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Jan. 22, 2019

Delivered electronically to “rautersmysticwolf@gmail.com”

Subject: PDC Case 42715

Dear Sheryl Miller:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below to Norm Smith, 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), you are hereby formally warned concerning your failure to comply with the requirements to include the proper sponsor identification and your party preference on political advertising sponsored by your 2018 campaign in accordance with RCW 42.17A.320, WAC 390-18-020 and 390-05-274.

PDC staff expects you to list the complete sponsor identification, including candidate name and address, and to clearly identify you party preference on all political advertising sponsored by you 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).

PLEASE NOTE: This warning is regarding complaint 42715. Per the Jan. 10, 2019 subpoena emailed and sent via certified mail, you are still required to produce documents concerning the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) investigation of the 2018 Sheryl Miller campaign for Pend Oreille County Commissioner District 2, PDC Case 39653. As noted in the subpoena, if you file all missing reports for the 2018 campaign on or before January 25, 2019, the Public Disclosure Commission may consider withdrawing certain requests included in the Subpoena Duces Tecum.

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,

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/s _____

Alice Fiman
Compliance Office

Endorsed by,

/s _____

Peter Lavalley
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Delivered electronically to "normsmith307@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Sheryl Miller, PDC Case 42715

Dear Norm Smith:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed against Sheryl Miller, a first-time candidate for public office in 2018 seeking the office of Pend Oreille County Commissioner.

The complaint alleged that Ms. Miller violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to list the complete sponsor identification, including the sponsor's address and the words "Paid for" or "Sponsored by", and by failing to identify your party affiliation or preference on political advertising sponsored by her campaign.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in the complaints, the statutes, rules, and political advertisement requirements.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On July 17, 2018, Sheryl Miller filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report), declaring her candidacy for Pend Oreille County Commissioner in 2018, listing her political party affiliation or preference as "Non-Partisan."
- On Aug. 23, 2018, Ms. Miller filed an amended C-1 report listing her political party affiliation or preference as "Independent."
- As noted above, Ms. Miller was a first-time candidate for public office in 2018, and she advanced to appear on the 2018 General Election ballot. She was not elected to the Pend Oreille County Commission on Nov. 6, 2018.
- The photographs you provided as part of your complaint feature Ms. Miller's campaign signs that failed to comply with the political advertising statutes and PDC rules for a candidate.
- Ms. Miller did not respond to the commission's request for a response to the complaint.

Based on these findings and the facts that Sheryl Miller is a first-time candidate and was not elected to the Pend Oreille County Commission, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to include the complete sponsor identification and her party affiliation or preference on political advertising she sponsored does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC to WAC 390-37-060(1) Sheryl Miller will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to comply with the requirements to include her party preference and the complete sponsor identification on political advertising sponsored by her 2018 campaign in accordance with PDC statute and rules.

The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Sheryl Miller clearly identify her party preference and list the complete sponsor identification on all political advertising sponsored by her 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.

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