history, Mr. Morgan's use of the name "Whatcom County Democrats PAC" must be deliberate disrespect, for we are not a PAC but rather an official Party Committee.

We request the Complaint that gave rise to Case #141073 be dismissed.

#### Dan Raas

Chair, Whatcom County Democrats' Candidates Committee/Executive Board member

Glenn Morgan has raised concerns regarding the Whatcom County Democratic Party Democrats, specifically alleging a recurring pattern of delayed report filings totaling 332 reports. Morgan contends that his "simple research" revealed these issues. However, it is important to clarify that most of the reports he references were amended. It should be noted that when a C4 report is amended, subsequent C4 reports must also be amended due to carried-over balances per PDC guidelines.

Over the past three years, there was only one instance of a late report filing, which was promptly addressed due to a technical issue. The PDC was contacted immediately following the discovery, and the report was swiftly amended, with confirmation via email that there would be no repercussions for filing it the following morning. Every other C4 report within the last three years has been filed on time.

Compliance adherence occasionally necessitates report adjustments, requiring subsequent amendments to maintain carryforward balances. These actions reflect our commitment to financial integrity and drove the transition to accounting software and the collection of cash procedures at our events.

Bank deposits have consistently been made weekly. Upon reviewing unamended C3 reports for 2021, it was discovered that a total of eight reports were filed late. Among these, four reports pertained to unreported bank interest totaling \$.40, and two were related to vendor refunds found during account reconciliation on our bank statements. The remaining late reports were attributed to ongoing Orca update issues, which were well-documented with the PDC Support staff (with attached emails).

Examining the late C3 reports for 2022 revealed various contributing factors, each supported by corresponding emails:

- 1. IT issues
- 2. Adjusting journal entries
- 3. Bank interest
- 4. Double Entries
- 5. Orca file issues, including updates, missing contributor information, and report deletions during Orca backup (information sent to PDC IT and then returned to me for reentry and refiling)
- 6. COVID-19
- 7. Discovery of missing small-dollar donations, vendor refunds, and bank interest on bank statements during reconciliations

Glenn Morgan's actions appear to be both frivolous and in bad faith. His comments and accusations lacked respect and added an unnecessary burden to PDC staff, who had to scrutinize reports that he failed to review adequately. Interestingly, he seemed to invest more time in color-coding his vitriol.

We have already implemented systems to ensure swift reporting and balanced audits regarding anonymous donations. Upon reviewing our 2022 Anonymous Donations account (report attached), only two small dollar donations have been observed for the year thus far.

To enhance scrutiny of filed reports, Glenn should improve his attention to detail and reading comprehension, as he would then recognize that he is examining amended filing dates. Many of these amended reports were carried out at the PDC's direction, and I possess saved PDC emails that provide

detailed explanations for these actions. Glenn would find value in a more productive endeavor rather than toggling between bragging about his disruptive behavior towards over 60 Washington State Democratic campaigns on his YouTube channel and slothing in front of Netflix. Truly pitiful.

Sincerely,

Cheyanna Strickland



### Re: PDC - New Update

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 4:30 PM

Good afternoon,

Our IT department is still working on a solution for the error you are experiencing in ORCA. I am hoping to have more information for you tomorrow afternoon. Sincerely,



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On Thu, 29 Apr at 2:04 PM , PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote: Good afternoon,

Thank you for sending in the ORCA backup.

I am working with our IT department. As soon as I hear back from them, I will let you know. Sincerely,



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On Thu, 29 Apr at 1:00 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

I apologize, something went wrong while trying to attach our zip file. You should now see it attached in this email.

Cheyanna Strickland

On Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 12:40 PM Cheyanna Strickland <a href="mailto:cheystrick9@gmail.com">cheystrick9@gmail.com</a> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Attached please find our backup zip file

Cheyanna Strickland

On Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 12:05 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Would you please do a back up of your ORCA campaign so that I may assist you. I am including instructions below.

How do I backup my ORCA data?

On the home screen of ORCA, click Backup Campaign Data, and then select the committee name to be backed up.

Click Ok.

Delete the asterisk \*, then type the name of your campaign with today's date for example such as 06012020 and leave the ".zip" extension on the end.

Choose the location where you want the data saved (for example Drive G for a memory stick drive, desktop, etc.).

Click Save.

And then you may attach the zip file to a reply to this e-mail and send it to the PDC. Sincerely,



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On Thu, 29 Apr at 11:13 AM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Good morning,

My name is Cheyanna Strickland and I am the Whatcom County Democratic Party's treasurer. After Orca was updated this morning, it is having trouble updating/uploading our contacts. I have tried a few times so far thinking maybe it was an internet issue but it is still not working. The error message suggested that I email you for direction. I should add that I first went to the PDC website and checked for an outage as the error message suggested but I was unable to locate this information on the website. Please advise.

Thank you,

Cheyanna Strickland



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PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Fri, Apr 30, 2021 at 3:57 PM

Good afternoon,

You are welcome. I am glad it worked. I hope you have an enjoyable weekend also. Sincerely.



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On Fri, 30 Apr at 3:15 PM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: That worked! Thank you so much for your help on this matter.

Enjoy your weekend, Cheyanna Strickland

On Fri, Apr 30, 2021 at 3:10 PM PDC Support <pd@pdc.wa.gov> wrote: Good afternoon,

We have deployed a fix for the issue. You will want to close your ORCA if you have it open, and then open it, log in, and then open the campaign. Please let me know how this goes for you.

Sincerely,



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On Fri, 30 Apr at 8:59 AM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Thank you for the update. I just entered some expenses into Orca and the same issue is happening. It is also interrupting the reporting process and gives me 2 options and that is to "try again" or "quit Orca". I have to continuously hit try again so that I can finish my reporting.

Cheyanna Strickland

On Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 4:30 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote: Good afternoon,

Our IT department is still working on a solution for the error you are experiencing in ORCA. I am hoping to have more information for you tomorrow afternoon.

Sincerely,



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#### Re: PDC - Orca error

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Mon, May 3, 2021 at 11:08 AM

#### Good morning,

The outage that the PDC was experiencing with Apollo has been resolved. ORCA will work for you now. Please let us know if you experience any issues. Sincerely,



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On Mon, 3 May at 9:01 AM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Thank you for your response, I will wait until this issue is resolved.

Cheyanna Strickland

On Mon, May 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

We are experiencing some issues with Apollo, which will impact opening and using ORCA. and I will let you know once that is resolved. Thank you for reaching out and letting us know.

