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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Alice Fiman, Compliance Officer

Date: October 3, 2024

Subject: Misipati Semi Bird Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 155443

Allegations:

PDC staff alleges that Misipati Semi Bird, a candidate for Governor for State of Washington in the 2024 election, violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to provide party preference and sponsor identification on political advertising for election year 2024.

Background:

- On November 12, 2022, Misipati Semi Bird filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) a Candidate Registration (C-1) for the Full Reporting option. On the registration, Bird listed the party preference as Republican. **[Exhibit 1]**
- Misipati Semi Bird amended the registration during the campaign, with the most recent registration updated March 18, 2024. All registrations listed the party preference as Republican.
- On Feb. 13, 2024, Misipati Semi Bird was issued a formal written from the Public Disclosure Commission in Case 145404 concerning the failure to include the party preference on political advertising sponsored by the Campaign. **[Exhibit 2]**

- On May 24, 2024 PDC staff received a signed Statement of Understanding where Bird acknowledged a violation of RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include a party preference on political advertising. **[Exhibit 3]**
- On June 21, 2024 PDC staff received a complaint from Daniel Hodun, alleging Misipati Semi Bird failed to include party preference on political advertising. **[Exhibit 4]**
- On June 25, 2024, PDC staff received a complaint from Robert Parker, alleging Misipati Semi Bird failed to include party preference on political advertising. **[Exhibit 4]**
- The Bird for Governor campaign responded to the complaints on July 11 and July 30, 2024. **[Exhibit 5]**
- During its investigation, PDC staff found the Bird for Governor campaign maintained Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter and TikTok accounts. However, there was no sponsor identification or party preference on the Instagram, YouTube, Twitter or TikTok accounts.
- In response, the campaign stated on July 31, 2024, they would review these accounts and added the information required under RCW 42.17A.320. **[Exhibit 5]**

Laws and Rules:

RCW 42.17A.320 requires ...All written political advertising, whether relating to candidates or ballot propositions, shall include the sponsor's name and address... For partisan office, if a candidate has expressed a party or independent preference on the declaration of candidacy, that party or independent designation shall be clearly identified in electioneering communications, independent expenditures, or political advertising.

Aggravating and Mitigating Factors:

- Misipati Semi Bird was issued a warning for a violation of RCW 42.17A.320.
- Misipati Semi Bird acknowledged a violation of RCW 42.17A.320.
- Misipati Semi Bird did not advance to the 2024 General Election.

Exhibit List:

- **Exhibit 1** – Misipati Semi Bird 2024 Candidate Registration
- **Exhibit 2** – Misipati Semi Bird formal written from the PDC Case 145404
- **Exhibit 3** – Misipati Semi Bird Statement of Understanding PDC Case
- **Exhibit 4** – Complaints from Daniel Hodun and Robert Parker, alleging Misipati Semi Bird failed to include party preference on political advertising
- **Exhibit 5** – Bird for Governor responses

Exhibit 1

Misipati Semi Bird

Bird For Governor

PO Box 1070

Richland , Washington 99352

semi@birdforgovernor.com

(509) 987-5279

Registration filed

Committee Category: Candidate

Candidate

Full Reporting

Submitted date: 11/12/2022

Certified by misipati@frontier.com

2024

BIRDM-352



Campaign Finance

State of Washington

Governor

Republican

semi@birdforgovernor.com

Exhibit 2



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February 13, 2024

Sent electronically to the 2024 Semi Bird for Governor Campaign

Subject: Complaints filed by Dan Hillard, Daniel Hodun, and Robert Parker, PDC Case 145404

Misipati Semi Bird and the 2024 Campaign for Governor:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Dan Hillard, Daniel Hodun, and Robert Parker concerning the complaints they filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) against your 2024 Campaign for Governor of the State of Washington.

As noted in the letter to the three complainants, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking any enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-060(1)(d), your 2024 Campaign for Governor is receiving this formal written warning concerning the failure to: (1) timely and accurately disclose expenditure details such as the number of mailers printed or yard signs produced on the C-4 reports; (2) timely disclose the Employer and Occupation information for monetary contributions received from individuals above the disclosure threshold on the C-3 reports; (3) timely deposit monetary contributions within five business days of receipt; and (4) include the party preference on political advertising sponsored by the Campaign. The warning includes staff expectation that the Campaign will timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports for the remainder of the 2024 election cycle and will include the party preference on all future political advertisements sponsored by the Campaign.

