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Via E-mail

Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Officer
Public Disclosure Commission

Re: PDC Complaint No. 175500 (Jeff Lyon)

Dear Ms. Townsend:

This letter is in response to the complaint that the Public Disclosure Commission received from Connor Edwards on January 4, 2026, alleging a purported reporting violation made by the committee “Jeff Lyon for Woodinville City Council” (hereafter “Lyon Committee” or “Committee”). Specifically, the complaint alleges that the Lyon Committee violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by making an untimely C3 report on January 3, 2026, regarding a loan made by Jeff Lyon to the Committee of \$7,500.00 on March 2, 2025. Mr. Edwards’ complaint is unfounded.

The C3 report generated on January 3, 2026, stems from a correction made to the Lyon Committee’s account with respect to how certain monies provided by Mr. Lyon to the Committee in March 2025 had been reported. On March 2, 2025, Mr. Lyon deposited \$10,000 of his personal funds to the Committee with the intent that \$7,500 be classified as a candidate loan and \$2,500 be classified as a personal contribution. Mr. Lyon’s loan to the Committee was contemporaneously and correctly documented in the Committee’s books of accounts in accordance with WAC 390-16-226(1) and PDC Interpretation No. 14-01. (See attached).

Unfortunately, all \$10,000 of the funds deposited on March 2, 2025, mistakenly were reported entirely as a personal contribution in the Committee’s March 3, 2025 C3 report, No. [110273821](#). This error was not discovered until January 3, 2026, when Mr. Lyon went to close out the Committee’s records. Mr. Lyon immediately corrected the classification mistake in the PDC’s online records thus generating an amended C3 for the contribution, No. [110336320](#), and a new C3 report for the loan, No. [110336317](#). The Committee also reported partial repayment of the loan to Mr. Lyon and forgiveness for the remainder. See C4 report No. [110336333](#).

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Contrary to Mr. Edwards' complaint, the Lyon Committee timely reported the funds received on its C3 reports. The only error was how the funds were classified, i.e. entirely as a personal contribution instead of the combination personal loan and personal contribution. This was an innocent mistake, as recognized by the PDC's own [guidelines](#), and one immediately corrected.

We trust that this information allows the PDC to close the Edwards complaint as unfounded.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Callie A. Castillo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Callie A. Castillo

Attachment

ATTACHMENT

LOAN AGREEMENT

I, Jeff Lyon, hereby loan the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to Jeff Lyon for Woodinville City Council.

Jeff Lyon for Woodinville City Council agrees to repay Jeff Lyon the principal amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) together with compound interest, compounded annually, at the rate of 4.33%.

Repayment Terms

Jeff Lyon for Woodinville City Council agrees to repay the principal amount and all accrued interest, in full, on or before January 31, 2026.

This loan was made on March 2, 2025.

Signature of Lender:  _____
Jeff Lyon
Date signed: 2025-03-02

Signature of Campaign Treasurer:  _____
Jeff Lyon
Date signed: 2025-03-02