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Will Hall

Subject: Complaint regarding Carolyn Ahlgreen, PDC Case 21971

Dear Mr. Hall:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on July 7, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Carolyn Ahlgreen, a candidate for Shoreline City Council under the Full Reporting Option, may have violated RCW 42.17A.220 by not depositing a contribution within five business days of receipt; and RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by not filing C-3 and C-4 reports to report campaign contributions and expenditures.

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

- RCW 42.17A.220 requires candidates and political committees to deposit contributions within five business days of receipt. RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 require candidates and political committees under the Full Reporting Option to file regular reports of contributions and expenditures.
- Ms. Ahlgreen selected the Full Reporting Option on a Candidate Registration (C-1 Report) filed May 26, 2017. She received \$27.00 on June 5, 2017, but did not deposit the money until July 11, 2017, or report the contribution on a C-3 report until July 19, 2017. The July 19, 2017 C-3 report totaled \$302. On a C-3 filed July 27, 2017, Ms. Ahlgreen reported an additional \$317.00. No additional contributions have been reported.
- On August 18, 2017, following the August 1 Primary Election, Ms. Ahlgreen amended her C-1, selecting the Mini Reporting Option, rather than the Full Reporting Option, meaning that she has agreed to accept no more than \$5,000 in total contributions and no more than \$500 from any one contributor. Ms. Ahlgreen will be on the General Election ballot, finishing with 1,564 Primary Election votes, compared with 1,161 for Bergith Kayyali and 8,206 for Susan Chang.

Even though Ms. Ahlgreen deposited and reported \$27.00 approximately one month late during the Primary Election, she disclosed this contribution before the Primary Election, and switched to the Mini Reporting Option following the Primary Election.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that Ms. Ahlgreen's failure to timely deposit and report a \$27.00 contribution does not amount to a material violation warranting further action under these circumstances. Ms. Ahlgreen will be reminded to follow the reporting option selected in future election campaigns.

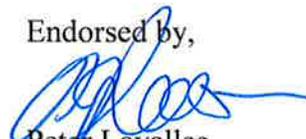
The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case.

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,


Philip E. Stutzman
Sr. Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,


Peter Lavalley
Executive Director

cc: Carolyn Ahlgreen