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3/20/2018

Delivered electronically to “pastormdsparks@gmail.com”

Subject: PDC Case 20573

Dear Marlando Sparks:

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

As noted below to Roger Lenk, 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 timely disclosure of contribution and expenditure activities, including the filing fee, and the timely filing of all applicable PDC reports, including the C-1 candidate registration report and F-1 personal financial affairs statement report. PDC Staff is also reminding you to use the correct procedure for terminating your campaign, which requires submitting the appropriate withdrawal statements to both the Secretary of State and the Public Disclosure Commission.

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@pdcc.wa.gov.



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Delivered electronically to “lenk.roger@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Marlando Sparks, PDC Case 20573

Dear Roger Erich Lenk:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on June 7, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Marlando Sparks may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely file the C-1 candidate registration report within two weeks of becoming a Candidate.

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

- Marlando Sparks created a Go Fund Me page to raise contributions at the following url: <https://www.gofundme.com/vote4sparks>.
- He purchased a website domain and maintained the following campaign email: marlando4pascoschools@gmail.com.
- Mr. Sparks informed PDC staff that he withdrew from the campaign a week prior to June 20, 2017, due to personal circumstances.
- Marlando Sparks indicated that he was unaware of being in violation since he withdrew prior to the August 1, 2017 primary election.
- PDC Staff verified that he remained on the ballot since he missed the 2017 withdraw deadline, but was defeated in the primary election.
- Marlando Sparks was a first-time candidate and does not have previous violations of fulfilling PDC requirements.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to timely file the C-1 candidate registration report for the 2017 election does not amount a material violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Marlando Sparks about the importance of the timely disclosure of contribution and expenditure activities, including the filing fee, and the timely filing of all applicable PDC reports, including the C-1 candidate registration report and F-1 personal financial affairs statement report. PDC Staff is also reminding Marlando Sparks to use the correct procedure for terminating his campaign, which requires submitting the appropriate withdrawal statements to both the Secretary of State and the Public Disclosure Commission.

The PDC has closed the 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.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Micaiah Ragins
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee
Executive Director

cc: Marlando Sparks