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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
PDC Case 177338

I, SONJA SVENSON, as TREASURER
(Printed Name of Representative for Respondent) (Printed Title)

of Lewis County Democratic Central Committee (the Committee), hereby acknowledge that during calendar year 2025, the Committee violated RCW 42.17A.235 and WAC 390-16-043 by failing to provide complete campaign books of account.

The facts are as follows:

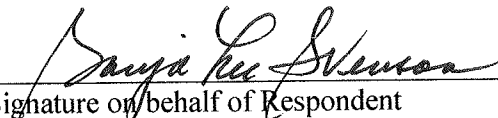
- The Committee was registered as a bona fide county party committee participating in the August 5, 2025, primary election. During the ten calendar days preceding the primary election, the Committee was required to respond to requests from a person wishing to inspect the Committee's books of account. The ten-day inspection period in this case was July 26, 2025 to August 4, 2025.
- The Committee received an email from Conner Edwards on July 28, 2025, at the campaign email address of record, requesting to inspect the Committee's campaign books of account, with a requested appointment time of July 30, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
- On July 30, 2025, the Committee provided an expense sheet covering expenditures from January 2025 through July 27, 2025, to Mr. Edwards' email address.

- The Committee confirmed with PDC staff that no one met with Mr. Edwards in response to his request and that an electronic copy of expenditures only was provided.

The Committee would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, the Committee acknowledges that it violated Washington state law as described above and agrees to enter into this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the PDC.

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, the Committee agrees to pay a \$150 penalty for an acknowledged violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and WAC 390-16-043 for failing to provide complete campaign books of account during election year 2025.

The Committee understands that, by signing this SOU, it acknowledges the violation of Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waives its right to a hearing in this matter. The Committee further understands that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with a payment for the \$150 civil penalty will resolve the issue of failing to provide complete campaign books of account for election year 2025 as described above.



Signature on behalf of Respondent

10.19.2025
Date Signed

The signed Statement of Understanding (SOU) and \$150 penalty payment is due by **October 20, 2025**. See the options below for how to continue with either online, by mail, or in-person processing.

Electronic Payment Option

Please be aware, processing fees may apply. To start the process for making an online payment, do the following:

Email an electronic copy of the signed SOU to the Compliance Officer assigned to your case.

- A photo or scan of the signed SOU is acceptable. Do make sure that all parts of the SOU are within focus and readable.
- To email the signed SOU to your Compliance Officer, reply directly to the last email you had with the Compliance Officer and attach the document.
- The Compliance Officer must receive the signed SOU no later than **October 20, 2025**.
 - o A signed SOU is required for the terms of the agreement to be fulfilled.
 - o If we do not receive the SOU, your case will be scheduled for the next available Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP). If this occurs, the Commission's Presiding Officer will hear the case.
 - o If you send the SOU and payment electronically, you DO NOT need to mail a hard copy of the SOU to your Compliance Officer

Once the SOU is received, PDC staff will email a payment link and further instructions about how to make a payment.

- You must send the payment, via the link, no later than **October 20, 2025**.

Mail or In-Person Payment Option

To pay by check or money order, make the payment payable to "Washington State Treasurer," write your PDC Case Number in the Memo field, and mail or deliver the payment **and your signed SOU** to one of the addresses listed below, no later than **October 20, 2025**.

Regular mail:

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Overnight mail or in-person delivery:

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