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March 5, 2019

Delivered electronically to "votejessejohnson@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 27210

Dear Jesse Johnson:

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

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this letter serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to accurately and timely disclose contribution and expenditure activities. Staff expects you to completely and timely file all required reports of contributions and expenditures in future years. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,
/ _S
Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator 2
Endorsed by,
/ <u>s</u>
Peter Lavallee
Executive Director



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Subject: Complaint regarding Jesse Johnson, PDC Case 27210

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on November 2, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Joan McBride may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign; RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to accurately and completely report debts and obligations; RCW 42.17A.240, WAC 390-16-037, and WAC 390-16-205 for failure to provide detailed breakdowns of expenditures; and RCW 42.17A.405 for accepting over-limit contributions from SEIU 1199.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the responses provided by Jesse Johnson; the applicable PDC reports filed by Respondent; and queried the Respondent's data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Jesse Johnson filed one late C-3 report in 2017, disclosing \$290 or 1.22% of all contributions in that year, 11 days beyond the statutory deadline of RCW 42.17A.235.
- Jesse Johnson filed three late C-4 reports in 2017, disclosing \$12,466.53 in contributions, and \$16,074.66 in expenditures, between 14-41 days late. While these constitute 52.54% of all contributions and 63.83% of all expenditures, respectively, in that year, they were all disclosed before the General Election of 2017.
- For debts that were allegedly unreported, the Johnson campaign has amended necessary reports to show unreported debts, such as for orders placed for political advertising, or provided PDC staff with an attestation that each debt was an order placed and paid in the same reporting period, and thus not reportable as debt under the old version of RCW 42.17A.240.
- The Johnson campaign amended necessary reports to disclose sub-vendor breakdowns as required by RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-205, and number of printed items in accordance with WAC 390-16-037.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely report an isolated number of contributions and expenditures, and to accurately and completely disclose debts and sub-vendors do not amount to actual violations warranting further investigation.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), Jesse Johnson will receive a formal written warning concerning failure to accurately and timely disclose contribution and expenditure activities. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Jesse Johnson timely and completely files all future required reports of contributions and expenditures. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on this information, 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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cc: Jesse Johnson