

## STATE OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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**PDC CASE: 146593** 

Washington State Republican Party 11811 NE 1st St Ste A306 Bellevue, WA 98005

Also sent electronically to Washington State Republican Party at <u>matthew@wsrp.org</u>

## ENFORCEMENT HEARING NOTICE

Respondent: Washington State Republican Party

Hearing/meeting date: October 24, 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: 711 Capitol Way, Suite 206, Olympia, WA 98501

Also via Teams, Live Audio and Online Transmission

Presiding Officer: Allen Hayward, Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

Authority: RCW 42.17A and WAC 390

In accordance with RCW 42.17A.110 and RCW 42.17A.755, the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) will hold an enforcement hearing concerning allegations that the Washington State Republican Party (Non-Exempt & Exempt) violated: (1) RCW 42.17A.320, by failing to include sponsor identification on political advertising; (2) RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely disclose expenditures made on Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports); (3) RCW 42.17A.405 and WAC 390-17-060 by making a contribution to a ballot measure committee using exempt funds; and (4) RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely and accurately disclose the source of monetary contributions on Monetary Contributions reports (C-3 reports), and RCW 42.17A.220 by depositing overlimit anonymous contributions.

I am including an electronic copy of the Amended Notice of Administrative Charges, the Amended Report of Investigation. The Amended Report of Investigation and Amended Notice of Administrative Charges is also being mailed. I have previously provided an electronic copy of the PDC Enforcement Guide.

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The Commission is scheduled to hold a hearing to determine if actual violations occurred, and if appropriate, to assess penalties. The Commission may also determine if it wishes to accept a Stipulation (informal settlement) by the parties as to facts, violations and/or penalties, if such a Stipulation is proposed by the parties. See WAC 390-37-090.

You are not required by law to personally attend the hearing. However, the Public Disclosure Commission recommends that respondents personally appear whenever possible. If you do not plan to be present at the hearing, you may submit evidence in writing no later than 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024, by email at <a href="mailto:pdc.wa.gov">pdc.wa.gov</a>. PDC staff or its legal counsel, will present this matter to the Commission.

The Commission has the authority to assess a penalty of up to \$10,000 per violation in accordance with WAC 390-37-182.

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Electro	onically Signed Jennifer Hansen
PDC O	Compliance Officer

Respondent and Complainant Notice Rights:

In accordance with <u>WAC 390-37-060(5)</u>, the respondent and complainant are being provided notice in advance of the enforcement hearing. In accordance with <u>WAC 390-37-030</u>, the complainant does not have special standing to intervene in the hearing. The presiding officer has the discretion to allow comment by a person other than the respondent during their consideration of the complaint. Any person who wishes to comment should notify staff at least three business days before the proceeding.

<u>WAC 390-37-030</u> also allows the complainant or any other person to submit documentary evidence and/or written factual or legal statements to the staff at any time up to and including the fifth calendar day before the date of any enforcement hearing or proceeding. Such information should be sent electronically to <u>pdc@pdc.wa.gov</u>.