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March 12, 2019

Delivered electronically to "kittitascountymocrats@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 47080

Dear Kittitas County Democratic Central Committee:

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

As noted below to Glen Morgan, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of timely and accurately disclosing all debts owed on your C-4 reports. PDC staff expects that you will timely and accurately file all required reports in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 1-360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s _____
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Delivered electronically to "glen@wethegoverned.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Kittitas County Democratic Central Committee, PDC Case 47080

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on February 5, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Kittitas County Democratic Central Committee may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 by failing to timely and accurately report debt and accurately report expenditures. Specifically, your complaint alleges that the Kittitas County Democratic Central Committee (the "Respondent") failed to 1) properly report debt resulting from a March 2, 2018 Stipulation & Judgment with the State of Washington; and 2) accurately describe payments made towards such settlement.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations and, as a result, found the following:

- The Respondent, a bona fide political party committee, was party to a Stipulation & Judgment filed on March 2, 2018 by the Office of the Attorney General with Thurston County Superior Court. The settlement ordered the Respondent to pay a non-suspended civil penalty, fees and costs, and forfeited contributions totaling \$19,869.67 to the State of Washington (the "State") based on a schedule set forth in the Stipulation/Judgment.
- The Respondent timely reported two \$1,305 payments, which were timely made to the State on June 21, 2018 and December 21, 2018 respectively, on its C-4 reports (100845429 & 100878760). However, the Respondent failed to list the total amount ordered (\$19,869.67) as debt on its C-4 reports and misidentified the recipient of one payment (expenditure) as "WA Secretary of State."
- When the settlement with the Office of the Attorney General was reached, the Respondent's new Treasurer did not know that the committee was required to report it as debt. The Respondent has since taken steps to ensure that future Treasurers are trained on PDC reporting requirements. The Respondent also stated that it did not intentionally conceal the existence of the settlement, which is a matter of public record, was featured in a news article, and was discussed at many of its public, monthly meetings.

- Within 24 hours of being notified which reports needed to be amended, the Respondent filed the requested reports to include the total settlement debt owed, payments made, and corrected the recipient names to “State of Washington” on both C-4 reports.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, failure to report a court settlement owed as debt and misidentifying the recipient of a payment made towards the settlement does not amount to an actual violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Kittitas County Democratic Central Committee about the importance of timely and accurately disclosing all debts owed on its C-4 reports.

Kittitas County Democratic Central Committee made minor or ministerial errors on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, Kittitas County Democratic Central Committee timely amended their reports, making the necessary technical corrections.

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

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