



## State of Washington

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### **Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding Okanogan County Democratic Central Committee PDC Case 141702**

I, Gayle Clemens, in my capacity as Committee Vice Chair of Okanogan County Democratic Central Committee (the “Committee”), hereby acknowledge that, during calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, the Committee violated 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.

The facts are as follows:

#### 2020-2023 Election Summary

- Okanogan County Democratic Central 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 pre-election 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 20 and 34 days late.

The Committee would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, the Committee acknowledges that it violated Washington 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, the Committee agrees to pay a \$450 penalty for acknowledged 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.

The Committee understands that, by signing this SOU, it acknowledges the violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waives its right to a hearing in this matter. The Committee further understands that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with a payment for the \$450 civil penalty will resolve the issue of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file C-4 reports for calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 indicated above.

*Gayle C Clemens*

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Gayle Clemens  
Vice Chair, Okanogan County Democratic Central Committee

January 15, 2025

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Date Signed

The signed Statement of Understanding (SOU) and \$450 penalty payment is due by **Wednesday, January 29, 2025**. See the options below for how to continue with either online, by mail, or in-person processing.

### **Electronic Payment Option**

Please be aware, processing fees may apply. To start the process for making an online payment, do the following:

Email an electronic copy of the signed SOU to the Compliance Officer assigned to your case.

- A photo or scan of the signed SOU is acceptable. Do make sure that all parts of the SOU are within focus and readable.
- To email the signed SOU to your Compliance Officer, reply directly to the last email you had with the Compliance Officer and attach the document.
- The Compliance Officer must receive the signed SOU no later than **January 29, 2025**.
  - o A signed SOU is required for the terms of the agreement to be fulfilled.
  - o If we do not receive the SOU, your case will be scheduled for the next available Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP). If this occurs, the Commission's Presiding Officer will hear the case.
  - o If you send the SOU and payment electronically, you DO NOT need to mail a hard copy of the SOU to your Compliance Officer

Once the SOU is received, PDC staff will email a payment link and further instructions about how to make a payment.

- You must send the payment, via the link, no later than **Friday, January 31, 2025**.

### **Mail or In-Person Payment Option**

To pay by check or money order, make the payment payable to "Washington State Treasurer," write your PDC Case Number **141702** in the Memo field, and mail or deliver the payment **and your signed SOU** to one of the addresses listed below, no later than **Wednesday, January 29, 2025**.

Regular mail:

Public Disclosure Commission  
PO Box 40908  
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

Overnight mail or in-person delivery:

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