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Also sent electronically to Eric Holt via email: e.k.holt@outlook.com

Subject: Complaint filed against Eric Holt by Carolyn Crain, PDC Case 9445
Formal Written Warning

Dear Mr. Holt,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Carolyn Crain, concerning a complaint she filed with the Public Disclosure Commission on October 22, 2016. The complaint alleged that your 2016 Campaign for State Senator in the 18th Legislative District, violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely file Summary Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports as required for a candidate under the Full Reporting option.

As noted in the letter to Ms. Crain, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter. PDC reviewed your campaign's C-4 report filings for the 2016 election, and it appears in addition to failing to timely file the 21-day and 7-day Pre-General Election C-4 reports, you also failed to properly carryforward the correct contribution and expenditure totals from previously filed C-4 report to the two C-4 reports, and on the Post-Primary C-4 report.

While the initial 21-day Pre-General Election C-4 report was filed 15 days late, and 7-day Pre-General Election C-4 reports was filed two days late by your Campaign, the information disclosed on the two C-4 reports was disclosed five days prior to the November 8, 2016 general election being held. PDC staff would note that you were a first-time candidate for public office, and that the late filed reports were the result of your inexperience in acting as your own Treasurer, as opposed to any intent on your part.

In accordance with WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this is a Formal Written Warning. PDC staff is warning you about the importance of timely filing campaign reports disclosing contribution and expenditure information, especially right before an election, and that if there are any future violations of PDC laws or rules found against you, the Commission will consider the warning in deciding on any further Commission action.

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As part of the warning, PDC staff is requesting that you file amended 21-day and 7-day Pre-General Election C-4 reports and Post-General Election C-4 report, to properly carryforward the correct contribution and expenditure totals from previously filed C-4 reports. Finally, staff would strongly recommend that if you are a candidate in the future, to seek out an experienced campaign Treasurer to assist you in complying with the PDC reporting requirements.

If you need assistance in filing the amended C-4 reports, please contact our Filer Assistance Specialist by email at pdcc@pdc.wa.gov or by telephone at 360-753-1111. If you have questions about this case, please contact PDC staff member Kurt Young at (360) 664-8854, or by email at kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Evelyn Fielding Lopez
Executive Director



Enclosure: Letter to Carolyn Crain