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Delivered electronically to tyler@votetylerbyrd.com

Subject: PDC Case 176756 regarding Tyler Byrd

Tyler Byrd:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Patricia Mullett on July 13, 2025. The complaint alleged that Byrd failed to register his 2025 campaign within two weeks of becoming a candidate for reelection and that he failed to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures from 2021 to 2025.

Applicable Laws and Rules

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.

Background and Findings

- Tyler Byrd was first elected to the Whatcom County Council in 2017. He was reelected in 2021 and ran for reelection in 2025 but was defeated in the 2025 primary election.
- Byrd had unspent funds at the end of his 2021 campaign totaling \$19,350.31. Byrd stated he always intended to run for reelection in 2025 and maintained his email address, websites, video databases, and other on-going campaign subscription expenses in anticipation of running for reelection in 2025.

- Byrd’s treasurer moved to Idaho after filing the final report for the 2021 general election. Byrd stated he did not understand, at that time, that because he intended to use the surplus from the 2021 campaign for his reelection campaign in 2025, he was required to file a new candidate registration and report the on-going reelection subscription expenses when they crossed the threshold for reporting, beginning in 2022.
- On April 13, 2025, three months before the complaint was filed, Byrd hired Bruce Ayers of Ayers Consulting to serve as treasurer for his 2025 campaign and to file all missing reports. Ayers brought the 2025 reporting up to date and amended 2021 reports to include additional descriptive information for expenditures. The 2025 reporting and amendments to the 2021 reports were completed before the complaint was filed.
- Byrd said he did not campaign or accept contributions for reelection in 2025 until after all reporting was brought up to date.
- Byrd stated he did not send broadcast emails after the 2021 campaign and only maintained the MailChimp subscription to ensure the data and assets were not lost and for future use in his 2025 reelection campaign.
- Byrd also stated that the FlyWheel subscription that includes email services is not an email broadcast service. He said he did not use the service to send any emails.
- Byrd stated that his reelection campaign ended on August 5, 2025 when he finished third in the primary election.

Summary and Resolution

Tyler Byrd was reelected to the Whatcom County Council in 2021 and finished his campaign with a surplus. He did not initially understand that because he intended to run for reelection 2025, he needed to file a candidate registration and file expenditure reports when reporting thresholds were met. Byrd hired Bruce Ayers of Ayers Consulting to file all missing reports for his 2025 campaign. Ayers also amended 2021 reports to better describe expenditure descriptions. All reports were submitted before the complaint was filed. Byrd lost in the 2025 primary election.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), you are receiving a formal written warning concerning your failure to timely register and report for your 2025 reelection campaign. Staff expects that you will 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.

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

If you have questions, contact Phil Stutzman at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Phil Stutzman
Phil Stutzman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee
Peter Frey Lavallee
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cc: Patricia Mullett