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Subject: PDC Case 141702 regarding Okanogan County Democratic Central Committee

Okanogan County Democratic Central Committee:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaints filed by Glen Morgan and Conner Edwards on August 21, 2023, and November 19, 2024, respectively. The complaints alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures during calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Applicable Laws and Rules

<u>RCW 42.17A.235</u> describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions, in-kind donations of goods or services, and expenditures made by the campaign.

<u>RCW 42.17A.240</u> describes the required content of each campaign report including the name and address of each person making contributions and to whom an expenditure was made.

Background and Findings

2020-2023 Election Summary

- Okanogan County Democratic Central Committee (the Committee) was registered as a county bona fide party committee under the "Full Reporting" option during calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.
- During calendar year 2020, the Committee filed eleven original and one amended C-4 reports between 12 and 316 days late, disclosing \$5,114 in total contributions and \$4,608.46 in total expenditures.
- During calendar year 2021, the Committee filed six C-4 reports between one and 87 days late, disclosing \$618.78 in total contributions and \$586 in total expenditures.

- During calendar year 2022, the Committee filed seven original and one amended C-4 reports between seven and 67 days late, disclosing \$7,542.86 in total contributions and \$3,499.77 in total expenditures.
- During calendar year 2023, the Committee filed two C-4 reports between seven and 46 days late, disclosing \$1,807.72 in total contributions and \$992.17 in total expenditures.

2024 Election Summary

- During calendar year 2024, the Committee submitted eleven original and ten amended C-4 reports disclosing \$17,218.72 in total contributions and \$11,000.74 in total expenditures. The Committee filed its C-4 reports monthly rather than in accordance with the 21- and 7-day preelection and post-election reporting schedule required under RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 when participating in the General Election.
- The C-4 reports disclosing expenditures made to 2024 candidates and ballot measure committees appearing on the November 5, 2024, General Election included one \$500 monetary contribution made on August 6, 2024, submitted timely on September 10, 2024, and sixteen in-kind contributions totaling \$3.929.10 made on October 2, October 16 and October 25, 2024, submitted between 20 and 34 days late.

Summary and Resolution

The Committee completed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) and paid a \$450 civil penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule), acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 for failing to timely and accurately file C-4 reports, disclosing contributions and expenditures during calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Any allegations regarding reporting by the Committee for calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 that are not otherwise addressed are hereby dismissed.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

<u>Electronically signed by Jennifer Hansen</u> Jennifer Hansen Compliance Officer Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee
Peter Frey Lavallee
Executive Director

cc: Glen Morgan & Conner Edwards