The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws/rules. Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed the allegations in these complaints by the three of you in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact PDC staff member Kurt Young by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/_____
Electronically Signed Kurt Young,
Compliance Officer

s/_____
Electronically Signed Peter Frey Lavalley
PDC Executive Director



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February 13, 2024

Sent electronically to Dan Hillard, Daniel Hodun, and Robert Parker

Subject: Complaints filed against 2024 Semi Bird for Governor, PDC Case 145404

Dan Hillard, Daniel Hodun, and Robert Parker:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the multiple complaints that you filed. The complaints filed by the three of you have been combined into one complaint resolution letter to more efficiently use PDC Compliance staff resources. The complaints alleged that Misipati Semi Bird, a candidate for Governor in the State of Washington in 2024, may have violated the following:

- RCW 42.17A.220 by failing to timely deposit monetary contributions into the campaign bank account within five business days of receipt.
- RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reports (C-4 reports) and Monetary Contributions Reports (C-3 reports) disclosing contribution and expenditure activities, that included: (1) filing a number of C-3 and C-4 reports late; (2) not providing the required Employer and Occupation information for individuals making monetary and in-kind contributions above the reporting threshold (see also WAC 390-16-034); (3) missing expenditure details for political advertising such as the number of signs, mailers, or bumper stickers printed; and (4) lacking the sub-vendor breakdown information for other expenditures in which the goods or services were sub-contracted out to another party.
- RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include the party preference Semi Bird selected on his Candidate Registration for several political advertisements sponsored by his Campaign.
- RCW 42.17A.405 by receiving contributions that exceeded the 2024 contribution limits for a Gubernatorial Campaign.

PDC staff reviewed your complaints and allegations; the attachments you all provided with the complaints; the applicable statutes, rule(s) and reporting requirements; the C-3 and C-4 reports filed by 2024 Semi Bird for Governor Campaign (Campaign); the responses to the complaint provided by Matt Brown, former Campaign Advisor, and Russ Vandersnick, current Campaign Manager; and other relevant information to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On November 12, 2022, Misipati Semi Bird filed a Candidate Registration with the PDC declaring his candidacy for Governor of the State of Washington in 2024, selecting the Full Reporting option, and initially listing the candidate as Treasurer. The Campaign filed seven amended Candidate Registrations between November 28, 2022 and January 4, 2024, listing different Campaign officers and information.

- On January 22, 2024, the Campaign filed an Amended Candidate Registration listing Kellie Crabb as Treasurer.

Allegation – Failure to timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports providing the required Employer and Occupation for individuals contributing above the threshold for disclosure and providing the required expenditure details (RCW 42.17A.235 and .240):

- PDC staff’s review of the Campaign filings found that between December 27-28, 2023, the Campaign filed 26 amended C-3 and C-4 reports to address the allegations listed in the multiple complaints that were related to this matter, providing the required contribution and expenditure information. In addition, the Campaign filed four amended C-4 reports on January 10, 2024, providing additional corrected information.
- The Campaign stated in their responses that they filed amended C-3 reports to update the contributor information *“to reflect the requested changes, thus addressing Mr. Hillard's complaint in regards to employer and occupation information.”* The Campaign has *“developed a worksheet and quality control checklist to ensure all required donor information is captured prior to submission to the campaign treasurer”* to file the C-3 reports more accurately. Staff queried, downloaded, and reviewed the Campaign’s contributors from the PDC contribution database, and this information verified the Campaign filed amended C-3 reports disclosing updated contributor Employer and Occupation information for the individuals identified in the complaint. Staff noted that several of the individual contributors made multiple contributions and that the earliest contributions did not meet the threshold for providing the Employer and Occupation information, and those C-3 reports were not amended.
- The amended C-4 reports filed by the Campaign provided the required expenditure details and sub-vendor breakdowns for expenditures made to third party subcontractors. The Campaign stated that *“even though all C-4 reports filed had a description of the expenditure, we have updated each item to reflect additional expenditure details, to include the specific number/amount of an item(s) purchased.”* Staff reviewed the amended C-4 reports filed by the Campaign concerning the updated expenditure details, and verified the Campaign provided the required information such as the number of signs produced, or mailers/flyers printed.