Sincerely,



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On Mon, 3 May at 8:56 AM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Good morning,

I am the treasurer for the Whatcom County Dempcratic party and I am having further issues with Orca reporting this morning. This past Thursday I was also getting an error message that seemed to be fixed by PDC staff but this morning I am running into further issues that I have taken pictures of that are attached to this email. Last week I was asked to back up our campaign on a zip and send it to you which I tried to do again this morning but it's not allowing me to even get that far. Please advise.

Thank you,

Cheyanna Strickland



## Re: PDC - Get help or information - Cheyanna Strickland

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Wed, May 26, 2021 at 8:12 AM

#### Good morning,

The carry forward cash will be the amount that was in the bank account on the day that you started your campaign, minus any outstanding checks that had not cleared the account. You may want to audit the entire last campaign starting with the current months and work backwards. You will use the bank statements as the master.

To change the amount of the carry forward cash in ORCA, click on File>Committee Info>Carry Forward Cash. Click the green "plus" sign and go to the entry by using the back arrow, Then you will enter the correct amount. This dollar amount will appear on Line 1 of the first C-4 report for your campaign.

If you change the carry forward cash amount, you will upload/amend all the the C4's from the start of the campaign to the last one that

Please let me know how this goes for you.

Sincerely.



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> On Mon, 24 May at 2:41 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Good afternoon,

In January of 2021, I was elected treasurer for the Whatcom Democratic Party.

After reviewing our Dec 2020 and Jan 2021 C4 reports, I have found a discrepancy in our cash on hand. In December the ending amount was \$56,707.83 and in January our starting amount was \$57,944.10. Our previous treasurer opened the 2021 campaign in January as I had not been elected so I have no idea where he got that number. I have been through all of Dec 2020 and Jan 2021 and I can't find the discrepancy anywhere. How do I go about getting our campaign on track? I have attached both Dec 2020 and Jan 2021 C4 reports.



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PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:13 PM

Cheyanna,

Please give me a call and we can walk through this together. Thanks, Jenny 1.360.753.1111

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Thank you, Jenny Polek Filer Assistant Specialist 360-753-1111

Helpful Links:

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#### Helpful Videos:

How to report completion of required lobbyist training
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How to register a new candidate or committee
How to gain access to an existing committee and/or file an amendment
How to generate an access token to sync registration data with ORCA
Lobbyist Training Certification 2021

On Tue, 10 Aug at 6:59 AM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

After attempting to update Orca, I am unable to open the file path and update it. As a result, I am now unable to open Orca and report whatsoever. Can you help me get this figured out?



## PDC - Get help filing reports

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Sat, Oct 16, 2021 at 3:26 PM

Thank you for contacting the Public Disclosure Commission.

Please note that due to staff furloughs for budgetary savings and schedule adjustments related to the state's Safe Start plan, responses may be delayed.

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## Re: PDC - In-Kind Expenditure C-4 Attachment

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>

Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 8:39 AM

To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Cc: aareding@gmail.com, whatcomofcdems@gmail.com

Cheyanna,

Thank you for contacting the PDC. We are in receipt of the In-kind C4 donation filed on behalf of Whatcom Democratic Party October 26, 2021and will have it processed as quickly as possible.

Best regards, Tammy J Walker Public Disclosure Commission Staff Office 360-753-1111 Desk 360-664-8855 tammy.walker@pdc.wa.gov

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On Tue, 26 Oct at 8:17 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

Good evening,

This email serves as stand-alone documentation to be attached to the Whatcom Democratic Party's October 26, 2021, C-4 report filing. Attached please find an in-kind candidate expenditure spreadsheet. Each individual candidate's in-kind contribution received from the Whatcom County Democratic Party is calculated and presented on this spreadsheet.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via this email or by phone at 360-543-3356.

Thank you,

Cheyanna Strickland Treasurer, Whatcom County Democratic Party



## PDC - Get help or information

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Sat, Jan 8, 2022 at 2:28 PM

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## Re: PDC - Filer assistance specialist help for PDC case 102127

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Thu, Jan 13, 2022 at 8:06 AM

#### Good morning,

Do you have a separate ORCA for the exempt and non exempt accounts?

The following information will assist you. It is from the Political Committee Instructions on our website www.pdc.wa.gov.

#### **Exempt & Non-Exempt Accounts**

I appreciate the information. I do not currently need the 2022 ORCA back up. Sincerely,



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On Thu, 13 Jan at 6:30 AM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

Good morning,

Attached you will find our 2021 campaign backup and a pdf copy of the 10,000 check deposit that I received from our bank showing the check was deposited into our exempt account. Should I also send you a copy of our new, 2022 campaign?

Thank you for your assistance,

Cheyanna Strickland

On Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 4:48 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am the filer assistance specialist for case 102127.

Please do a back up of the ORCA campaign so that I may assist you. I am including instructions below. How do I backup my ORCA data?

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Click Ok.

Delete the asterisk \*, then type the name of your campaign with today's date for example such as 06012020 and leave the ".zip" extension on the end.

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PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 10:51 AM

#### Good morning,

Please do the setup wizard for the 2022 non exempt account as our IT has cleared the information so that you are able to create the ORCA campaign again.

In case you would like the following information and find it helpful.

The exempt and non exempt bank accounts and activity will be reported separately in two different ORCA campaigns and you will need a a separate registration for both accounts.

Any exempt activity will be reported in the exempt ORCA campaign. You will want to create a 2021 exempt ORCA. Please let me know once you have filed the registration (C1pc) for the exempt account as I want to make sure you are able to do a set up wizard for 2021.

If you would like to go over any of the information with a phone call, please let me know and the we will set up a time for a call. Sincerely,



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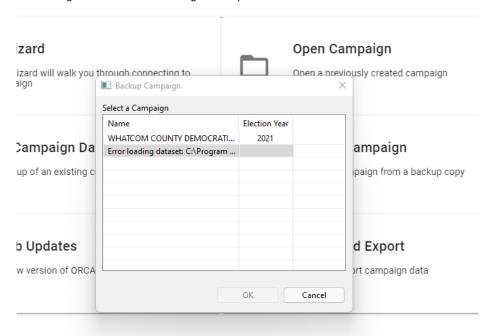
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On Fri, 14 Jan at 6:58 AM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

#### **External Email**

When I try to open the 2022 campaign these are the error messages. I accidentally clicked out of the set-up wizard and wasn't able to add our carry forward amount so I deleted it and now these are the error messages! I'm not sure why Orca is so difficult to navigate but can you please help me fix this with directions and not a link to a website article. I have scoured the PDC website and find it lacking in instructions though PDC staff are incredibly helpful. It would nice to see the website align with the staff's knowledge and expertise.





Thanks,

Cheyanna Strickland

On Thu, Jan 13, 2022 at 8:06 AM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Do you have a separate ORCA for the exempt and non exempt accounts?

