

STATE OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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April 19, 2017

Complainant: Al Audette, ala@biaw.com

Respondent: Roslynne Reed, riee@hctc.com

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Subject: PDC Case 9045

Dear Ms. Reed and Mr. Audette:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint filed by Al Audette on October 21, 2016. The complaint alleged that Roslynne Reed, a candidate seeking the office of Mason County Commissioner in 2016, may have violated RCW 42.17A.405 by accepting an over limit contribution from the Skokomish Tribe.

For the 2016 election cycle and pursuant to RCW 42.17A.405, the Citizens for Roslynne Reed could receive \$1,000 for the August 2016 primary election and \$1,000 for the November 8, 2016 general election, from individuals, corporations, unions, and entities, including the Skokomish Tribe.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations, and found the following:

- Roslynne Reed is an incumbent School Board member for the Hood Canal School District, since being elected to that office in 2009.
- On June 6, 2016, Ms. Reed filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) disclosing her candidacy for Mason County Commissioner, Position No. 2 in 2016, selecting the Full Reporting option and listing Jane Roush as the Treasurer. Ms. Reed had previously sought the officer of Mason County Commissioner in 2008 and 2012.
- During the 2016 campaign, the Skokomish Tribe made two \$1,000 contributions to the Citizens for Roslynne Reed (Campaign) that included: (1) A \$1,000 contribution received on July 8, 2016, and designated for the 2016 primary election; and (2) A \$1,000 contribution received on August 24, 2016, and designated for the 2016 general election.

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- The initial C-3 report was filed by the Campaign on July 22, 2016, totaled \$1,460 and included contributions received between June 24 through July 14, 2016, including disclosed the \$1,000 contribution from the Skokomish Tribe that was received on July 8, 2016
- The Campaign treasurer acknowledged making a few filing errors during the 2016 campaign, that included filing a C-3 report on September 17, 2016, disclosing two contributions totaling \$560. The treasurer discovered the initial C-3 report filed on July 22, 2016, covered more than five business days of contributions received, so she needed to file a new C-3 report, and one amended C-3 report.
- One of the two contributions listed on the new C-3 report, incorrectly reported the receipt of a \$500 contribution from the Skokomish Tribe received on July 8, 2016 (it should have been reported as \$1,000). The other contribution was a \$60 contribution received from an individual on July 6, 2016.
- There was only one contribution received by the Campaign from the Skokomish Tribe on July 8, 2016, and that was for \$1,000.
- Roslynne Reed has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules

During the 2016 election, the Citizens for Roslynne Reed received two \$1,000 contributions from the Skokomish Tribe and did not exceed the contribution limits found in RCW 42.17A.405. The Campaign acknowledged making some filing errors, including the incorrect disclosure of a \$500 contribution from Skokomish Tribe, but PDC staff found no intent to mislead the public concerning that error.

Based on these findings, I have determined that no further action is warranted. For these reasons, the PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint against Roslynne Reed or pursuing any further action in this case.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kurt Young () () PDC Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

Evelyn Fielding Lopez

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