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March 1, 2019

Sent electronically to Steven Fulop for Mayor

Subject: Steven Fulop for Mayor Campaign Complaint Return Letter, PDC Case 20793

Mayor Fulop:

Below is a copy of a letter sent electronically to Glen Morgan concerning the complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) against your 2017 Campaign for contributing to Cyrus Habib, a 2016 candidate for Washington State Lieutenant Governor in 2016 without filing a C-5 report. As noted below in the letter sent to Mr. Morgan, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in these matters.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), PDC staff is hereby formally warning the Steven Fulop for Mayor Campaign concerning the importance of timely disclosing contributions made to candidates or political committees in Washington State on the C-5 report as required by PDC laws and rules. This formal written warning conveys staff's expectation that the Steven Fulop for Mayor Campaign will timely comply with the C-5 reporting requirements in the future, should your Campaign make any additional contributions to candidates or political committees in Washington State in the future. The Commission will consider this formal written warning if there are any future PDC law or rule violations by the Steven Fulop for Mayor Campaign.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed the complaint in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kurt Young, Compliance Officer

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Lavallee, Executive Director



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March 1, 2019

Sent electronically to Glen Morgan

Subject: Complaint filed against 2017 Fulop for Mayor Campaign, PDC Case 20793

Mr. Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 13, 2017. Your complaint alleged that the 2017 Fulop for Mayor Campaign (Campaign), is the campaign of Steven Fulop, incumbent Mayor of Jersey City, New Jersey and a candidate who was re-elected to that office in 2017, made a \$1,000 contribution to Cyrus Habib, a candidate for Washington State Lieutenant Governor in 2016, but failed to file an Out-of-State Committee Report (C-5 report) as required in accordance with RCW 42.17A.250.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in the complaint, the statutes, rules and reporting requirements, the PDC database for contribution information for the Campaign, reports filed with the State of New Jersey by the Campaign, and the response from the Campaign. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Steven Fulop is the incumbent Mayor of Jersey City, New Jersey since being elected to that office in 2013 and re-elected in 2017.
- On August 8, 2016, the 2016 Cyrus Habib for Lieutenant Governor Campaign (Friends of Cyrus for Lt Gov Campaign) timely filed a Monetary Contributions report (C-3 report) with the PDC disclosing the receipt of a \$1,000 monetary contribution from Steven Fulop for Mayor Campaign on August 1, 2016, that was deposited the funds into the campaign bank account on August 5, 2016.
- On July 13, 2017, the Fulop for Mayor 2017 Campaign filed a C-5 report disclosing that a \$1,000 monetary contribution was made to the Friends of Cyrus for Lt Gov Campaign on August 1, 2016.
- PDC staff queried the PDC contribution database and found that the \$1,000 contribution made to the Friends of Cyrus for Lt. Gov Campaign was the only contribution made in Washington State by Steven Fulop or the Campaign. In addition, the Friends of Cyrus for Lt. Gov Campaign disclosed receiving \$1,080,885 in total monetary and in-kind contributions during the 2016 election, so the \$1,000 contribution received from the Campaign represented less than .09 percent of total contributions received.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, Steven Fulop for Mayor Campaign's failure to timely file a C-5 report as an out-of-state committee for one contribution made to a candidate in Washington State does not warrant further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), PDC staff issued a formal written warning to the Steven Fulop for Mayor Campaign concerning the importance of timely and accurately disclosing contributions made to candidates in Washington State on the C-5 report as required by PDC laws and rules. This formal written warning conveys staff's expectation that Steven Fulop for Mayor Campaign will timely comply with the C-5 reporting requirements in the future, should the Campaign make any additional contributions in the future. The Commission will consider this formal written warning if there are any future PDC law or rule violations by the Steven Fulop for Mayor Campaign.

Based on this information, the PDC finds has dismissed the complaint in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov).

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Kurt Young, Compliance Officer

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Peter Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Steven Fulop for Mayor Campaign