The following information will assist you. It is from the <u>Political Committee Instructions</u> on our website www.pdc.wa.gov.

#### **Exempt & Non-Exempt Accounts**

I appreciate the information. I do not currently need the 2022 ORCA back up. Sincerely,



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Thank you for your assistance,

Cheyanna Strickland



# Re: PDC - Whatcom County Democratic Party: Alleged Violation of RCW 42.17A.405 for receiving and keeping over limit contributions (EY20, Jan22)

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On Wed, 5 Jan at 9:26 AM , Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee <office@whatcomdemocrats.org> wrote:
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## Re: PDC - Filer assistance specialist help for PDC case 102127

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 11:25 AM

Good morning,

Did you file the registration for the exempt account?

Sincerely,



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On Thu, 20 Jan at 8:42 AM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

**External Email** 

Good morning,

I am able to access our 2022 campaign in Orca but am still unable to set up an exempt account. I followed the instructions that you previously sent and was able to get an access token but am unclear what to do with it. I can't even open it in set-up wizard. I tried to amend/edit our campaign as another article suggests but I can't find an option to add another Orca account. I'm totally lost and frustrated, honestly. Can you please look into the complaint filed against our party and tell me if the response documentation that we've sent in is adequate or if we need to send a formal response? The deadline was on the 19th but this is the 5th email in which I have brought it up and am still unable to get any sort of response. If we do need to send in a formal response can we an extension, in writing, that the deadline is extended? We have a board meeting tonight and it would be great if I could report something, anything!!! Tabitha Towensend was the staff member who sent the original email but have not heard from her since.

Thank you,

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Good morning,

I am checking in to see how you are doing and if I may be of assistance to you. I am out on Friday, yet am here today and will be here next week starting on Monday.

Sincerely,



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Please do the setup wizard for the 2022 non exempt account as our IT has cleared the information so that you are able to create the ORCA campaign again.

In case you would like the following information and find it helpful.

The exempt and non exempt bank accounts and activity will be reported separately in two different ORCA campaigns and you will need a a separate registration for both accounts.

Any exempt activity will be reported in the exempt ORCA campaign. You will want to create a 2021 exempt ORCA. Please let me know once you have filed the registration (C1pc) for the exempt account as I want to make sure you are able to do a set up wizard for 2021.

If you would like to go over any of the information with a phone call, please let me know and the we will set up a time for a call. Sincerely,



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Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 11:40 AM

#### Cheyanna Strickland:

Thank you for your continued work on this enforcement matter. I was able to see the C-3 report submitted on March 8, 2022. I request completion of your filing obligation so I can resolve the complaint under investigation.

- · First, I request that you enter any and all other activities for the Exempt account.
- Second, please submit each C-4 report for each month in the calendar year. Ladelle Fuquay kindly reviewed your status to ensure you had the correct monthly C-4 reporting periods available to you.

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#### Chevanna:

Thank you for your response. As noted in my voicemail, you will need to enter all funds received into or spent from the Exempt account during 2021 and submit C-4 reports for the entire year. As mentioned earl we can see that you have appropriate C-4 reporting periods waiting for you when your data entry is complete.

I will be available for you tomorrow-, Thursday, March 24, 2021, at 6:00 a.m. should you need phone assistance as requested. I can also be available after 6:30 p.m. tomorrow should that be convenient. Please me know if you would like to speak to speak after 6:30 p.m. tomorrow so I can be available to you.

If you need to speak to me before 7:00 a.m. tomorrow, simply call me at 360-586-4560.

This case is nearing its due date for completion and the C-4 reports are the only items I am waiting on. Thank you for your prompt attention.

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On Thu, 17 Mar at 12:24 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

Hi Jennifer,

I did enter the one Lummi Indian Business check as instructed. That is the only check that we received from this business. The exempt account was set up for us (which I appreciate), and it is named the Lummi Indian Business Council Exempt account, so I only entered that one exempt account transaction. The PDC website states that if it's under a certain amount, then not to enter the transaction into a separate exempt Orca account, but if I understand correctly, even though the few, small amounts of every expense used from the exempt account for 2021 should now be entered into the 2021 Lummi Indian Business Council Exempt Orca account even when though there is no relationship between those transactions and the Lummi Business Council? In your previous email, you stated that to bring the campaign into compliance that at the least, the Lummi check needed to be entered, but now you're saying every 2021 small exempt account transaction needs to be entered into the account that's titled for the Lummi Business Council.

I understand that there may have been some confusion regarding the creation and use of the Exempt account. In order to bring the records back into compliance, your committee must have a full set of reports in ORCA disclosing only the activity for the Exempt account for calendar year 2021. At the least, the contribution from the Lummi Indian Business Council should be disclosed in a separate Exempt account.

Please specifically tell me what is required. When I read instructions like the above, it correlates with the information listed on the actual PDC website. Still, I am instructed to do something different; it feels misleading. There was no option in the Orca exempt account set-up to file a C4 report, just a C-3, but do I need to file a C4? Can that be added to the Orca account on your end?

I understand that Ladelle is there to help if needed but is someone available to help before 7:00 am and after 6:30 pm? I'm an accountant, and it's tax season, so I am only available to go through this increasingly frustrating process with someone before or after the hours that I have stated.

Please advise

Thank you,

Cheyanna Strickland

On Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 11:40 AM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Cheyanna Strickland

Thank you for your continued work on this enforcement matter. I was able to see the C-3 report submitted on March 8, 2022. I request completion of your filing obligation so I can resolve the complaint under investigation.

- First, I request that you enter any and all other activities for the Exempt account.
- Second, please submit each C-4 report for each month in the calendar year. Ladelle Fuquay kindly reviewed your status to ensure you had the correct monthly C-4 reporting periods available to you.

Ladelle is available to assist you with this process. It will likely work best for you to make an appointment with her so she can provide you the best customer service. You may reply to the last email exchange you had with her or send a new request addressed to her directly.

<u>Please complete the two steps as soon as possible as the deadline of the 14th has passed.</u> Thank you for your prompt attention. I look forward to your filing so I can resolve this case.

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On Tue, 1 Mar at 8:43 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

Hi Jennifer

Yes, I have had a lot of difficulty setting up the exempt account in Orca and have tried many times. I will give it one last go tomorrow and if I'm unsuccessful, I will reach out to Ladelle. I will have this completed by March 14th.

Thank you, Cheyanna Strickland

On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 4:10 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote: | Cheyanna Strickland:

Thank you for your continued work on this enforcement matter. In order to resolve this case in a timely way, I request some action be completed within the next two weeks.

