

## State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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December 16, 2017	
Delivered electronically to "mlinh.thai@gmail.com"	
Subject: PDC Case 26492	

Dear My-Linh Thai:

Disclosure Commission (PDC).

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Donald Jones concerning a complaint filed with the Public

As noted below to Donald Jones, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the timely and accurate disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities, including personal loans. PDC staff expects complete, accurate, and timely disclosure of contributions and expenditures in the future.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,	
/s Fox Blackhorn Compliance Coordinator	
Endorsed by,	
/s Barbara Sandahl Deputy Director For Peter Lavallee Executive Director	



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December 18, 2017

Delivered electronically to "don.jones@hcl.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding My-Linh Thai, PDC Case 26492

Dear Donald Jones:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on October 23, 2017. Your complaint alleged that My-Linh Thai may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- My-Linh Thai failed to accurately report forgiveness of an outstanding loan in 2013, and failed to accurately and timely report a personal loan made on August 9, 2017, and re-paid on September 5, 2017, for signage in 2017.
- These errors were made as a result of a lack of understanding regarding electronic reporting in the ORCA campaign finance system, and constituted minor and technical violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240.
- Upon notification of the reporting deficiencies, My-Linh Thai promptly worked with PDC Staff to correct these issues.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, failure to timely and accurately report loan information from the 2013 and 2017 election cycles does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding My-Linh Thai about the importance of the timely and accurate disclosure of all contribution and expenditure activities, including personal loans. PDC staff expects complete, accurate, and timely disclosure of contributions and expenditures in the future.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,
/s
Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,
/s Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director For Peter Lavallee

cc: My-Linh Thai

**Executive Director**