



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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Nov. 6, 2018

Delivered electronically to "vote4noma@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 40872 and 41533

Dear: Arian Noma

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to both Cheryl Weigle and Pat Pieper concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). As noted below in the letter, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further 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 comply with RCW 42.17A.320, which requires that a candidate seeking a partisan office to clearly identify his/her party preference as indicated on the declaration of candidacy on all political advertising.

In your response, you indicated that you did not believe the lack of party preference presented a serious harm or confusion to the public, but that you took corrective action by including your party preference and complete campaign mailing address on your political advertisements.

The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that you will clearly identify your party preference on political advertising sponsored by the Campaign in future years 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.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at 1-360-586-4746 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,
/s _____
Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,
/s _____
For Peter Lavalley
Executive Director

Nov. 6, 2018

Delivered electronically to Cheryl Weigle and Pat Pieper

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on DATE against Arian Noma, a first-time candidate running for Okanogan County Prosecutor in 2018. The complaint alleged Mr. Noma may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include his party preference as selected on his Declaration of Candidacy filed with Okanogan County Elections and on political advertisements sponsored by his campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegation in the complaint, the statutes, rules, and political advertising requirements, and the response from Arian Noma. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On Feb. 8, 2018 Arian Noma, a first-time candidate for public office, filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) declaring his candidacy for Okanogan County Prosecutor, selecting the Full Reporting Option and listing his political party preference as Republican.
- On Aug. 7, 2018, Mr. Noma finished first in the primary election and will be advancing to the November 6, 2018 General Election.
- For the 2018 election year, the Vote Noma Campaign filed 33 Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Campaign Summary Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) disclosing contribution and expenditure activities. The Campaign timely filed the 7-Day Pre-Primary Election and 21-Day Pre-General C-4 reports. By these filings, the public was not deprived of critical information before and after the ballots had been mailed out.
- In his response, Mr. Noma stated that he initially "thought the GOP had to endorse me before I used the party affiliation in advertising" sponsored by his Campaign. He stated that his Campaign had taken corrective action on political advertisements, so the materials complied with PDC statutes and rules.
- Along with his response, Mr. Noma included photographs of his Campaign's corrected political advertisements to include an "R" for his party preference and the Campaign mailing address.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1) Arian Noma will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to comply with RCW 42.17A.320. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation Mr. Noma will clearly identify his party preference on political advertising sponsored by his Campaign in future years 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. Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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