- First, I request that you update the committee registration (C-1pc) for the Exempt account to make it current as of calendar year 2021. Filer
  Assistance Specialist, Ladelle Fuquay, has kindly granted you access to the registration so you will be able to choose the Exempt account from
  your list of committees you file for
- Second, please use the SetUp Wizard inside of ORCA to create the 2021 campaign for the Exempt account and use it to enter the 2021 Exempt
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I understand that there may have been some confusion regarding the creation and use of the Exempt account. In order to bring the records back into compliance, your committee must have a full set of reports in ORCA disclosing only the activity for the Exempt account for calendar year 2021. At the least, the contribution from the Lummi Indian Business Council should be disclosed in a separate Exempt account.

Put simply, when you open your list of 2021 ORCA committees inside of ORCA, you should have two that begin with the name Whatcom County Democratic, including the original Non-Exempt account plus the newly created one for the Exempt account.

Ladelle is available to assist you with this process. It will likely work best for you to make an appointment with her so she can provide you the best customer service. You may reply to the last email exchange you had with her or send a new request addressed to her directly.

<u>Please complete the two steps above by no later than Monday, March 14, 2022.</u> Thank you for your prompt attention. I look forward to your filing so I can resolve this case.

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Thu, Mar 24, 2022 at 6:54 PM

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I am also a fan of the silver lining.

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On Thu, 24 Mar at 6:49 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

#### External Email

Thank you so much! I created an exempt account with the PDC for 2022. I will now add all of the 2021 exempt transactions into the current exempt account and then when that is complete, I will delete them from the main account. I will have to work on that part this weekend but will start entering all the exempt transactions right now. Thank you so much for your help! I thank you for your patience and understanding. I've learned a great deal and the silver lining is that going forward everything will be correct

Thank you again,

Chevanna Strickland

On Thu, Mar 24, 2022 at 6:42 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Instead of setting up a 2021 exempt account you should use the one you have with the Lummi sponsor.

Yes, you will need to delete all exempt activity that was mistakenly entered as part of the 2021 nonexempt ORCA account but you can do this as a secondary task.

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On Thu, 24 Mar at 6:38 PM , PDC Support <pdc.wa.gov> wrote: Yes, you should enter all transactions into (and out of) the exempt account.

Yes, you will need to remove the exempt transactions that are currently entered into the non-exempt, although this is not a priority today. Please enter all exempt activity into the 2021 exempt ORCA account and file, then we can work with you on deleting the others.

Yes, we can help you create a 2022 exempt account and amend reports.

If you are looking for priority, please enter and file for the 2021 exempt account first. The deleting and amending have the same priority and we can help you.

Thank you again for taking the time to do this.

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On Thu, 24 Mar at 6:13 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

**External Email** 

Hi Jennifer,

I have a couple of questions:

- 1. Can I enter all of the 2021 exempt transactions into the Orca 2021 Exempt Sponsored by Lummi Indian Business Council even though just one contribution is from them and the rest are not?
- 2. Will I need to delete the exempt transactions that were reported in 2021 from the regular/main Orca in order to get it to balance?
- 3. This is a huge ask but is there any way that a 2022 exempt Orca account be opened for us? I do write checks from that account so I will need to amend what I've reported so far this year and report those in a new exempt account

Let me know what you think and if I am able to report all exempt activity in the current 2021 Exempt Sponsored by Lummi Indian Business Council, I will get that done ASAP!

Thank you so much for your help and for being available after working hours. I understand long days and at the end of mine, I do not want to jump back into it so I appreciate your flexibility in accommodating me with this!!!

Talk to you soon, Cheyanna Strickland



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To: office@whatcomdemocrats.org
Cc: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Fri, Apr 1, 2022 at 3:07 PM

#### Ms. Strickland:

Thank you for your continued work on this. I reviewed your 2022 information but am not knowledgeable enough about the registration and verification process to answer your question. I have requested Ladelle Fuquay to review and follow up with you. She will be back in the office on Monday.

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On Thu, 31 Mar at 8:16 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

#### External Email

Thank you so much for your help, Jennifer! You've been professional, helpful and patient and it's appreciated.

Perhaps you could answer a question for me? I got an email saying that our 2022 exempt orca account has been verified and that I'll be getting a access key but haven't yet. It's still pretty soon but I'm wondering if there's a time frame to expect?

Thanks again,

Cheyanna Strickland

On Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 3:33 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee,

I have attached a copy of the complaint return letter sent to Glen Morgan and the cover letter addressed to you.

The letters will be posted to the PDC website. Let me know if you have any questions.

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On Thu, 24 Mar at 7:36 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

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Sorry, one more question! I transfer quarterly payroll taxes each payroll into our savings from the exempt account. Our exempt account is mainly an expense account used primarily for office rent and payroll. How should I report those transfers in the Orca? That should be it for questions for 2021 exempt, I'll be filing everything shortly.

Thanks, Cheyanna Strickland

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Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
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Mon, Apr 4, 2022 at 9:09 AM

#### Good morning,

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The other item is, if you have not already done so within the last week, please try to amend the C4's for Jan and April 2021. Our IT department did a fix and it ought to work for you now.

Please let me know how both if these items work for you. Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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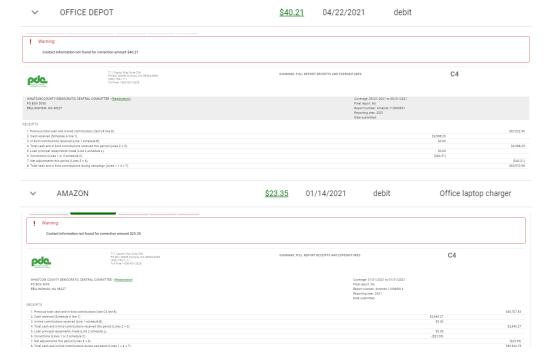
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I checked that all of the vendor's information is entered and saved but I am still getting these error messages. Please advise.

Thanks,

Cheyanna Strickland

On Fri, Mar 25, 2022 at 9:56 AM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Jennifer is out today and asked to me to send you an email regarding the last question that you asked her last night.

I transfer quarterly payroll taxes each payroll into our savings from the exempt account. Our exempt account is mainly an expense account used primarily for office rent and payroll. How should I report those transfers in the Orca?

If the savings is for the exempt account, you would not need to do anything as the checking and savings will be the total amount that you have for the exempt account.

Amy funds that are in the exempt account would not be available to transfer to the non exempt account.

I hope this assists you and please let us know if you have any other questions. Sincerely,



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On Thu, 20 Jan at 11:25 AM , PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote: Good morning, Did you file the registration for the exempt account?

