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Subject: Podlodowski Campaign, PDC case 5680
Seattle Theatre Group, PDC case 5681

Dear Mr. Morrison:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on June 5, 2016. Your complaint alleged the Tina Podlodowski for Secretary of State campaign may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to report campaign contributions, and that Seattle Theater Group (STG) may have violated RCW 42.17A.405 by making over limit campaign contributions. We opened two complaints, Podlodowski campaign, PDC case 5680, and STG, PDC case 5681.

PDC staff reviewed your complaint to determine whether a formal investigation or enforcement action is warranted. As a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- The Podlodowski campaign initially filed the rental expenses for the Paramount Kick-off event in the wrong area of their C4 report - indicating the expenditure was an in-kind contribution. When made aware of the complaint, the Podlodowski campaign amended their reports to reflect when the space was under contract and the cost of the event and other services provided. (See amended C4 reports for March, April and May on the PDC website).
- STG failed to provide an invoice for the Paramount facility rental until after the complaint was filed, and this contributed to the confusion. STG has since provided a copy of the invoice, and a copy of a check from the Podlodowski campaign that shows the rental expenditure.
- Marquee and web postings are normal for all events that happen at the Paramount Theater. These are included in the cost of renting the facilities from STG.
- Neither Tina Podlodowski or STG have any previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on these initial findings, I have determined the following: Seattle Theatre Group, PDC case 5681. There have not been any material violations of the state's campaign finance laws, and no further action will be taken on the STG complaint.

Podlodowski campaign, PDC case 5680. The Podlodowski campaign's reporting errors led to significant confusion, but the campaign corrected the reports promptly after notification of the problems. In accordance with WAC 390-37-060(1)(b) the Podlodowski campaign will be sent a Formal Written Warning to review campaign reports carefully and to submit accurate reports of contributions, in-kind contributions, and campaign expenditures.

Based on these circumstances, the PDC has closed these matters, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in these cases.

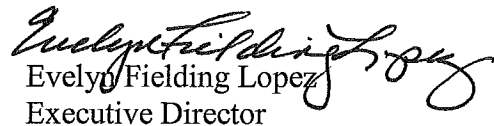
If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at Jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Endorsed by,



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cc: Tina Podlodowski, Seattle Theater Group