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**Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
Kennewick Citizens Levy & Bond Committee
PDC Case 141620**

I, Pat Mastaler, in my capacity as Chair of Kennewick Citizens Levy & Bond Committee, hereby acknowledge that, during election year 2022, Kennewick Citizens Levy & Bond Committee violated RCW 42.17A.235 & RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely and accurately file a *Campaign Summary Receipts & Expenditures* report (C-4 report) disclosing expenditures for election year 2022.

The facts are as follows:

- The committee's 7-day pre-Special Election C-4 report covering 1/18/2022-1/31/2022 was due February 1, 2022, filed ten (10) days late on February 11, 2022, and did not disclose any expenditures. The report was amended on June 6, 2022 to disclose election-related expenditures of \$6,873.36 for "Levy postcard and postage" and \$2,644.68 in postage and permits (report 110090000). These expenditures were reported 125 days late, after the February 8, 2022 Special Election to which they relate, thereby depriving the public of information during a time-sensitive period in the election cycle.

Kennewick Citizens Levy & Bond Committee would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, Kennewick Citizens Levy & Bond Committee acknowledges that it violated Washington State law as described above and agrees to enter into this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, Kennewick Citizens Levy & Bond Committee agrees to pay a \$150 penalty for one (1) acknowledged violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failing to timely and accurately report election-related expenditures on a 7-day pre-Special Election C-4 report during election year 2022.

Kennewick Citizens Levy & Bond Committee understands that, by signing this SOU, it acknowledges the violation of Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waives its right to a hearing in this matter. Kennewick Citizens Levy & Bond Committee further understands that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with a payment for the \$150 civil penalty will resolve the issue of the late-filed 7-day pre-Special Election C-4 report for election year 2022 indicated above.



Pat Mastaler, Chair

5/28/2024
Date Signed

Please make your check or money order payable to the “Washington State Treasurer” and be sure to include the PDC Case Number (141620) in the memorandum field.

Kindly mail or deliver this signed SOU and your payment to one of the following addresses by no later than **Friday, June 7, 2024**.

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