



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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Delivered electronically to “walter@smithdietrich.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Matthew Shea, PDC Case 24645

Dear Walter Smith:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on September 1, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Matthew Shea may have violated:

1. RCW 42.17A.235 by failing to accurately and timely report contributions and expenditures on Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) and Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports).
2. RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to accurately and timely report debts and obligations on PDC form C-4, Schedule B.
3. RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-037 by failing to provide detailed breakdowns of expenditures on PDC Form C-4, Schedule A.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- The allegations contained in the complaint underlying PDC Case 24645 are substantially similar to a complaint filed in Superior Court on October 31, 2017 by the State of Washington, acting through Walter Smith, Relator, the complainant in this matter, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765.
- On July 25, 2019, the PDC became aware that a judgment was entered on January 5, 2018 in Thurston County Superior Court in Case 17-2-05729-34 by the State of Washington *ex rel* Walter Smith, and by Mark Lamb, Counsel for Matthew Shea and Committee to Elect Matt Shea. The lawsuit and judgment contained substantially similar allegations as the complaint underlying PDC Case 24645.
- Because the Superior Court took primary jurisdiction over the substance of this complaint, the PDC will defer to its judgment in bringing the issues to resolution.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Phil Stutzman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee
Executive Director

cc: Matthew Shea; Mark Lamb, Counsel to Matthew Shea