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February 1, 2019

Delivered electronically to "brian@brianforpasco.com"

Subject: PDC Case 19380

Dear Brian V Griffith:

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 timely filing all PDC reports, including the Candidate Registration (C-1 report). We expect that you will timely file reports in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s _____
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
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February 1, 2019

Delivered electronically to "lenk.roger@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Brian Griffith, PDC Case 19380

Dear Roger Lenk:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on May 29, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Brian Griffith may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 & .235 by failing to timely and accurately disclose contributions, expenditures and candidate registration.

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

- The Respondent publicly announced his candidacy (intent to run) via an online blog post, dated April 8, 2017, entitled "I'm running for you." The Respondent declared candidacy with the Secretary of State's Office on May 19, 2017, created a candidate website on May 20, 2017, and filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) form with the PDC on May 23, 2017.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.205, candidates are required to file a C-1 report for the dual purpose of registering both the candidate and the candidate's committee within two weeks of formation. An individual becomes a candidate, as defined in RCW 42.17A.005(9), when the person announces publicly or files for office, whichever occurs first.
- Based on the online announcement made April 8, 2017, the Respondent's C-1 was due to be filed with the PDC no later than April 24, 2017, which is the next business day following the two-week deadline. Therefore, the Respondent's C-1 form was received 29 days late.
- The expenditures associated with the Respondent's domain and website hosting were timely reported to the PDC on 9 C-4 reports received between June 6, 2017 & December 27, 2017. All the Respondent's contributions and expenditures were timely reported during the 2017 election year.
- Mitigating factors include: The Respondent was a first-time candidate; the campaign was relatively unsophisticated or small; non-compliance was isolated and limited to a single late report (the C-1); and the late-reported activity was small in proportion to timely reports.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, the late submission of the Respondent's C-1 report does not amount to an actual violation that warrants further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Brian Griffith about the importance of timely filing all future PDC reports, including the Candidate Registration (C-1 report).

The PDC has dismissed 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 Tabatha Blacksmith at 1-360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

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cc: Brian Griffith