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Delivered electronically to Jonathan Babcock at jonathan@babcockforyakima.com

Subject: PDC Case 176180 regarding Jonathan Babcock

Jonathan Babcock:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Conner Edwards on July 16, 2025. The complaint alleged violations of: (1) RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately submit reports disclosing subvendor and expenditure details as required; and (2) RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to include complete sponsor identification on political advertisement.

Applicable Laws and Rules

[RCW 42.17A.235](#) describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions, in-kind donations of goods or services, and expenditures made by the campaign.

[RCW 42.17A.240](#) describes the required content of each campaign report including the name and address of each person making contributions and to whom an expenditure was made.

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

Background and Findings

- On May 19, 2025, Jonathan Babcock submitted a Candidate Registration Statement (C-1 report) declaring his candidacy for School Director, Position 2 for Yakima School District 007 in the 2025 election, selecting the "Full Reporting" option and listing Joddi-Jay Babcock as Treasurer.
- On July 12, 2025, the Babcock Campaign submitted a C-4 report covering activity from May 19, 2025, to July 14, 2025, but failed to include the number of items purchased and the subvendors used to make the in-kind contributions reported.
- On September 4, 2025, the Campaign amended the May 19 to July 14 C-4 report to include additional details including, as an example, the number of yard signs and vendor used.

- In his July 23, 2025, response, Mr. Babcock confirmed that his campaign website and YouTube video had been modified to include the required sponsor identification. In addition, Babcock committed to ensuring future political advertisement includes any required sponsor ID.

Summary and Resolution

The Respondent is a first-time candidate. It appears that the lack of description detail and subvendor information for in-kind contributions made by the Campaign Treasurer, and the incomplete sponsor identification on the campaign's political advertisements, were due to the lack of knowledge and experience of the candidate and treasurer. Staff found no evidence that the details about in-kind contributions made or the identity of the sponsor of political advertisement was done purposely to conceal this information from the public.

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 the Fair Campaign Practices Act. 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.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, you are receiving a formal written warning concerning failure to timely and accurately disclose details regarding contributions and expenditures, and failure to include complete sponsor ID on political advertisement. The formal written warning includes staff's expectation that you timely and accurately file all future required reports of contributions and expenditures, and ensure future political advertisements include any required sponsor ID. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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 Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Jennifer Hansen

Jennifer Hansen
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavalley

Peter Frey Lavalley
Executive Director

cc: Conner Edwards