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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Alice Fiman, Compliance Officer

Date: April 1, 2025

Subject: Richland Citizens for Good Schools 2023 Levy (RCGS) PDC Case 154488

Allegations:

PDC staff alleges RCGS violated RCW 42.17A.235 and 240 by failing to file a mandatory C-4 expenditure report, specifically the 2023 February Special Election post-election C-4 report due March 10, 2023.

Background:

- Danica Garcia filed a 2023 registration with the PDC listing Full Reporting on February 1, 2023 and listing Danica Garcia as chair and treasurer.
- The registration identified the committee as supporting the Richland School District's 2023 Levy, Bond or Advisory Vote.
- In the February 2023 Special Election, a six-year Safety and Security (Capital Projects) Levy was approved by voters, garnering 55.13 percent of the vote. The \$23 million capital improvement levy supports school safety and begins pre-design development for a third high school.
<https://www.tricityherald.com/news/local/education/article271302212.html#storylink=cpy>
- PDC staff attempted to contact RCGS treasurer Danica Garcia via email, telephone and USPS.
- There has been no response or reports filed to date.
- RCGS was registered with the PDC in 2021 under mini reporting.
- On March 10, 2025 PDC staff emailed a notice for the BAP hearing and an offer to sign a zero dollar SOU with the requirement to file the missing report.

- PDC staff did not receive a response.

Laws & Rules:

RCW 42.17A.235 and **RCW 42.17A.240** require candidates to file timely, accurate reports of contributions and expenditures. Under the “Full Reporting” option, until five months before the general election, C-3 and C-4 reports are required monthly when contributions exceed \$200 since the last report; on the twenty-first day and the seventh day preceding the date of the primary and general election date; and on the tenth day of the first month after the primary and general election date.