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Sent electronically to Shela Pistoiresi at shela.pistoiresi@yahoo.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Jay Eyestone, PDC Case 162658

Dear Shela Pistoiresi:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on November 13, 2024. Your complaint alleged that Jay Eyestone, a 2024 candidate for District Court Judge, Position 2, in Chelan County, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file contribution and expenditure (C-4) report(s), as required by law.

To determine whether a formal investigation or enforcement action is warranted, PDC staff reviewed the allegation(s) in the complaint; the applicable statutes, rule(s), and reporting requirements; the Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions (C-3) and Summary, Full Report Receipts and Expenditures (C-4) reports filed by Eyestone for Judge (Campaign); the November 21, 2024, response to the complaint submitted by Jay Eyestone on behalf of the Campaign; and other relevant information to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- On May 5, 2024, Jay Eyestone filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) and selected the "Full Reporting" option. Mr. Eyestone listed Micah Murphy and Katherine Eyestone as Campaign treasurer and committee member, respectively.
- As a candidate registered with the PDC under the "Full Reporting" option, Jay Eyestone's Campaign was required to file timely and accurate C-4 reports for expenditures made during the campaign, including the accelerated 21- and 7-day pre-general reports for a candidate who appeared in the November 2024 general election cycle.
- The staff noted that the Campaign failed to file an accurate 21-day pre-general (C-4) report, as required by the statutory scheme. On October 10, 2024, the Campaign paid for an ad to be placed in *The Wenatchee World*, a local newspaper in Chelan County, and failed to timely report the expenditure. The expenditure should have been reported on the 21-day pre-general C-4 no later than October 15, 2024.

- On November 21, 2024, the Campaign amended its 21-day pre-general C-4 report and disclosed the October 10, 2024, expenditure for the ads placed in *The Wenatchee World*. The expenditure should have been disclosed no later than October 15, 2024, and was reported 37 days late on November 21, 2024.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, the Campaign's failure to file an accurate 21-day pre-general C-4 report, does not amount to a violation warranting further investigation. The Campaign acknowledged the shortcoming and took responsibility by amending the 21-day pre-general C-4 to disclose the unreported expenditure for the newspaper ad.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Jay Eyestone will receive a formal written warning concerning his failure to timely and accurately file the 21-day pre-general C-4 report, as required by the statutory scheme. Jay Eyestone will be informed that the Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Accordingly, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina, Compliance Officer at toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/_____
Erick O. Agina, Compliance Officer

s/_____
Kim Bradford, Deputy Director
For Peter Frey Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Jay Eyestone