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April 12, 2018

Delivered electronically to Martin Morgan at "martinmorgan77@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 20378

Mr. Morgan:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Toby Nixon concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on June 16, 2017. The complaint alleged that you violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) within two weeks of declaring your candidacy for Kirkland City Council in 2017, or not later than June 2, 2017. A copy of the complaint was previously sent to you.

As noted in the letter to Mr. Nixon, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter.


However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this letter serves as a warning letter concerning your failure to timely file the C-1 report, as provided in RCW 42.17A.205. This formal written warning includes PDC staff's expectation that you will timely file complete and accurate reports as a candidate in all future election campaigns in accordance with PDC laws and rules. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

If you have questions, please contact Kurt Young by e-mail at [kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Kurt Young  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

  
Peter Lavalley  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Letter to Toby Nixon



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April 12, 2018

Delivered electronically to Toby Nixon at "toby@tobynixon.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Martin Morgan, PDC Case 20378

Mr. Nixon:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 15, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Martin Morgan, a candidate for Kirkland City Council, Position 1 in 2017, violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to file a Candidate Registration (C-1 Report) within two weeks of declaring his candidacy or not later than June 2, 2017.

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

- On June 20, 2017, Martin Morgan filed a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) declaring his candidacy for the Kirkland City Council, Position 1 in 2017. Mr. Morgan had previously filed as a candidate for the Kirkland City Council in 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015.
- On July 11, 2017, Mr. Morgan filed a C-1 report declaring his candidacy for the Kirkland City Council, Position 1 in 2017.
- While Mr. Morgan failed to timely file the C-1 report, he filed his C-1 report three weeks prior to PDC staff sending out hearing notices for Brief Adjudicative Proceedings (Brief Enforcement Hearings) as part of the PDC 2017 Candidate Group Enforcement Process.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, there is no evidence that supports a finding of a material violation warranting further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), Martin Morgan will receive a formal written warning concerning his failure to timely file the C-1 report, as provided by RCW 42.17A.205. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Mr. Martin timely file complete and accurate reports in all future election campaigns in accordance with PDC laws and rules. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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 PDC staff member Kurt Young by e-mail at [kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



Kurt Young  
Compliance Officer

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cc: Martin Morgan



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