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October 17, 2024

Delivered electronically to misipati@frontier.com and bruce@ayersconsulting.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Daniel Hodun, PDC Case 155941

Dear Misipati Semi Bird:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Daniel Hodum concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) regarding the allegation of RCW42.17A.205 for failure to timely file a Candidate Registration.

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

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,

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Subject: Complaint against Misipati Semi Bird, PDC Case 155941

Dear Daniel Hodun:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review and assessment of the complaint you filed June 21, 2024. The complaint alleged that Misipati Semi Bird may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely file a Candidate Registration. Specifically, the complaint alleged Bird purchased a domain name on October 11, 2022, and therefore was required to file with the PDC within 14 days.

Regarding the allegation in case 155941 that Semi Bird violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to provide party preference and sponsor identification on political advertising for election year 2024, Bird was assessed a total civil penalty of \$600, of which \$500 was suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-143. The \$100 non-suspended penalty has been paid.

PDC staff reviewed the alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.205 listed in the complaint; the information submitted with the complaint, the relevant statute(s) and rules, and the response from Bruce Ayers, the PDC Compliance Services consultant to the Bird Campaign, to determine whether the record supports the finding of one or more violations.

Based on this review, staff found the following:

- RCW 42.17A.205 requires every political committee to file with the PDC within two weeks after organizing or within two weeks of receiving contributions or making expenditures.
- According to this disclosure law, you become a candidate when you do one of these things: accept a contribution or spend money for your campaign; reserve space or purchase advertising to promote your candidacy; authorize someone else to do any of

these activities for you; state publicly that you are seeking office; or file a declaration of candidacy.

- On Nov. 12, 2022, Misipati Semi Bird registered with the PDC the Bird For Governor committee, declaring a 2024 candidacy for Washington state Governor.
- The complaint alleged Misipati Semi Bird became a candidate when they purchased the domain name on October 11, 2022, thus spending money for the campaign and stating publicly they sought an office.
- In response, Ayers stated Bird did not raise or spend money for the campaign or make a public announcement of candidacy until Nov. 11, 2022. In addition, Ayers stated the website was not in use until after November 2022.
- Ayers stated “On October 10, 2022, Misipati Semi Bird using personal funds reserved the subject “birdforgovernor.com” domain name to insure (sic) that it would be available for his use should he decide seek the subject office. No website was launched, no public announcement was made, no donation were solicited and no other expenses were incurred at that time.”

Any violation that may have occurred was minor and has been cured. After consideration of all the circumstances, further proceedings would not serve the purposes of this chapter. Under WAC 390-37-060, the executive director, at any time prior to consideration by the commission, may dismiss a complaint which on its face, or as shown by investigation, provides reason to believe that a violation has occurred, but also shows that the respondent is in substantial compliance with the relevant statutes or rules, or shows that formal enforcement action is not warranted.

The PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed the allegation of failure to timely register with the PDC in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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