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December 3, 2018

Delivered electronically to “finance@whatcomrepublicans.com”

Subject: PDC Case 40614

Dear Terry Cox:

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

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

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____

Micaiah Ragins
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Endorsed by,

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Delivered electronically to “acwallace78@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Whatcom GOP, PDC Case 40614

Dear Anthony Wallace:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on September 5, 2018. Your complaint alleged that the Whatcom County Republican Party disclosed an inaccurate treasurer on the Political Committee Registration (C-1PC Report).

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, the statutes and rules, the C-1PC report for the campaign, and the response from Russ Dzialo. As a result of staff’s initial review, we found the following:

- On February 27, 2018, the Whatcom County Republican Party filed a Political Committee Registration (C-1PC Report# 100818835) disclosing Terry Cox as the committee treasurer.
- On September 5, 2018, the Whatcom County Republican Party listed Russ Dzialo as the treasurer on the committee website, even though Terry Cox is listed as the committee treasurer on the C-1PC report.
- On September 15, 2018, Russ Dzialo provided a statement which explained that he resigned the position of treasurer of the Whatcom County Republican Party in August of 2017. He further stated that he does not have control over the website in order to remove his name.

- On September 21, 2018, Terry Cox provided a response on behalf of the Whatcom County Republican Party, which confirmed that Russ Dzialo resigned as treasurer in August of 2017. The response further emphasized that Russ Dzialo has not had any financial responsibility or authority for Whatcom Republicans since his resignation.
- The website has been updated to show that Russ Dzialo resigned and that Terry Cox is the presently the acting treasurer as disclosed on the C-1PC.

Based on these findings and the following facts, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to accurately identify the committee treasurer on the Political Committee Registration (C-1PC) does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation since: (1) Terry Cox is the registered treasurer on the C-1PC for the Whatcom County Republican Party; (2) There is no evidence that Russ Dzialo performed any actions as treasurer since his resignation; and (3) The Whatcom GOP updated the committee website to reflect the treasurer that is listed on the C-1PC.

The PDC has closed 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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