

2017-04-18 PDC vs 38th LDD

711 Capitol Way

Olympia WA 98504

Re: PDC - 38th Legislative District Democrats - Alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.270 for not properly reporting earmarked contributions. (APR 2017)

Mr. Ragins:

My apologies for not having filed the 38th Legislative District Democrats C4 for the March period. That oversight is mine. The report has been uploaded as of March 18, 2017, 10:15 PM.

I served as Treasurer for the 38th Legislative District Democrats in 2016. I held the dual role of Finance Chair. In December 2016 the District elected a new Treasurer and I was appointed Finance Chair for 2017-2018. It became apparent to the new Treasurer she would be unable to perform her duties. She resigned, February 27, 2017, and I assumed the role of Interim Treasurer until a new election could be held. Her resignation required me to file all 2017 PDC reports required to date. I maintained the books through March 31, 2017.

At the conclusion of 2016, I had difficulty agreeing my books with the bank. I was advised by Mr. Chip Beatty, PDC, to balance the PDC report to the bank Statement. For that reason, the contribution reported by the Sullivan Campaign was not reported in March as it had not clear the bank. It will be on the April report.

My understanding is the complaint alleges a violation of a report that is not due until May 10, 2017. The \$10,000 contribution to Mr. Sullivan is not a pass-through contribution. It is a contribution derived from several sources of funding in the hand of the 38th Legislative District Democrats. It was made at my request and approved by the 38th Legislative District Democrats Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

Victor C Harris, Finance Chair

38th Legislative District Democrats