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3/20/2018

Delivered electronically to “[curtishart@lpwa.org](mailto:curtishart@lpwa.org)”

Subject: PDC Case 20961

Dear Curtis Hart:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Chris Bornstedt concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below to Chris Bornstedt, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the selecting the correct reporting option on the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) and to timely disclosure all future PDC reports to include contributions and expenditures as determined by the reporting option selected.

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov).

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Delivered electronically to "cbornstedt@hotmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Curtis Hart, PDC Case 20540,20961

Dear Donald Bornstedt:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on June 7, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Curtis Hart may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 by failing to file contribution reports for activity on a GoFundMe page.

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

On May 6, 2016, Curtis Hart filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) as a candidate for Cowlitz County Commissioner for the 2016 election.

On May 1, 2016, Curtis Hart created a GoFundMe page in which he raised \$1,070 out of a \$2,000 goal.

Curtis Hart selected the Full Reporting option on the C-1 report, which required him to disclose the contributions of his GoFundMe page.

On July 6, 2017, Curtis Hart explained that he thought that he chose the Mini Reporting option since he did not plan to exceed the \$5,000 threshold.

On January 10, 2018, Curtis Hart amended his C-1 report in order to select the Mini Reporting option as instructed by PDF Staff.

Curtis Hart has no prior violations on complying with the campaign finance requirements of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to timely file contribution reports during the 2016 election does not support a finding of a material violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Curtis Hart about the importance of the selecting the correct reporting option on the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) and to timely disclosure all future PDC reports to include contributions and expenditures as determined by the reporting option selected.

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

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_

Micaiah Ragins

Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Sandahl

Deputy Director

For Peter Lavallee

Executive Director

cc: Curtis Hart