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Dear, Phil Stutzman
Compliance Officer
Washington State Public Disclosure Commission

Re: PDC Case Number 141989
Citizens for Spokane Schools PAC

Request to dismiss complaint filed by Glen Morgan August 28, 2023

The Citizens for Spokane Schools PAC (PAC) records for the election of 2018 were incomplete and unreported due to illness and subsequent death of the PAC treasurer, Ellen Robey (May 12, 2020).

Before the campaign for the 2021 election could be started, 2018 had to be reconciled. Once the records were obtained from the estate of Ms. Robey, the 2018 campaign was reconciled to the bank account and finalized. The time period between Ms. Robey's death, obtaining the necessary records, reconciliation and updating public reporting, was about 9 months. The committee acted as quickly as possible to locate a new treasurer (Barbara Marney), who assumed the duties in November of 2020. She completed the public reports for election 2018 and brought election 2021 records up to date by January 2021.

The C-4 reports for campaign 2021 were reconciled to the bank deposits and expenditures. These documents are now and always have been available for public inspection and we are happy to supply them to the Public Disclosure Commission. There was no attempt then or now to conceal the activities of the PAC from the public.

The specific allegation that the PAC absconded with \$27.10 over the course of its formation is simply not true and may be attributed to a simple bookkeeping oversight while reconciling bank fees and fee refunds.

\$1,896.79 was a carry forward to the 2024 campaign and is identified as such on the C-4 filed March 21, 110014304.

The Citizens for Spokane Schools PAC is a group of parents and volunteers formed to support the passage of Spokane Public Schools (District 81) levies and bonds. We are supported by Spokane citizens, teachers, administrators, businesses, parents, and local organizations. We believe passionately in our schools and that is why we volunteer our time. We acknowledge we had a gap in reporting during the lengthy illness of our previous treasurer. Ellen was a wonderful human being and community servant. At the time, we did not know we would lose her.

The PAC is now current with our campaign reporting, and we ask that this complaint be dismissed.

Thank you,

Tim Kestell, Chair
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