

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Delivered electronically to lewiscodemocratswa@gmail.com.

Subject: PDC Case 163261 regarding Lewis County Democratic Central Committee

Lewis County Democratic Central Committee:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Conner Edwards on October 30, 2024. The complaints alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failure to timely and accurately file expenditure reports.

Applicable Laws & Rules

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

Background & Findings

- Lewis County Democratic Central Committee is a bonafide political action committee participating in the 2024 election under the Full Reporting option.
- The complaint alleges failure to timely file the 21-day pre-general C-4 (expenditure) Report by the committee's non-exempt account.
- The Respondent was previously issued a reminder in PDC case 160311 regarding expedited reporting for the 2024 primary election.
- The Respondent was filing on a monthly reporting schedule. Once notified of the complaint, the Respondent was instructed how to update their filing account to reflect the required C-4 (expenditure) schedule.

• On March 6, 2025, Zac Eckstein, on behalf of the Respondent, signed a Statement of Understanding acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 for failing to file timely C-4 (expenditure) Reports during the 2024 election year.

Summary and Resolution

The committee completed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule), acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 for failing to file timely C-4 (expenditure) Reports during the 2024 election year. The completed Statement of Understanding resolves the allegations listed in this case.

Any allegations regarding reporting for the 2024 campaign that are not otherwise addressed are also hereby dismissed.

You are required to comply with all PDC requirements in the future. Failure to do so could lead to further enforcement action.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with <u>RCW 42.17A.755(1)</u>.

If you have questions, you may contact Colin Peeples at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed by Colin Peeples
Colin Peeples

Compliance Coordinator

<u>Electronically signed by Kim Bradford</u> Kim Bradford

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For Peter Frey Lavallee

Executive Director

cc: Conner Edwards