Allegation – Failure to include the party preference on political advertising sponsored by the Campaign (RCW 42.17A.320):

- The Campaign response stated: *“we have taken immediate action on all Semi Bird for Governor political advertisements to ensure that they include either the "R" for the Republican party or have the word “Republican” spelled out as specified in the Candidate Registration.”* The corrective action taken by the Campaign was applied to all forms of political advertisements that included radio and television broadcast ads, yard signs, billboards, and other campaign related paraphernalia. In addition, the Campaign reviewed all online platforms that included the *“Campaign website, Campaign Facebook page, and other social media sites, as well as future Google and Facebook ads/boosted posts, now accurately reflect the party preference.”*

Allegation – Exceeding contribution limits and spending general election contributions prior to the primary election being held (RCW 42.17A.405):

- The Campaign stated that after a “closer examination, we found the campaign did not exceed contribution limits.” The Campaign stated concerning the first allegation that it involved contributions received from a father and son, and that both were contributors who shared “identical names.” The Campaign stated the remaining two allegations of exceeding contribution limits “have been clarified” and that one issue involved “a duplicate entry error concerning the reporting of donations, while the other involved the misclassification of an individual family” contribution that had been received. The Campaign stated that both issues have now been rectified and reiterated that the *“campaign did not spend ‘general election’ funds for the ‘primary election.’”*

Allegation – The Campaign failed to timely deposit monetary contributions into the campaign bank account within five business days of receipt.

- One of the complaints alleged that the Campaign received 19 monetary contributions but had failed to timely deposit those contributions within five business days of receipt into the Campaign bank account as required by statute. The 19 contributions listed in the complaint were deposited between 1 to 39 days late, involved monetary contributions that were received between December 8, 2022, through October 14, 2023, and deposited by the Campaign for amounts that varied between \$30 to \$250.
- The Campaign stated they are aware of the requirement to timely deposit contributions into the Campaign bank account or depository. The responses to the complaints stated that the Campaign is “committed to depositing all monetary contributions within five business days of receipt. Lastly, our team is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards in our campaign compliance with the PDC.”

Allegation – The Campaign failed to disclose an advertisement in the Kitsap County publication the “Coffee News” and no expenditures have been reported for the candidate undertaking a podcast (RCW 42.17A.240):

- The Campaign stated there were no expenditures made to purchase an advertisement in the Coffee News, and that the advertisement in question *“was an in kind donation that was recorded with the PDC on 11-30-23.”* With regards to the podcast, the Campaign stated that prior to running for office, Semi Bird *“specialized in training and development”,* that the *“podcast studio is located in the candidate’s home, therefore there is no studio cost. The software to run the podcast was a free download, therefore there is no production cost. Any equipment used for the podcast was owned by the candidate.”*
- The Campaign stated that, *“to enhance our compliance with PDC reporting requirements, the campaign will implement a set of robust internal controls and practices,”* and that those measures will address the allegations listed in your complaints concerning the timely filing of C-3 and C-4 reports, the timely depositing, within five business days, of contributions received, timely providing the Employer and Occupation information for certain contributions received, and expenditure details, particularly for political advertising.
- Those internal control measures include the following: (1) Regular Audits: The Campaign will conduct internal audits to review the financial records and books of account to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the PDC reports filed. (2) Staff Training: The Campaign will provide training to staff concerning PDC regulations and reporting requirements *“to foster a culture of awareness and compliance.”* (3) Designated Compliance Officer: The Campaign will appoint *“a dedicated Compliance Officer to oversee and enforce adherence to PDC guidelines.”* (4) Checklists: The Campaign will implement internal controls and processes that will involve the use of *“checklists”* to ensure the required attention to the PDC reporting requirements and to facilitate compliance with the PDC filing requirements.
- Finally, staff’s review found two other complaints had been filed against the Campaign that included PDC Case 138400, a complaint filed on June 2, 2023; and PDC Case 115351, a complaint filed on December 15, 2022. Both matters/cases were resolved with a Formal Written Warning letter being issued, for minor violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 as follows: (1) Case 138400: the warning was for failing to timely disclose pledges received from individuals at an event hosted by the Ladies of Liberty Tri-Cities; and (2) Case 115351: the warning was for failing to timely file the initial C-3 and C-4 reports disclosing a \$6,000 contribution received from Semi Bird to start his Campaign.

