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Re: Citizen Complaint by Glen Morgan
PUDC Case # 20962
Response by SEIU Healthcare 1199NW

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Dear Mr. Blackhorn:

Thank you for giving SEIU Healthcare 1199NW (“the Union”) the opportunity to respond to the complaint filed by Glen Morgan on June 21, 2017. The complaint alleges that the Union committed willful and malicious failure to report a \$950.00 refund by the campaign of De’Sean Quinn for an over-limit contribution. The Union denies that it violated RCW 42.17A. The Union did receive a check for \$950.00 from the De’Sean Quinn campaign around May 2017, but it returned the uncashed check to Mr. Quinn’s campaign on July 7, 2017, based on the belief that the check was sent to the Union in error. The Union therefore did not willfully or maliciously fail to report a refund from Mr. Quinn’s campaign.

Sometime around May 2017, the Union received the \$950.00 check from Mr. Quinn’s campaign with a brief note stating that the campaign had received an over-limit contribution from the Union, with no other explanation. The Union’s staff researched the Union’s own records to try to determine whether an over-limit contribution had been made. The Union’s accounting staff determined that only two checks had been issued to Mr. Quinn’s campaign in the amount of \$950.00 each. The Union was not aware at the time it performed this review that Mr. Quinn only appeared on the general election ballot because no primary was held in the 2015 Tukwila mayoral race. Thus, the Union believed at that time that the two contributions it made to Mr. Quinn’s campaign were not over-limit.

After reviewing the Union’s own records, the Union’s staff attempted to contact representatives from the PDC to try and determine whether an over-limit contribution had actually been made. The Union’s staff left several phone messages for PDC staff, but never received a return call.

During the course of its investigation, the Union did not cash the \$950.00 check from Mr. Quinn’s campaign. In the absence of information or evidence demonstrating that the Union’s contributions to Mr. Quinn’s campaign were over-limit, the Union’s staff believed that the \$950.00 check had been sent in error. Consequently, the Union mailed the check back to Mr. Quinn’s campaign on July 7, 2017.

The Union was unaware of the complaint filed by Mr. Morgan until the Union's Secretary Treasurer received an email from the Attorney General's office on August 15, 2017, regarding a ten-day notice of citizen action by Glen Morgan. The Union learned on August 22, 2017, that notice of the complaint was sent to elena@seiu1199nw.org on June 26, 2017, which is not a valid email address for the Union. This email address likely should have been elenaD@seiu1199nw.org.

Since the Union became aware of the complaint, it has taken prompt action to investigate the facts of this matter. The Union now understands that it made an over-limit contribution to Mr. Quinn's campaign due to the Union's erroneous understanding that Mr. Quinn was going to run in a primary and general election. The Union is therefore seeking to correct what it now understands to be the over-limit contribution made to Mr. Quinn's campaign as quickly as possible.

On August 22, 2017, the Union's staff spoke directly with Mr. Quinn and made arrangements for him to reissue the \$950.00 reimbursement to the Union. Mr. Quinn advised that he will personally deliver the check to the Union as soon as possible. Once the Union receives the check from Mr. Quinn, it will deposit the check and appropriately report it on the Union's next C4, without delay.

The Union intends to fully cooperate in resolving this misunderstanding. If additional information is needed from the Union or there is any additional action the Union should be taking at this time please let me know. I can be reached at (425)-306-9302 or lizd@seiu1199nw.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Dedrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Liz Dedrick
Staff Attorney

Fox Blackhorn

From: Liz Dedrick <lizd@seiu1199nw.org>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Fox Blackhorn
Subject: RE: PDC Case No. 20962 against SEIU 1199NW - Union's response

Dear Fox,

Last Friday, August 25, 2017, the Union received the reimbursement check for \$950.00 from the De'Sean Quinn campaign. The Union's Political Action Committee is depositing the check and expects to report it on the next C-3, which will be submitted by the September 11, 2017 deadline.

Please let me know if you need the Union to submit this information in a more formal addendum to the response I sent you last week, or if you need any additional information from the Union.

Thank you,

Liz Dedrick
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From: Liz Dedrick
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:57 PM
To: 'Fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov' <Fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov>
Subject: PDC Case No. 20962 against SEIU 1199NW - Union's response

Good afternoon Fox,

Please find attached here the written statement you requested from the Union regarding the events related to the reimbursement check that De'Sean Quinn's campaign sent to the Union. If any additional information or action is needed by the Union, please contact me.

Thank you,

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