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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding

Steve Haverly

PDC Case 174505

I, Steve Haverly, in my capacity as a candidate and as the representative of my campaign committees, hereby acknowledge that during election years 2021 and 2025, while a candidate running for election to the position of Mayor in the City of Tacoma, I violated RCW 42.17A.220 by failing to deposit contributions within five business days of receipt; RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 and WAC 390-16-034 by failing to timely and accurately file Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and Receipts & Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports; and RCW 42.17A.320 and WAC 390-18-010 by failing to provide complete sponsor identification on political advertising and for using an assumed name on political advertising.

The facts are as follows:

- I filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) for my 2021 campaign on July 19, 2021, under the Mini Reporting option. On September 14, 2021, I amended the C-1 to reflect a change to the Full Reporting option. I qualified for the general but lost the election that year.
- In 2021, my committee failed to deposit contributions within five business days of receipt of the contribution. The contributions are identified in C-3 report #110057230, amended by #110301680.
- In 2021, my committee failed to report the required employer information, per WAC 390-16-034, for individual contributions in the aggregate of more than \$250. The committee amended reporting on July 17, 2025.

- In 2021, my committee failed to timely file the post-general C-4 report (report #110300066), due December 10, 2021. The report was submitted on July 17, 2025, and showed expenditures of \$0. The corresponding C-3 was filed timely.
- On January 1, 2024, I filed the C-1 for my 2025 campaign under the Full Reporting option. I did not proceed past the primary election.
- During the period of January 6, 2024, through May 31, 2025, my committee spent \$11,563.15, received a transfer of \$4,410.77 from my earlier 2021 campaign, and I contributed \$1,000 in cash and \$5,437.53 in in-kind contributions. The campaign also received \$554.47 in contributions from individuals. This financial activity was not reported until July 16, 2025, when a combined C-4 was submitted. The financial activity was reported after a complaint was filed with the PDC on June 14, 2025.

- Corresponding C-3 reports for deposits made in 2024 on February 26, May 16, June 6, July 8, August 14, September 3, September 25 & 26, and December 17, were also submitted late on July 16, 2025.
- The three C-3 reports for May 2025 were submitted timely.

During this period of January 6, 2024, through May 31, 2025, my committee expenditures were primarily used to purchase materials that facilitated political advertising that included a website, over two-thousand postcards and postage, over a thousand bumper-sticker sized stickers, nine-hundred signs of various sizes, six banners, and sixty-one flags. My committee also paid for supplies and fees so I could attend various community events.

- The 21-day pre-primary report, due on July 15, 2025, for the period of June 1 through July 14, 2025, was submitted 2 days late on July 17, 2025. The C-4 report showed \$449.91 in expenditures. The corresponding C-3 reports were submitted timely.
- The 7-day pre-primary report, due July 29, 2025, for the period of July 15 through July 28, 2025, was submitted on July 16, 2025, reporting \$0 expenditures and \$0 contributions. The report was amended on August 7, 2025, to reflect \$7 in non-itemized expenditures. The corresponding C-3 report was submitted timely.

- The post-primary C-4 report was submitted timely, but the corresponding C-3 report, submitted timely on August 7, 2025, was then amended on September 23, 2025, to reflect a change of \$16.82 caused by an earlier reporting of contributions received electronically that did not include the transaction fees.
- In 2025 my committee failed to deposit contributions within five business days of receipt of the contribution. The contributions are identified in C-3 reports #110285759 and #110294467.
- My 2025 committee's name, as registered with the PDC, is *Steve Haverly for Tacoma Mayor*. However, the campaign's political advertising identified the campaign under the name *Visualize Tacoma* rather than its registered name.
- Complete sponsor identification, as outlined in RCW 42.17A.320 and WAC 390-18-010, was missing from all of the campaign's physical political advertising and was not updated prior to the primary election.
- On June 24, 2025, at the time the initial complaint was published, the campaign website did not include sponsor identification. When notified about how to include sponsor identification on digital political advertising, My committee updated the website, and it appeared as follows through the primary election:

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The update did not conform to PDC regulations or rules.

I would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, I acknowledge that I violated Washington state law as described above and agree to enter this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, I agree to pay a total \$450 penalty for acknowledged violation of a first occurrence of RCW 42.17A.220 by failing to deposit contributions within five business days of receipt in the 2021 and 2025 elections; for a first occurrence of a violation of

RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 and WAC 390-16-034 for failing to timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports in the 2021 and 2025 elections; and a first occurrence of a violation of RCW 42.17A.320 and WAC 390-18-010 for failing to provide complete sponsor identification on political advertising and for using an assumed name on political advertising during election year 2025.

I understand that, by signing this SOU, I acknowledge the violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waive my right to a hearing in this matter. I further understand that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with a payment for the \$450 civil penalty will resolve the issues indicated above.


Steve Haverly

10.6.2025
Date Signed