Based on these findings, that included the Campaign initiating stronger internal controls to ensure Compliance with the PDC reporting requirements, staff determined in these instances, the Campaign’s failure to timely and accurately disclose expenditure details, the Employer and Occupation information for monetary contributions received from individuals on the C-3 and C-4 reports, and for failing to include the party preference on some political advertising sponsored by the Campaign, were not violations that warranted further investigation or enforcement action.

In addition, staff found no evidence that the Campaign exceeded contribution limits or spent general election contributions for the 2024 primary election. Staff reviewed the facts and findings concerning the two warning letters sent to the Campaign for alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 and took those findings into consideration when determining the proper resolution for the allegations listed in your complaints.

Staff determined the two prior warning letters were mitigated by the following facts: (1) the late filed initial C-3 and C-4 reports filed by the Campaign only listed a \$6,000 personal contribution from the candidate, and that information was disclosed more than 550 days before the August 2024 primary election; (2) concerning the failure to timely disclose pledges for future monetary contribution not yet received, those funds were not available for use by the Campaign, and the funds were received from individuals in attendance at a single event and ultimately disclosed well in advance of the election; and (3) the Campaign is for a statewide office and has received a total of \$316,385 in monetary and in-kind contributions that included 1,151 separate contributions totaling \$309,401, plus 32 of the C-3 reports filed disclosed small contributions totaling \$6,984. In addition, the Campaign disclosed \$300,032 in total expenditures made through December 31, 2023.

Pursuant to WAC 390-060(1)(d), the 2024 Semi Bird for Governor Campaign will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to: (1) timely and accurately disclose expenditure details such as the number of mailers printed, or yard signs produced on the C-4 reports; (2) timely disclose the Employer and Occupation information for monetary contributions received from individuals above the disclosure threshold on the C-3 reports; (3) timely deposit monetary contributions within five business days of receipt; and (4) include the party preference on political advertising sponsored by the Campaign. The warning includes staff expectation that the Campaign will timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports for the remainder of the 2024 election cycle and will include the party preference on all future political advertisements sponsored by the Campaign.

The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws/rules. Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed the allegations in these complaints by the three of you in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact PDC staff member Kurt Young by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/_____
Electronically Signed Kurt Young,
Compliance Officer

s/_____
Electronically Signed Peter Frey Lavalley
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cc: 2024 Semi Bird for Governor Campaign

Exhibit 3



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June 13, 2024

Delivered electronically to Misipati Semi Bird at semi@birdforgovernor.com and
bruce@ayersconsulting.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Daniel Hodun, PDC Case 152546

Dear Semi Bird:

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

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(f), you completed and signed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) on May 20, 2024, and paid a \$300 civil penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule). The signed SOU was received by the PDC staff on May 24, 2024. By signing the SOU, you acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.235, RCW 42.17A.240, and RCW 42.17A.320.

Accordingly, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

PDC staff expects that, in the future, you follow all applicable PDC laws, rules and guidance. If violations of PDC laws or rules occur in the future, the Commission will consider the SOU in deciding on further Commission action.

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Electronically signed

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s/ Electronically signed

Peter Frey Lavalley
Executive Director



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June 13, 2024

Delivered electronically to dhodun@comcast.net

Subject: Complaint against Misipati Semi Bird, PDC Case 152546

Dear Daniel Hodun:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review and assessment of the complaint you filed on April 10, 2024. The complaint alleged that Semi Bird, an election year 2024 candidate for Governor of Washington state, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports and RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include party preference on political advertising.

PDC staff reviewed the allegation(s); the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response(s) provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and other relevant information, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- On November 12, 2022, Bird filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) for election year 2024 as a candidate for Governor of Washington State.
- Bird was issued a warning for violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 in PDC case 145404.
- In response to PDC complaint 152546, Bird admitted the party preference was not included on merchandise available on the website, and stated the merchandise would include party preference going forward.
- In addition, the Campaign amended a C-4 covering the time period of March 1 – 31, 2024, adding the required expenditure detail.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(f), Semi Bird completed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) and paid a \$300 civil penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule), acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.240 and RCW 42.17A.320. The \$300 penalty assessed resolves the allegations listed in your complaint.



