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October 30, 2018

Sent electronically to Adam Shetler at [shetler.adam@yahoo.com](mailto:shetler.adam@yahoo.com)

Subject: Adam Shetler Complaint Return Letter, PDC Case No. 39199

Mr. Shetler:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Marcus Griffith concerning a complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on August 3, 2018. The complaint alleged that you may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 and RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file an accurate and complete Candidate Registration (C-1 report) and a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), and RCW 42.17A.235 by failing to allow Mr. Griffith to inspect your campaign books of account after he made a request.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this letter is a formal written warning concerning the importance of responding to and facilitating a request for inspect your campaign books of account, and for failing to file accurate and complete C-1 and F-1 reports. The PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into the allegations listed in the complaint, but the PDC will consider this formal written warning in the future if you violate any PDC laws or rules.

Your failure to respond to multiple staff requests to provide a response to the complaint, facilitate a public records inspection, or to amend the C-1 report to provide the required information, and the F-1 report to disclose any personal financial information is troubling. However, PDC staff noted that you were a first-time candidate not familiar with the reporting requirements who selected the Mini Reporting Option and you finished fifth out of five candidates on the 2018 primary ballot receiving less than 6% of the votes cast so your name will not be appearing on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed the complaint in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1)(a).

If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [erick.agina@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:erick.agina@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

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PDC Compliance Officer

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Sent electronically to Marcus Griffith at [marcus.griffith@gmail.com](mailto:marcus.griffith@gmail.com)

Subject: Adam Shetler Complaint Return Letter, PDC Case No. 39199

Dear Mr. Griffith:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on August 3, 2018. The complaint alleged that Adam Shetler, a first-time candidate for City Councilperson for the City of Vancouver in 2018, may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 and RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file an accurate and complete Candidate Registration (C-1 report) and a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), and RCW 42.17A.235 by failing to allow you to inspect the campaign books of account after you made such a request.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in the complaint, the statutes, rules and reporting requirements, and the C-1 and F-1 reports filed by Adam Shetler. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On March 20, 2018, Adam Shetler timely filed a C-1 report declaring his candidacy for City Councilperson for the City of Vancouver in 2018 and selected the Mini Reporting Option.
- On April 20, 2018, Adam Shetler filed an F-1 report.

Allegation One: Failure to allow an appointment for public inspection of campaign books of account within ten days of an election.

- RCW 42.17A.235 requires candidates appearing on the ballot to make an appointment for the public to inspect the campaigns records within ten days of an election. The candidate's books of account must be open for public inspection by appointment at the designated place and time for inspections listed on the C-1 report.
- Staff reviewed the emails requests you sent to Mr. Shetler on three separate occasions and found that Mr. Shetler failed to respond to all three requests for public inspection of accounts. In addition, the C-1 report filed by Mr. Shetler failed to contain any information for the public records inspection section.

Allegation Two: Failure to accurately and completely report information on the Candidate Registration (C-1) form.

- RCW 42.17A.205(2) requires candidates to disclose specific information on the C-1 report such as the names and addresses of the treasurer and campaign officers, the depository for the campaign bank account, and the public records inspection information.
- Staff reviewed this allegation and determined that Mr. Shetler failed to include the information expressly required by law on the C-1 report.

Allegation Three: Failure to accurately and completely report information required on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) form.

- RCW 42.17A.710 (1) requires filers to disclose specific personal financial information on the F-1 report including income sources, real estate holdings, and banking, insurance, investment and creditor information.

- Staff reviewed the F-1 report filed by Mr. Shetler on April 20, 2018 and found he failed to disclose financial information required by law.

Mr. Shetler's failure to respond to multiple staff requests to provide a response to the complaint, facilitate a public records inspection, or to amend the C-1 report to provide the required information, and the F-1 report to disclose any personal financial information is troubling. However, PDC staff noted that he was a first-time candidate who was not familiar with the PDC requirements, who selected the Mini Reporting Option and finished fifth out of five candidates receiving less than 6% of the votes cast for the August 7, 2018 Primary Election, so his name will not be appearing on the general election ballot.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), PDC staff issued a formal written warning to Mr. Shetler concerning the importance of responding to a request for public inspection and filing accurate and complete Candidate Registration (C-1) and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) forms. This formal written warning conveys our expectation that Mr. Shetler will fully comply with the requirement listed above in the future as a declared candidate. The Commission will consider this formal written warning if there are any future PDC law or rule violations by Mr. Shetler.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed the complaint in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1)(a).

If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov).

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cc: Adam Shetler

