



STATE OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Subject: PDC case 7715

Dear Mr. Kingsbury:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on August 8, 2016. Your complaint alleged that Cannabis Alliance (CA) may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to register as a political action committee.

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

- The Cannabis Alliance is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization. Political fundraising is not the primary purpose. The flier attached to the complaint appeared to be a PAC advertisement.
- The event invitation (flier) was made in collaboration with the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee (SDCC) who collected the donations.
- Attendees were responsible for their own food and drink.
- All 'pledges' were handled directly by SDCC staff.
- The cost for promoting the event on the CA Facebook page was approximately \$25 – which is below the independent expenditure reporting threshold of \$100.
- CA has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on these initial findings, I have determined that Cannabis Alliance created political advertising that is misleading but does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), the Cannabis Alliance will receive a warning letter, and a reminder to that future political advertising must be registered and reported in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case.

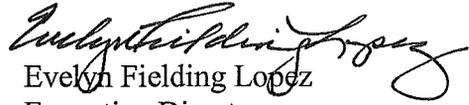
If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at Jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Jacob Berkey
PDC Compliance Staff

Endorsed by,



Evelyn Fielding Lopez
Executive Director

cc: Cannabis Alliance