Sincerely,



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On Thu, 7 Apr at 6:26 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

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Thanks Ladelle!

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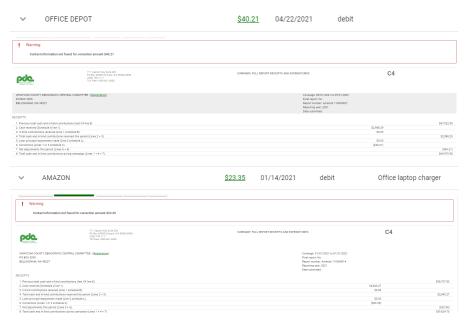
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On Thu, 7 Apr at 6:26 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

Thanks Ladelle!

I was able to get it open and recorded the 2022 exempt transactions in it and submitted them and amended and submitted the 2022 main Orca account. Thank you for your help!

On Mon, Apr 4, 2022 at 9:09 AM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

A couple items for you. You ought to be able to do an ORCA for the Exempt account. When you use the setup wizard, you will click on the exempt account and then it ought to select calendar year 2022.

The other item is, if you have not already done so within the last week, please try to amend the C4's for Jan and April 2021. Our IT department did a fix and it ought to work for you now.

Please let me know how both if these items work for you. Sincerely,



#### Ladelle Fuguay

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On Mon, 28 Mar at 9:32 AM , PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote: Good morning,

I am reaching out to our IT department to assist me with the issue of not being able to amend the C4 reports for Jan and April 2021.

I will let Jennifer Hansen know and I will let you know what our IT department figures out for those reports. It will not be until tomorrow, at the earliest, that I will have more information. Once I hear back, I will email you.

Sincerely,



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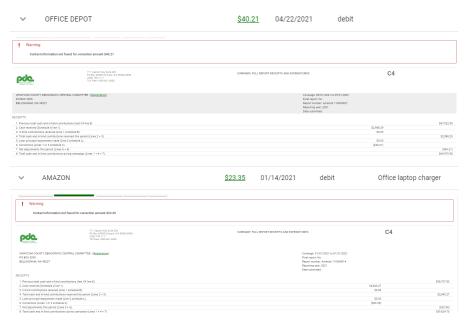
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On Sun, 27 Mar at 6:58 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

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Thank you for that information. It is an exempt savings account. I have deleted all of the 2021 exempt transactions from our 2021 main campaign orca account and refiled all of the C4's. I am unable to file the following reports:



I checked that all of the vendor's information is entered and saved but I am still getting these error messages. Please advise.

Thanks,

Cheyanna Strickland



## Re: PDC - Get help logging in or changing my password - Cheyanna Strickland

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 2:41 PM

#### Good afternoon,

I have a link below to the webpage that has where you download ORCA.

https://www.pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/electronic-reporting-tools/online-reporting-campaign-activity-orca You are also able to find it by scrolling down to the bottom of the main webpage, and clicking on the words in while, file online. Then scroll down to the C3 and click on File Now. It will take you to the same page as the link above.

Please let me know how that goes for you.

And no worries. I try to confirm and make sure I understand when responding to emails so that I do not miss any thing when assisting filers.

Sincerely,



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On Tue, 23 Aug at 2:34 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

#### External Email

My apologies, I think that's what I was getting after but worded it incorrectly. I don't want to uninstall the Orca app until I know where to go to download another one. I didn't see it on the PDC website. If I reinstall the update after I delete the app, will the Orca app automatically open?

On Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 2:30 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am confused with this guestion "Can I just open a new campaign and import my last backup?".

How are you able to do this if you are not able to log into the ORCA app?

If you have a backup that is up to date, you may want to uninstall ORCA and then reinstall ORCA especially if you believe that there is an issue with the app. Sincerely.



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On Tue, 23 Aug at 2:24 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

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Good afternoon.

I believe the Orca app is the problem. That's what I am unable to log into and where I get the error message that I sent in a snip of in my previous email. Then the app stops responding. My internet connection shows as "excellent". I will not be taking my computer to an expert as it is relatively new and I'm having no other issues. This issue only started after this newest update, not before. Can I just open a new campaign and import my last backup?

Thanks,

Cheyanna Strickland

On Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 12:50 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote: Good afternoon,

That usually works for filers. Since ORCA needs continuous internet access, you may want to make sure you have a good connection. And maybe try just opening up ORCA, and log in from the ORCA application. You may want to not have anything else needing the internet on your computer.

Unfortunately, the idea's that I sent in the last email and in this email are the extent of our ability to assist. If you are still unable to log into the ORCA app, I would suggest reaching out to a computer expert. I hope it is able to be figured out.

If there has been or is an outage on the PDC side, it will be on our website. We also will let you know when you email us if there has been outages.

Sincerely,



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## Re: PDC - Get help or information - Cheyanna Strickland

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 5:02 PM

Cheyanna Strickland,

You contacted me recently about a redundant interest payment that was reported on a C3 report for date of deposit 7/30/2022. Please open the 2022 campaign for the Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee. Click the C3 reporting function under File Reports. You should see the C3 report for date of deposit 7/30/22 that reported the interest payment as an unsubmitted report with a green Preview button. Click the Delete icon to delete this item. Close report manager and use the Search Miscellaneous Receipts button to find the extra interest payment. You should be able to delete this interest payment from there.

Thank you,

--Scott HaleyFiler Assistance Specialist

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On Tue, 6 Sep at 8:56 AM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

**External Email** 

We received the interest on the 31st rather than the 30th.

The ORCA campaign shows two interest payments in July, one on the 30th and one on the 31st. On which date did the campaign receive the bank interest payment?

Thank you,

--Scott Haley Filer Assistance Specialist

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On Fri, 2 Sep at 5:43 PM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

Whatcom County Democratic Party Bona Fide Party Main 2022 account. Bank Interest Cheyanna Strickland,

Please tell me which campaign you're reporting for so that I can take a look at it. If you reported the same interest payment on two different C3 reports and the interest payment was the only item on each one, I'll need to delete one of the two reports from our database. Please tell me the amount, date of deposit, and date submitted to the PDC for the two reports.

Thank you,

--Scott Haley Filer Assistance Specialist

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PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Fri, Sep 30, 2022 at 10:44 AM

Cheyanna,

Thanks for sending me the backup of your 2022 campaign. I am sending it to our IT team for advice as to how to restore your data and will be back with you when I have heard from them. I will also ask them if they can make a backup of your 2021 campaign for you.

Thank you, Jenny Polek Filer Assistant Specialist 360-586-2839

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On Thu, 29 Sep at 7:10 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

Hi Jenny,

Attached please find the most current backup of our 2022 campaign. Thank you so much!

