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September 18, 2024

Delivered electronically to treasurer@andy-lo.com and melanie-morgan@hotmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 144527

Dear Melanie Morgan:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(f), you completed and signed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) and paid a \$1,000 civil penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule). The signed SOU was received by the PDC staff on August 12, 2024. By signing the SOU, you acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240.

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

PDC staff expects that, in the future, you follow all applicable PDC laws, rules and guidance. If violations of PDC laws or rules occur in the future, the Commission will consider the SOU in deciding on further Commission action.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Electronically signed

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Subject: Complaint against Melanie Morgan, PDC Case 144527

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review and assessment of the complaint you filed Oct. 26, 2023. The complaint alleged that Melanie Morgan may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely and accurately file Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and Summary Full Campaign Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports during the 2018 election year.

PDC staff reviewed the allegation(s); the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Melanie Morgan; the applicable PDC reports filed by The Friends of Melanie Morgan; and other relevant information, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Morgan was elected to the Washington State House of Representatives representing Legislative District 29 in 2018 and was re-elected in 2020 and 2022.
- On Jan. 7, 2019, Morgan's 2018 Committee, The Friends of Melanie Morgan, filed a C-4 report listing a total of \$48,513 in contributions and \$60,616.94 in expenditures during the 2018 campaign, with a negative balance of \$12,103.94. However, the 2020 Committee, filing under the same name, filed a C-3 filed June 10, 2019 that listed a funds transfer of \$18,714.25 from the 2018 campaign to the 2020 campaign.
- In response to the complaint, Morgan stated, "Our campaign has done a thorough review of our past 2018 filings and corrected any errors found and filed all reports discovered to have been missing. The currently filed reports are as accurate as possible. There was no intent at any time to illegally obscure the true amount or source of any donations or the

recipient of any campaign funds for services rendered. Our volunteer treasurers for that election cycle performed their duties to the best of their ability.”

- On May 20, 2024, Andy Lo, the new treasurer for the Committee, filed a C-4 for the time period of April 1 – 30, 2019 for the 2018 Committee, listing a corrected total of \$119,060.65 in contributions and \$100,156.47 in expenditures during the 2018 campaign, with \$18,714.25 cash on hand.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(f), Melanie Morgan completed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) and paid a \$1,000 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. The \$1,000 penalty assessed resolves the allegations listed in the complaint.

Accordingly, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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