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Subject: PDC Case 172938 regarding Bruce White

Bruce White:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaints filed by Susan JF Johnson on May 25, 2025, June 23, 2025 and September 7, 2025. The complaints alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failure to disclose timely & accurately contributions & expenditures on reports. There was also an alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.320 for missing sponsor identification on the Respondent's website in the complaints received.

Applicable Laws and Rules

A candidate that selects the Full Reporting option on their C-1 report is required to report contributions and expenditures to the PDC on *Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions* reports (C-3 reports) and *Campaign Summary Receipts & Expenditures* reports (C-4 reports) pursuant to [RCW 42.17A.235](#) & [RCW 42.17A.240](#). The due dates for these reports are based upon the election cycle, the candidate's election participation, and their financial activity.

Pursuant to [RCW 42.17A.235\(3\)\(a\)](#), each treasurer of a candidate or political committee is required to file a report on the tenth day of each month during which they are not participating in an election campaign only if the committee 1) received a contribution or made an expenditure in the preceding calendar month; and 2) either total contributions received or total expenditures made since the last such report exceed \$750.

Pursuant to [RCW 42.17A.240\(2\)](#), monetary contributions are disclosed on C-3 reports, which must include, but are not limited to: 1) the name and address of each person who contributed more than \$100 during the period covered by the report; 2) the monetary value and date of each contribution, except for the items specifically mentioned in subsection (2)(a) through (g); and 3) the aggregate value of all contributions received from each person during the campaign. "Contribution," as defined, includes an in-kind contribution, which is disclosed on a C-4 report.

[RCW 42.17A.320](#) requires that all political advertising supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition includes the sponsor's name and address.

Background and Findings

- The Respondent states that the website did not have sponsor identification on it at the time of the complaint as it was not actively being used and was still being constructed.
- The Respondent states he has full sponsor identification on yard signs.
- The Respondent added full sponsor identification on his campaign website in early June, when he finished the design and published it for public view.
- The Respondent filed C-3 and C-4 reports June 3, 2025 and June 4, 2025 to cover the contributions and expenditures from January 13, 2025 through May 31, 2025.
- The Respondent filed the C-4 report on August 12, 2025 for the time period of July 29, 2025 through August 31, 2025. There was an amendment filed on September 10, 2025 to include the in-kind contribution of \$50 for sharing the booth at the Milton Days event.
- The Respondent has no prior violations of RCW 42.17A.235, RCW 42.17A.240 or RCW 42.17A.320 with the PDC within the last five years.

Summary and Resolution

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, any violation that may have occurred was minor and has been cured. After consideration of the circumstances, further proceedings would not serve the purpose 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 failure to file the C-3 and C-4 reports timely does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), you are receiving a formal written warning concerning failure to timely disclose all contributions and expenditures. PDC staff expects you to timely file all future required reports of contributions and expenditures. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of including full sponsor identification on all political advertisements in the future. As soon as the website is searchable to the public it must include full sponsor identification as required in RCW 42.17A.320.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, you may contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Tabitha Townsend

Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavalley

Peter Frey Lavalley
Executive Director

cc: Susan JF Johnson