**Best** 

Cheyanna Strickland

You will get this message if you tried to restore an older backup that did not have the newest data you had entered recently or perhaps you are trying to use ORCA on two different computers and one has more entered data than the other.

What I suggest is you make a backup for me and I will try to open it and see what deletions would be present if I were to click DELETE TRANSACTIONS.

If you wish to continue on your own, you can click on DELETE TRANSACTIONS from the error message and then go to LOGS>DELETED TRANSACTIONS LOGS and review any deletions that were made and decide if any of those need to be re-entered into ORCA.

How to Make an ORCA campaign backup: Click Backup Campaign Data from main page Choose campaign you wish to backup Remove "\*" and name the file with the name and date of your committee; leave the ".zip" extension for example, name your file, "PeopleForPeter\_7\_12\_2022.zip"

Click Save

Attach file to an email and send to me

Thank you, Jenny Polek Filer Assistant Specialist 360-586-2839

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On Wed, 28 Sep at 5:42 PM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Good evening,

I was looking for a backup of our 2021 Whatcom County Democratic Party's campaign backup, and I must have accidentally hit the wrong thing and now getting an error message. I'm afraid to proceed without your help. I am attaching a snip of the error message.

Also, can you restore a copy of our 2021 campaign? I can't find the backup and need some information on it.

Thanks!



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PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Mon, Oct 10, 2022 at 4:36 PM

Cheyanna,

IT has been able to restore your 2022 and 2021 backups. However, for the couples contact records for CAROL AND DENNIS COMEAU and BILL WRIGHT AND PATRICIA CLARK, please update the records.

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Jenny Polek
Filer Assistant Specialist 360-586-2839

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Lobbyist File Online Link

ORCA FAQS ORCA Video Tutorial How to create a C3 and C4

PDC Calendar of Events (ORCA and Compliance class listings and free registration can be found here)

On Mon, 10 Oct at 5:40 AM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

**External Email** 

Hi Jenny,

I tried to access Orca this weekend to file a C3 but I'm receiving the same error message. Is IT looking at this or should I proceed another way?

Thanks for your help!

Cheyanna Strickland

Thanks for sending me the backup of your 2022 campaign. I am sending it to our IT team for advice as to how to restore your data and will be back with you when I have heard from them. I will also ask them if they can make a backup of your 2021 campaign for you.

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Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Fri, Oct 28, 2022 at 1:28 PM

#### Cheyanna Strickland,

Thank you for making those updates. I think I missed one. Please update the couple contact for Andronetta and Jamie Douglas to include contact 1 and contact 2 then amend the C3 for date of deposit 9/12/22 that reports their contribution of \$300. The document number is 110117945.

Thank you,

--Scott Haley Filer Assistance Specialist

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On Fri, 28 Oct at 9:50 AM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

**External Email** 

Hi Scott,

Thanks for the update! I'm happy to hear that it's just this and won't be an issue is going forward!

The error started out on my end anyway, and I just appreciate the help and relieved that there's nothing wrong with my Orca. I re-entered the contacts and amended the reports. Thanks for listing them all out for me. That was very helpful!

On Fri, Oct 28, 2022 at 8:23 AM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Cheyanna Strickland,

We sent you a corrected backup for 2022 for the Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee on October 10th. This backup didn't have contact 1 and contact 2 in the couple contacts. I apologize for this error.

Thank you,

--Scott Haley
Filer Assistance Specialist

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On Thu, 27 Oct at 5:29 PM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

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Hi Scott,

I am working on these contacts now. The big issue here is that I have already done this when setting up the couple contact and it is not saving. One or two I could chalk up to oversight but none of the Contact 1 and Contact 2 for all of our couples have saved. When I set up a couple I enter both Contact 1 and Contact 2 because it autopopulates the address so I don't have to type it in. I do this every single time. I can't imagine that I have to go in and re-enter every time I need to file a report. Do you know what's going on here and why?

Please advise.

Thanks,

Cheyanna Strickland

On Thu, Oct 27, 2022 at 9:54 AM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote: Cheyanna Strickland,

The problem with the couple contacts didn't affect deposit amounts, so I don't think that it requires that you amend your C4 reports.

There are still C3 reports from the Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee that don't show the name and address of the donor. Please make sure that contact 1 and contact 2 are filled in for the couple contacts used for these reports. Please click the Amend button in report manager, inspect the image to make sure that the name and address of the donor of each itemized contribution is visible, then submit the amendment.

Please amend the C3 report for date of deposit 9./12/22, report number 110117945

Please amend the C3 report for date of deposit 9/9/2022, report number 110117947

Please amend the C3 report for date of deposit 9/4/22, report number 110117952

Please amend the C3 report for date of deposit 9/8/22, report number

Please amend the C3 report for date of deposit 8./30/22, report number 110117958

Please amend the C3 report for date of deposit 8/28/22, report number 110117960

110117991, dod 8/22/22

110117992 dod 8/18/22

110117998 dod 8/12/22

110118001 dod 8/10/22

110118005 dod 9/28/22

110118006 dod 9/27/22

110118013 dod 9/21/22

110118019 dod 8/4/22

110118031 dod 7/27/22

110118046 dod 7/19/22 110118077 dod 10/10/22

110118108 dod 10/10/22

110119252 dod 10/13.22 110120956 dod 10/17/22

110121321 dod 10/20/22

Thank you,

--Scott Halev

Filer Assistance Specialist

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## Re: PDC - Get help filing reports - Cheyanna Strickland

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 11:23 AM

Cheyanna Strickland,

I deleted the C3 reports that reported contributions from Vantiv Worldpay from our database. If you open the 2022 campaign for Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee, you should see those C3 reports as unsubmitted. You may click the delete button to delete these reports. The contributions listed on a deleted report become undeposited items. You may use contribution search to find these contributions and delete them. Removing these C3 reports may change the C4 reports for those reporting periods and subsequent reporting periods, so after you have made these changes to the ORCA campaign, please submit the affected C4 reports as amended reports.

Thank you,

--Scott HaleyFiler Assistance Specialist

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On Mon, 14 Nov at 6:26 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

Hi Scott,

I emailed you while at work earlier and was unable to answer all of your questions.

The reason why I would like to delete these Vantiv Worldpay contributions is that they were never contributions, to begin with. Vantiv Worldpay is a merchant service company used by ActBlue which is the online fundraising software that we use. I found those three credits on our bank statements and while reconciling I mistakenly added them as deposits as they were credits to our account. Vantiv has a confusing settlement schedule that I just finally got figured out. I have now spoken to the company and have received reconciliation reports from December 2021 through October 2022. Here is a snip of their fee schedule:

### Vantiv Worldpay Fees

A full schedule of these fees will be included with Vantiv Worldpay's Merchant Payment Processing Agreement.

