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Public Disclosure Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

I write in response to Mr. Glen Morgan's sixth complaint concerning my 2017 campaign for State Senate in the 45th Legislative District, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond to Mr. Morgan's unfounded claims against my campaign, point by point. They are as follows:

1) Concerning contributions from foreign corporations

This contribution was erroneously attributed to San Dimas Animal Hospital, when the contribution actually came from its owner Manohar Singh. An amendment has been filed to correct the error.

2) Concerning the refund of illegal contributions

This was not an illegal contribution, and thus it did not need to be refunded.

3) Concerning the reporting of contributor information

Per PDC recommendation, if we do not have all the information we need when the reports are due, we should "supply all of the information that you have and file the report, so it is not late. Keep working on obtaining the information and amend the report once you receive the missing information." This is exactly what we did. We should not be penalized for amending reports to correct the record. Mr. Morgan claims to be an advocate for transparency, but in filing complaints against a campaign every time an amendment is made to correct the record, it is apparent that he seeks the opposite. We are undeterred.

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/file-online/orca/faq/what-do-i-do-when-report-due-i-dont-have-all-information-i-need-include-contributor-or-vendor>

4) Concerning the reporting of in-kind contributions

During the timeframe referenced in Mr. Morgan's complaint, the Sister District Project was a grassroots all-volunteer organization. They had no paid staff, despite Mr. Morgan's baseless assumptions. His complaint is centered on evidence of phone banking on behalf of people connected through the Sister District Project, but per PDC guidelines, "telephone bank activity (conducting voter identification, surveys or polling, and get-out-the-vote campaigns)" is a valid volunteer activity. There are no in-kind contributions here to report.

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/publications/candidate-instructions/contributions>

5) Concerning the refund of over-the-limit contributions

There were no in-kind contributions to report from the Sister District Project, and thus no refunds to issue or report.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to address these allegations. I have conducted my campaign business with complete transparency and integrity. I am happy to provide any additional information you may need and answer any further questions.

Sincerely,

Manka Dhingra