



STATE OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of Enforcement Action
Against

Tacomans for Integrity in Government

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 13-012

Notice of Administrative Charges
(Brief Enforcement Hearing)

I. Jurisdiction

1. The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A RCW, the state campaign finance and disclosure laws; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC. These charges incorporate the Report of Investigation and all related exhibits by reference.

II. Allegations

2. PDC staff alleges that Tacomans for Integrity in Government, a first-time political committee registered to support and oppose candidates in the 2012 elections, violated the following:
 - A. RCW 42.17A.260 by failing to timely file Independent Expenditure Ads reports (C-6 reports) for political advertising with a fair market value of \$1,000 or more, presented to the public within 21 days of an election; and
 - B. RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely file Campaign Summary Receipts & Expenditures reports (C-4 reports) due 21 and 7 days before the August 7, 2012 Primary election.

III. Facts

3. On July 12, 2012, Tacomans for Integrity in Government (TIG) filed an amended Political Committee Registration report (C-1pc report) selecting the Full Reporting option.

TIG failed to timely file C-6 reports

4. On August 3, 2012, TIG filed a C-6 report disclosing a \$7,385 expenditure to Capital City Press on July 17, 2012 to produce and distribute an electioneering communication mailing in opposition to John Connelly, a candidate for State Senator in the 27th Legislative District.
5. The C-6 disclosed that the mailing was presented to the public on July 20, 2012. Because the mailer was presented to the public within 21 days of an election, TIG was required to file a C-6 report within 24 hours of the mailer being presented to the public, or not later than July 21, 2012. TIG filed the C-6 report 12 days late and four days before the August 7, 2012 Primary election.
6. On August 3, 2012, TIG filed a C-6 report disclosing a \$7,379 expenditure to Capital City Press on July 25, 2012 to produce and distribute an electioneering communication mailing in opposition to John Connelly, and a \$2,000 expenditure to John Engber & Associates on July 27, 2012 for consulting services.
7. The C-6 disclosed that the mailing was presented to the public on August 1, 2012. Because the mailer was presented to the public within 21 days of an election, TIG was required to file a C-6 report within 24 hours of the mailer being presented to the public, or not later than August 2, 2012. TIG filed the C-6 report one day late and four days before the August 7, 2012 Primary election.

TIG failed to timely file C-4 reports

8. As a full reporting committee participating in the Primary election, TIG was required to file a 21-day Pre-Primary election C-4 report on July 17, 2012, covering the period June 25 through July 16, 2012, and a 7-day Pre-Primary election C-4 report on July 31, 2012, covering the period July 17 through July 30, 2012.

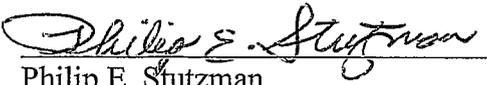
9. TIG failed to file the required 21-day Pre-Primary election C-4 report, due July 17, 2012. This report was never filed and should have disclosed a \$13,564 contribution loan from Ken Miller, received July 12, 2012.
10. TIG failed to timely file the required 7-day Pre-Primary election C-4 report, due July 31, 2012. The C-4 report covered the period July 17 through July 30, 2012, and was filed three days late on August 3, 2012, four days before the 2012 Primary election. The 7-day Pre-Primary election C-4 report belatedly included the \$13,564 contribution loan from Ken Miller that should have been reported by July 17, 2012 on the 21-day Pre-Primary election C-4 report. The late 7-day Pre-Primary election C-4 report also included an additional \$3,200 in monetary contributions and \$16,764 in expenditures, which included expenditures of \$14,764 to Capital City Press for two electioneering communication mailings and \$2,000 to John Engber & Associates for consulting services.

IV. Law

RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 require political committees to file timely, accurate reports of contributions and expenditures, including in-kind contributions. Under the full reporting option, until five months before the general election, C-4 reports are required monthly when contributions or expenditures exceed \$200 since the last report. C-4 reports are also required 21 and 7 days before each election, and in the month following the election, regardless of the level of activity. Contributions are reported weekly during this same time period, and must be disclosed on the Monday following the date of deposit.

RCW 42.17A.260 requires the sponsor of political advertising who, within twenty-one days of an election, publishes, mails, or otherwise presents to the public political advertising supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition that qualifies as an independent expenditure with a fair market value of one thousand dollars or more to deliver, either electronically or in written form, a special report to the commission within twenty-four hours of, or on the first working day after, the date the political advertising is first published, mailed, or otherwise presented to the public.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of May, 2013.


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Director of Compliance