Processing Fees	\$0.05 per contribution + 0.02% of each gross contribution amount
ACH Funds Transfer Fee	\$0.50 per ACH transfer to your bank account
Passthrough Fees	Credit card transaction fees-these are set by the credit card providers and vary by provider and card type.

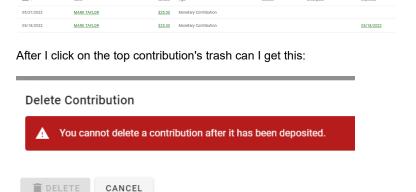
Vantiv Worldpay fees are billed monthly, and the Vantiv Worldpay fee total for each calendar month will settle on the 8th day of the following calendar month. For example, if you begin processing donations on March 20th, the total amount of Vantiv Worldpay fees on donations processed from March 20th-31st will be billed in your April 8th settlement. If the 8th falls on a weekend or holiday, the fees will be billed on the next business day after the 8th.

If you have donations that settle on the same day that the fees are billed, Vantiv Worldpay will combine the settlements into a single transfer. For example, if you have \$100 in donations that settle on July 8th, and the Vantiv Worldpay fees for June total -\$25, you will receive a single transfer of \$75 in your bank account.

So for the months of February, March, and May Vantiv combined the ActBlue contribution settlement and their fee into one transfer. Their fee is not available to view on Act Blue, you must request a reconciliation report from them and that's how you get a breakdown of their fee, separate from ActBlue's user fee which is clearly listed on ActBlue's website. I discovered all of this in the "fine print" when trying to locate any sort of statement because ActBlue's settlement schedule has always been a bit confusing to me and I have been trying to get a solid understanding and line item breakdown with this software.

So, that's the deal with those "contributions". It was totally my error. I did make all of the necessary expenditure amendments for Vantiv Worldpay in Orca already. My goal is to get them all amended so that I can print out copies to keep in the office files and the treasurer copies. I don't want to save and print C4 reports if they're not correct.

When I try to delete the \$25 entry from Mark Taylor this is what I am met with:



But as you can see it has not been deposited.

I actually was able to find a workaround for this Mark Taylor deposit so please disregard the above but I would like to point out that Orca is not always so smooth on our end.

Thank you,

Cheyanna Strickland

On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote: 
| Cheyanna Strickland,

The Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee submitted a C3 report on 7/31/22 to report \$5.24 deposited in to the campaign bank account on 2/9/2022. This is the report with document ID 110103865. They also submitted a C3 report on 10/10/2022 to report a deposit of the same amount on the same date. This is document ID 110117934. If these two reports are redundant reports reporting the same deposit, I would like to make the later report into an amendment to the previous report. That was, the deposit of \$5.24 won't be reported twice.

A deposit of \$9.52 made on 3/9/22 was reported on 7/31/22 on report 110103864 and again on report 110117937, submitted 10/10/22. If these are redundant reports, I could make the later report into an amendment of the earlier report.

Please let me know if you would like me to make these two reports into amendments to previous reports.

We have an amended C3 report, report 110118039, which reports a \$15.87 contribution from Vantiv which the campaign received on 5/10/22 and deposited on 5/10/22. This report is an amendment to an earlier C3 report, report 110103863 which we received on 7/31/22. I'd like to discuss why this report needs to be deleted and whether I would need to have the earlier report, the one it amends, deleted also.

If you have an undeposited monetary contribution, you may delete this item from an ORCA campaign. Simply use the Search Contributions function under Contributions on the ORCA dashboard. When you find the contribution, use the trash can icon to delete it.

Thank you,

--Scott Haley Filer Assistance Specialist

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On Sun, 13 Nov at 1:41 PM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Good afternoon,

I am the treasurer of the Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee. I am requesting the deletion of four deposits made. They are as follows: Vantiv Worldpay on the dates of 02/09/2022 \$5.24 03/09/2022 \$9.52 and 05/10/2022 \$15.87

There is also an amount sitting in "make a deposit" that needs to be removed that I am no longer able to remove. The date is 05/27/2022 from Mark Taylor for the amount of \$25. This is a double entry.

Thank you, Cheyanna Strickland



## Re: PDC - Get help or information - Cheyanna Strickland

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Thu, Dec 1, 2022 at 11:35 AM

Cheyanna,

Tokens are not used any longer for people using ORCA, it is only for third party vendors. Attached is the most current backup that our IT team has. It might not be totally complete, so you should check to make sure. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

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On Thu, 1 Dec at 8:41 AM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

Hi Colin,

I understand if I am unable to get a copy of a current file. I'm more concerned about being able to get an access token for SAW for our campaign.

Thanks,

Cheyanna Strickland

I will check with our IT team to see what they can make, but it can't be guaranteed that it will have everything that you had already entered. Will reach out when I obtain a backup.

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On Thu, 1 Dec at 7:54 AM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Good morning,

I am the treasurer for the Whatcom County Democratic Party. My computer that stores Orca has crashed and is unrecoverable. I am purchasing a new laptop this evening but I don't know how to go about reinstalling Orca on my new laptop. Also, I did back up the last time I filed the last C4 but I have entered a lot since then. Is there anyway that I can get a current file from you?

Thank you so much for your help!

Sincerely, Cheyanna Strickland





## Re: PDC - Get help or information - Cheyanna Strickland

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 7:52 AM

#### Good morning,

I am attaching the backup that our IT team did for the committee. Please review and verify that is is accurate. Please let me know how the backup works for you. Sincerely,



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On Thu, 8 Dec at 2:59 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

**External Email** 

Thank you so, so much!!!

On Thu, Dec 8, 2022 at 8:04 AM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

I will reach out to our IT team and see if they are able to do a backup. Sincerely,



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On Thu, 8 Dec at 7:20 AM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Good morning,

I'm the treasurer for the Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee, and I'm hoping that you can help me. A couple of weeks ago, my computer crashed, and was helped by the PDC to get a current campaign backup for the primary Orca campaign on my new computer. I noticed that the most current Exempt file I had backed up was in April, and I restored that backup, however, will I need to reenter the last few months of transactions, and how will that effect C4 reports? If I reenter the information that needs to be kept in the file, I will need to file those reports, but I already filed them. I'm looking for advice on the best way to go about this without making a mess. I've actually been through this before as far as double entering contributions and expenses, and it seemed to create extra work for PDC staff. I don't want to do that again:)

Thanks,

Cheyanna Strickland

Cheyanna Strickland

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## Re: PDC - Whatcom County Democratic Party: Alleged Violation of RCW 42.17A.405 for receiving and keeping over limit contributions (EY20, Jan22)

PDC Support pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: office@whatcomdemocrats.org
Co: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Chevanna

I will be leaving the office at 4:30 but plan to check messages again at around 6:00 p.m. tonight to see if you have reached out. I will only log in at 6:30 p.m. tonight or 6:00 a.m. tomorrow if I hear back from you.

