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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
Chris DeGallier/Citizens for Kelso Schools
PDC Case 147906

I, Chris DeGallier, in my capacity as Treasurer of Citizens for Kelso Schools Committee, hereby acknowledge that, for the 2024 February Special Election, Citizens for Kelso Schools violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely and accurately disclose contributions and expenditures on C-3 and C-4 reports.

The facts are as follows:

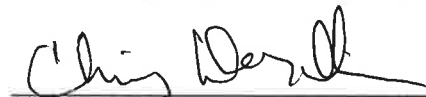
- Citizens for Kelso Schools Committee filed a Political Committee Registration (C-1pc), for the Full Reporting option, on April 25, 2020. The full reporting requirement obligated the Committee to file Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions (C-3) and Receipts & Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports for campaign activities leading up to and during the 2024 February Special Election.
- February 2, 2024, two C-3s were filed for contributions deposited on October 24, 2023, totaling \$8,000. The deposits were made timely, but the reports should have been submitted on the following Monday after the contributions were deposited. These reports were three months late.
- A corresponding C-4 for the period 10/01/23-10/31/23 was filed on February 2, 2024, but should have been filed in November 2023. This C4 showed \$1,114 in expenditures and \$8,454 in contributions. The report was three months late.
- C-3s for deposits made on November 9, 2023, and November 29, 2023, for contributions totaling \$1,250, were deposited timely but reports were not submitted until February 2, 2024. These reports were three months late.
- The corresponding C-4 for the period 11/01/23-11/30/23 showed \$2,250 in receipts received and no expenditures. The report was submitted on February 2, 2024, but was due in December of 2023. The report was a month and a half late.

- Two C-3s were filed for contributions deposited on December 7, 2023, totaling \$946. One of the C-3s was filed on February 2, 2024, amended March 10, 2024. The other C-3 report was filed on March 10, 2024. Both reports were filed 3 months late and not until after the election.
- A C-3 for a deposit on January 22, 2024, identifying contributions totaling \$200, was submitted on February 2, 2024, but should have been submitted on the Monday following the deposit.
- The 21-day C-4, for the period 12/01/23-01/22/24, was due on January 23, 2024. The campaign filed the report on February 2, 2024, but the expenditure descriptions did not have the required details required for political advertising and the report was not finalized until March 10, 2024, after the election.
- In total, the campaign receipts were \$16,225.69 and expenditures were \$10,391.00.

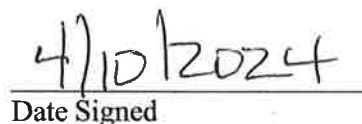
Citizens for Kelso Schools Committee would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, the Committee acknowledges that it violated Washington State law as described above and agrees to enter into this *Statement of 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 \$150 penalty for acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely and accurately disclose contributions and expenditures on C-3 and C-4 reports leading up to and during the 2024 Special Election.

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 \$150 civil penalty will resolve the issue of violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely and accurately disclose contributions and expenditures on C-3 and C-4 reports leading up to and during the 2024 Special Election, outlined above.



Chris DeGallier
Treasurer


Date Signed

Please make your check or money order payable to the “**Washington State Treasurer**” and be sure to include the PDC Case Number 147906 in the memorandum field.

Kindly mail or deliver this SOU and your payment to one of the following addresses by no later than **Monday, April 15, 2024.**

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