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March 4, 2019

Delivered electronically to Monica Stonier at “pdamm2@comcast.net”

Subject: Complaint filed by Cheryl Aichele, PDC Case 44062

Dear Representative Stonier:

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

As noted in the letter to Ms. Aichele, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at [jennifer.hansen@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:jennifer.hansen@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Hansen  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
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For Peter Lavallee  
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March 4, 2019

Delivered electronically to Cheryl Aichele at “cheryltrenee143@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Monica Stonier, PDC Case 44062

Dear Cheryl Aichele:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on December 12, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Monica Stonier, State Representative, in the 49<sup>th</sup> Legislative District running for re-election in the 2018 election, may have violated RCW 42.17A.405 for accepting over-limit contributions from the committee Southwest Wa Electricians PAC of WA (PAC 48), including a direct monetary contribution and a contribution made through the Clark County Democratic Central Committee earmarked for the Elect Monica Stonier campaign.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Marsha Manning, Treasurer for Elect Monica Stonier; the applicable PDC reports filed by Respondent; and queried the Respondent’s data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- Monica Stonier filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) on January 23, 2017, declaring her candidacy for re-election to State Representative in Legislative District 49 in the 2018 election, and choosing the “Full Reporting” option.
- In 2018, the Elect Monica Stonier campaign was eligible to receive up to \$1,000 each for the primary and general elections from political committees and \$0.50 per Registered Voter per cycle, or \$135,446.50 total, from the Clark County Democratic Central Committee (CCDCC).
- On May 8, 2018, the Elect Monica Stonier campaign disclosed receipt of two contributions of \$1,000 each from PAC 48 and on November 1, 2018, the campaign disclosed receipt of a \$2,000 contribution from the CCDCC.
- PAC 48 made three separate contributions on August 12, October 27 and October 29, 2018, to the CCDCC totaling \$5,600. Between August and November 2018, the CCDCC made four monetary contributions totaling \$15,000 to legislative candidates running in the 2018 general including a \$2,000 contribution to the Elect Monica Stonier campaign on October 29, 2018.
- RCW 42.17A.460 states that “earmarked” means a designation, instruction, or encumbrance, whether direct or indirect, expressed or implied, or oral or written, that is

intended to result in or does result in all or any part of a contribution being made to a certain candidate or state official.

- In her response, campaign Treasurer, Marsha Manning, stated that the contribution from PAC 48 and the contribution from CCDCC were “clearly from separate and different entities resulting in no illegal or over-limit contributions.”

No evidence was found to indicate that funds received by CCDCC from PAC 48 were earmarked as defined in RCW 42.17A.460 by PAC 48 or otherwise specifically intended to benefit the Elect Monica Stonier campaign.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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cc: Monica Stonier