Please reply to this email or call and leave a voicemail. I will check messages this evening.

Jennifer Hansen Compliance Officer Public Disclosure Commission pdc@pdc.wa.gov 1.360.586.4560

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On Thu, 24 Mar at 1:15 PM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote

External Email

Hi Jennifer

I'm going to give it one more try when I get off work and if I'm still not getting it right, I'll reach out to you ASAP to set up either tonight or tomorrow. Thank you so much for being flexible with your schedul much appreciated on my end!!!! I'll be in

Thanks.

Cheyanna Strickland

On Thu, Mar 24, 2022 at 1:12 PM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Cheyanna

I can be available for you tomorrow, Friday, March 25, 2021, at 6:00 a.m. should you need phone assistance as requested. I can also be available after 6:30 p.m. this evening should that be con you would like to speak to speak after 6:30 p.m. today or before 7:00 a.m. tomorrow so I can be available to you.

This case is nearing its due date for completion and the C-4 reports are the only items I am waiting on. Thank you for your prompt attention.

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On Wed, 23 Mar at 9:04 AM , PDC Support  $\protect\pro$ 

Thank you for your response. As noted in my voicemail, you will need to enter all funds received into or spent from the Exempt account during 2021 and submit C-4 reports for the entire y we can see that you have appropriate C-4 reporting periods waiting for you when your data entry is complete.

I will be available for you tomorrow-, Thursday, March 24, 2021, at 6:00 a.m. should you need phone assistance as requested. I can also be available after 6:30 p.m. tomorrow should that me know if you would like to speak to speak after 6:30 p.m. tomorrow so I can be available to you.

If you need to speak to me before 7:00 a.m. tomorrow, simply call me at 360-586-4560.

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On Thu, 17 Mar at 12:24 PM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email

Hi Jennifer,

I did enter the one Lummi Indian Business check as instructed. That is the only check that we received from this business. The exempt account was set up for us (which I apprecia the Lummi Indian Business Council Exempt account, so I only entered that one exempt account transaction. The PDC website states that if it's under a certain amount, then not to transaction into a separate exempt Orca account, but if I understand correctly, even though the few, small amounts of every expense used from the exempt account for 2021 shoulinto the 2021 Lummi Indian Business Council Exempt Orca account even when though there is no relationship between those transactions and the Lummi Business Council? In you stated that to bring the campaign into compliance that at the least, the Lummi check needed to be entered, but now you're saying every 2021 small exempt account transaction entered into the account that's titled for the Lummi Business Council.

I understand that there may have been some confusion regarding the creation and use of the Exempt account. In order to bring the records back into compliance, your committee must have a full set of reports in ORCA disclosing only the account for calendar year 2021. At the least, the contribution from the Lummi Indian Business Council should be disclosed in a separate Exempt account.

Please specifically tell me what is required. When I read instructions like the above, it correlates with the information listed on the actual PDC website. Still, I am instructed to do so feels misleading. There was no option in the Orca exempt account set-up to file a C4 report, just a C-3, but do I need to file a C4? Can that be added to the Orca account on your e

I understand that Ladelle is there to help if needed but is someone available to help before 7:00 am and after 6:30 pm? I'm an accountant, and it's tax season, so I am only availabl increasingly frustrating process with someone before or after the hours that I have stated.

Please advise

Thank you,

Cheyanna Strickland

Cheyanna Strickland



## Re: PDC - Get help filing reports - Cheyanna Strickland

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Mon, Jan 9, 2023 at 12:39 PM

Cheyanna,

Please go ahead and file the C3 that has already been filed and let me know when that has happened. I will turn it into an amendment and your data should be correct. Have great day.

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On Sun, 8 Jan at 12:25 PM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Good afternoon,

My name is Cheyanna Strickland, and I am the Whatcom County Democratic Party's treasurer. A while back, I had issues restoring Orca files after my computer crashed. I got help from the PDC to send me backups of our exempt and regular Orca files. A \$25,000 deposit was made to our exempt account in September, and the required reports were filed. When I restored our 2022 - Whatcom County Democratic Party - Exempt Orca file last month, I saw that the \$25,000 shows as undeposited in our Orca file. I want to ensure everything runs smoothly and not make a bigger mess; how should I clear out the deposit to correct the file? I am attaching a snip to this email for you to look at.

Thank you for all that you do,

Cheyanna Strickland



## Re: PDC - Get help or information - Cheyanna Strickland

PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
Reply-To: PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>
To: cheystrick9@gmail.com

Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 8:01 AM

#### Good morning,

Unfortunately, since the computer was shut down before the report was completely processed, there is not a way to change a date. When this type of scenario occurs, the application will attempt to file the report as soon as the campaign is opened up again. This will cause a duplicate report to be filed as an amendment.

Would you like the duplicate report to be deleted? Out IT team would allow a deletion in this case.

Please let me know and also send me the report number of the one that you would like to delete if that is the way you would like to go with this. It does not harm anything to keep the amended report either in this case.

Sincerely,



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On Thu, 16 Feb at 5:27 PM, Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote:

**External Email** 

Thank you for the update and your time!

Have a great evening,

Cheyanna Strickland

On Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 9:01 AM PDC Support <pdc@pdc.wa.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

ORCA needs continuous internet to process the reports. Shutting down before you receive the report has been filed notice will interrupt the process and pause the report form being filed. Please make sure to receive the report has been filed notice before you exit the campaign and shutdown the computer in the future.

I will reach out to our IT team to see what options, if any, are available. I will get back to you once I hear back from them.

Sincerely,



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On Tue, 14 Feb at 6:23 PM , Cheyanna <cheystrick9@gmail.com> wrote: Good evening,

I'm the treasurer for the Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee and I am working on our Orca file and amending our 02/10 C4 report in the process I noticed that our 02/10 C4 reporting date is reported on 02/11 at 8:13 am and then an amendment at the same time! This is true for our Exempt Orca file too! I filed the C4 report on 02/10 evening after work (don't remember but after 5:30 pm). The only thing is that I shut my laptop before it fully processed but I don't know why I would also be seeing an amendment as well or why I didn't receive an error message. I don't know if I need to do something about this. Is there a way to fix it?

Thank you, Cheyanna Strickland

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