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Subject: PDC Case 155026 regarding Lake Stevens Concerned Citizens Committee

Lake Stevens Concerned Citizens Committee:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaints filed by Conner Edwards on May 28 and August 16, 2024. The complaints alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately disclose contributions and expenditures on reports for election years 2022 and 2024.

Applicable Laws and Rules

- RCW 42.17A.235 describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions.
- RCW 42.17A.240 requires committees file accurate campaign finance reports with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Background and Findings

- Lake Stevens Concerned Citizens Committee is a ballot proposition committee registered with the PDC to support ballot propositions associated with the Lake Stevens School District. Associated committees have been registered with the PDC since at least 2010.
- In response to the complaint, Michelle Vonderau, Treasurer, noted the Committee inadvertently filed as an election year committee in addition to its continuing committee, however only reported during election periods when there was a measure on the ballot for the Lake Stevens School District.
- Vonderau noted contributions from school district employees are received year-round. This included receiving contributions between election periods, specifically in 2023.
- Working with PDC staff, Vonderau updated reports from 2022-2024, adding contributions received via payroll deduction during the time between elections, specifically in 2023. PDC staff also assisted Vonderau in correcting the committee type and election date.
- Contributions that were originally reported as coming from the Lake Stevens School District are now attributed to individual contributors.

- There are no previous enforcement cases regarding the Lake Stevens Concerned Citizens Committee.

### Summary and Resolution

It appears that the Committee inadvertently filed as both an election year and continuing committee, but after working with PDC staff, Committee officers were able to correct the registrations and reporting for the elections the committee participated in during 2022, 2024 and 2025.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, any violation that may have occurred was minor and has been cured. Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, you are receiving a formal written warning concerning the failure to timely disclosure of all contributions. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation the Committee timely 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.

Any allegations regarding reporting by the Committee for calendar years 2022-2024 and the February 2025 election that are not otherwise addressed are also hereby dismissed.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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