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If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Electronically signed

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s/ Electronically signed

Peter Frey Lavalley
Executive Director

Exhibit 4

Respondent Names
Misipati Semi Bird
Complainant Name
Robert Parker
Complaint Description
<p>Robert Parker reported via the portal 3 days ago (Tue, 25 Jun 2024 at 3:17 PM)</p> <p>Candidate Bird continues to be a habitual offender of the campaign finance laws and even after a long list of warnings and a recent fine for the same violations he persists in flipping his nose at the PDC and laws concerning campaigns in Washington State. Candidate Bird continues to wear and distribute campaign materials in his partisan election for Governor that does not properly identify his party affiliation.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>Candidate Bird seems to be hiding his party affiliation and continues to break the laws of our state when representing himself to voters. Voters have a right to know that candidate Bird is a prolific law breaker as he is hopeful of being the head of our state and take an oath to support and defend the laws of Washington State, all of them.</p>
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
<p>1) Screenshot from X, formerly Twitter (dated 6-22-2024) showing candidate Bird still wearing and presenting unbranded party affiliation logos to the public in his partisan race. Link found online here: https://x.com/bird4governor/status/1804659202432070069/photo/3</p> <p>2) Screenshot (dated 6-24) of candidate Bird supporter in what appears to be a newly acquired unbranded Bird for Governor shirt with the intent to advertise on his behalf. Link found online here: https://x.com/mauimamat145922/status/1805350201789661332?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR2JNrRe4JDaUTGPQyEbwn2QT0L-93-o_4G-7eJyyNoVMYQX0BIDuXkBy3Q_aem_61nINEZII7CrUNnepjU3OA</p> <p>3) PDC SOU dated May 24, 2024, where candidate Bird agreed to cease using unbranded materials. https://pdc-case-tracking.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/6533/SOU%20-%20Case%20150818%20%26%20152546%20-%20Misipati%20Semi%20Bird.pdf</p>
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
<p>Semi Bird, Candidate X platform, formerly known as Twitter.</p>
Certification (Complainant)
<p>I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.</p>



Semi Bird For Governor Of WA @bird4governor

The Newport Rodeo is a Pend Oreille County tradition.

Too many of our American traditions are disappearing to make way for progressive agendas that do not reflect our values.

I will show up when needed to protect our national heritage and the future of our children.

#bird2024 #wastate #commonsense #governor #togetherwecan #giveolympiathebird #unitedwestand #washington #pendoreille #newportrodeo

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Reply

Richard Sprin @springr · Jun 22

Come to a silkies hike to prevent veteran suicide.

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Semi Bird For Governor Of WA @b · Jun 22

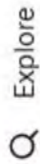
Absolutely!

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Kim @kjk1230514 · Jun 23

Love it. We went to the Colorado Rodeo in May.





Post

On my way to elementary graduation program... hope to get noticed



2:20 PM · Jun 24, 2024 · 1,310 Views



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Post your reply

Reply



Robert Parker
@RMParkerWA



Brad Chaney
@BradChaney500 · 13h
Nice!! Where did you get the shirt? Is that from Semi's site?



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Relevant people



mauimamat
@mauimamat145922

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@JackPosobiec Live

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Seattle
31K posts

Entertainment · Trending

Jennifer Garner
8,282 posts

Trending in United States

Another Republican
10.1K posts

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Respondent Names
Misipati Semi Bird
Complainant Name
Daniel Hodun
Complaint Description
<p><u>Daniel Hodun</u> reported via the portal</p> <p>RCW 42.17A.320 requires that all political advertising include the sponsor's name and address. See link: https://www.pdc.wa.gov/rules-enforcement/guidelines-restrictions/political-advertising-guide Despite this requirement, the Bird campaign failed to include a sponsor ID statement on this recently released campaign video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szCL-EfbTac This is not the first complaint regarding this kind of violation. Semi Bird was given a formal warning in Case 145404 for similarly violation RCW 42.17A.320. Corrective action has not been taken. The campaign continues to treat the campaign finance laws of this state as guidelines rather than as laws.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
We the people deserve to know that Semi Bird is running as a Republican.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
Link to YouTube interview below. Screenshot of introduction screen without R on it.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
Semi Bird
Certification (Complainant)
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Exhibit 5

