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May 6, 2025

Subject: PDC Order, Case 154488

Richland Citizens for Good Schools Levy Committee

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Final Order that was entered in the above-referenced case.

At the April 15, 2025, Brief Enforcement Hearing, the Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$150 with \$150 suspended on the condition the Richland Citizens for Good Schools Levy Committee commits no violation of RCW 42.17A.235 or RCW 42.17A.240 within four years of the date of this order, in accordance with WAC 390-37-143.

If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Alice Fiman

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Enclosure: Final Order



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with RCW 42.17A	PDC Case 154488
Richland Citizens for Good Schools Levy Committee,	Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and
Respondent.	Order Imposing Fine

Pursuant to the brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) notice sent to **Richland Citizens for Good Schools Levy Committee** on **March 9, 2025**, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on April 10, 2025, remotely from Olympia, WA by live audio and online transmission, to consider whether the Respondent 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.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW, 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Chair J. Leach was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Compliance Coordinators, Colin Peeples and Jordan Campbell and Compliance Officer Alice Fiman. The Respondent did participate in the hearing.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a Political Committee that supported the Richland School District Levy, Bond or Advisory Vote in 2023.
2. As a Political Committee participating in the 2023 Special Election, the Respondent was required to file a post-general election C-4 report by March 10, 2023.
3. The Respondent filed the C-4 report on the date of the enforcement hearing.

4. The Respondent has no prior violations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened, and all jurisdictional, substantive, and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to file the post-general election C-4 report by March 10, 2023.

ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$150, in accordance with the C-4 penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143.

It is further ordered that \$150 of the \$150 penalty is suspended on the condition that the Respondent:

- 1. Commits no violation of RCW 42.17A.235 or RCW 42.17A.240 within four years of the date of this order.**
- 2. It is further ordered that, if the Respondent fails to comply with the above conditions:**
 - a. The full \$150 penalty shall immediately become due without further action by the Commission and PDC Staff is directed to refer the matter to collections and/or commence other legal proceedings as authorized by RCW 42.17A and 390 WAC.**

Any allegations regarding reporting by the Respondent for the 2023 campaign that are not otherwise addressed here are hereby dismissed.

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 6th day of May, 2025.

Public Disclosure Commission

Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee
Peter Frey Lavallee
Executive Director

I, Alice Fiman, certify that I emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent on the date stated herein.

<u>Electronically Signed by Alice Fiman</u>	<u>May 6, 2025</u>
Signed	Date

APPEALS OF INITIAL ORDER

REVIEW OF INITIAL ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION

You may request that the full Commission review this initial order. To seek review, you must:

- Make the request orally or in writing, stating the reason for review, and identifying what alleged errors are contained in the initial order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(1). Staff may ask for written confirmation of oral requests for review.
- **REQUESTS FOR REVIEW MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE POSTMARK DATE OF THIS INITIAL ORDER.** Written requests for review should be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia, WA 98504-0908.

If review of this initial order is timely requested, the full Commission will hear the matter. If the Commission is unable to schedule a meeting to consider the request within twenty (20) calendar days, this initial order becomes a final order, and any request for review will automatically be considered a request for reconsideration of a final order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(4). The matter would then be scheduled for consideration and disposition at the next Commission meeting at which it is practicable to do so.

A Respondent does not need to pay a penalty until after the Commission rules on a request for review of an initial order.

FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

If the Commission does not receive a request for review of this initial order within twenty-one (21) calendar days, the initial order shall be the final order. *See* WAC 390-37-142(5).

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A FINAL ORDER TO SUPERIOR COURT, PURSUANT TO THE PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW PROVISIONS OF RCW 34.05.552.