Russ Vandersnick

replied

2 months ago (Wed, 31 Jul 2024 at 3:43 PM)

To:"PDC Support" <pdcc@pdc.wa.gov>

External Email

Hey Alice,

Sorry for the confusion. Bruce gave me the details of your conversation earlier today. I understand that we need to add the sponsor ID to the info section of the Bird for Governor Youtube channel. In addition, we are checking our X, Instagram, and Tic Tok accounts for the sponsor ID and adding the "Paid For By:" to all political advertising, if it is not clearly displayed as needed.

The video that was referred to in the complaint was not created by the Bird for Governor campaign. We simply shared it on our Youtube channel.

Thank you,



RUSS VANDERSNICK
CAMPAIGN MANAGER

253.709.4893

russ@birdforgovernor.com

birdforgovernor.com



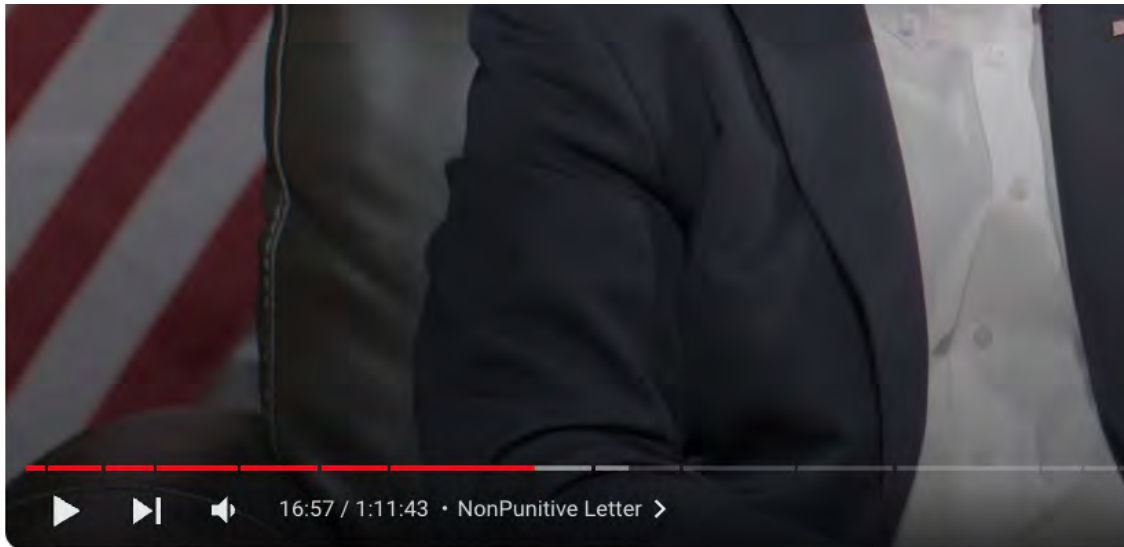
July 30, 2024

Public Disclosure Commission
Alice Fiman, Compliance Officer

Re: Bird for Governor, Response to Case Number 155941

Dear Alice Fiman, Compliance,

In response to the second complaint in reference to Case Number 155941, we found the Bird for Governor YouTube channel clearly states the party preference in the channel's title (see embedded photo) and both the interviewer and the candidate are introduced as Republicans in the opening 20 seconds of the video. Clearly the video identifies Semi Bird as a Republican. There is no intent to hide his party preference, in fact the contrary is true. The short banner at the beginning of the video does not violate the letter or the intent of the party affiliation statute in our analysis. We were able to add the Party preference to the video in question and have audited all 188 videos on the channel and found no further action required.



Setting the Record Straight - Restoring Valor



Semi Bird For Governor Of Washington (R)
12K subscribers

[Analytics](#)

[Edit video](#)

Again, please be assured there is no attempt by the candidate or the Bird for Governor campaign to hide the party affiliation or to be in non-compliance with political advertising RCW 42.56 requirements.

Sincerely submitted
Russ Vandersnick, Campaign Manager
Bird for Governor