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November 13, 2018

Delivered electronically to Tanisha Harris

Subject: Complaint regarding Tanisha Harris, PDC Case 34597

Dear Ms. Harris:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning the complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) against you. As noted below in the letter to Mr. Morgan, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action.

Based on PDC staff's review, the PDC has dismissed the allegations in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, please contact Kurt Young at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at kurt.young@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/_____
Kurt Young
PDC Compliance Officer

s/_____
BG Sandahl, Deputy Director
For Peter Lavalley, Executive Director



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Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on April 11, 2017.

Your complaint alleged that Tanisha Harris: (1) a candidate for State Representative in the 17th Legislative District in 2016; (2) a candidate for Clark County Council member in 2016; and (3) a candidate for Vancouver City Council in 2017, may have violated RCW 42.17A by failing to timely file Monetary Contributions reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) disclosing contribution and expenditure activities, make the books of account open for public inspection, include all of the required information on the Candidate Registration, and to include the sponsor identification on political advertising.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in the complaint you filed, the statutes, rules and reporting requirements, queried the PDC contribution and expenditure database for Tanisha Harris, reviewed the Candidate Registrations (C-1 reports), C-3 and C-4 reports filed by the Elect Tanisha Harris Campaign (Campaign), and the responses to the complaint provided by the Campaign, including the November 11, 2018 response from Marsha Manning, Campaign Treasurer. As a result of staff's review, we found the following:

- Ms. Harris was a candidate for two offices in 2016, State Representative and Clark County Council, and a candidate for Vancouver City Council in 2017.
- Staff's review of the C-3 and C-4 reports filed by Ms. Harris found that for the two 2016 Campaigns, she filed 110 C-3 reports and 21 C-4 reports, that included seven amended C-4 reports. For the 2017 Vancouver City Council in which Ms. Harris was defeated in the primary election, she filed 13 C-3 reports and nine C-4 reports that included three amended C-4 reports.
- The Campaign failed to timely file the 21-Day Pre-Primary Election C-4 report that was required to have been filed on July 12, 2016. The Campaign filed the 21-Day Pre-Primary Election C-4 report on July 25, 2016, 13 days late disclosing \$19,089 in contributions received and \$14,398 in expenditures made. The Campaign timely filed the 7-Day Pre-Primary Election C-4 report.

- On July 26, 2016, the PDC Executive Director sent a Formal Written Warning letter to Ms. Harris concerning the late filed 21-Day Pre-Primary Election C-4 report, warning her to file all future campaign finance reports timely and accurately.
- While Ms. Harris registered with the PDC as a 2106 candidate for State Representative in the 17th Legislative District, she did not file a Declaration of Candidacy or pay a candidate filing fee and her name did not appear on the August 2, 2016 primary election ballot. Therefore, Ms. Harris was not required to file either a 21-Day or 7-Day Pre-Primary Election C-4 report for the State Representative Campaign.
- For the 2017 Vancouver City Council election, it appears the Campaign timely filed 12 of the C-3 reports, with the one apparent late filed C-3 report disclosing a \$305 refund for the deposit for an event that was cancelled. Concerning the C-4 reports, the Campaign failed to timely file two C-4 reports, that included the 21-Day and 7-Day Pre-Primary Election C-4 reports. However, those C-4 reports combined only disclosed a \$305 refund for a deposit and a \$301 expenditure for yard sign labels.
- The 2017 Campaign filed the Post-Primary Election C-4 report on August 2, 2017, one day after the primary election was held, and 39 days early, disclosing \$3,208 in expenditures to refund contributions to contributors. The Post-Primary Election C-4 report was marked the “Final report” filed for the 2017 election.
- Ms. Manning stated in the response that Tanisha Harris initially filed with PDC to run for the Vancouver City Council in May 2017, but that she “subsequently withdrew from the race before filing to be on the ballot with the county auditor. Early money raised was dispersed and the account was closed.”
- PDC staff confirmed that in 2017: (1) Ms. Harris’s name did not appear on the August 1, 2017 Primary Election ballot as a candidate for Vancouver City Council; (2) she did not submit a 2017 Voter’s Pamphlet Statement; and (3) did not complete a Declaration of Candidacy or pay the candidate filing fee in 2017. Therefore, Ms. Harris was not required to file either a 21-Day or 7-Day Pre-Primary Election C-4 report for the Vancouver City Council race in 2017.

PDC staff reviewed the 2018 C-4 reports filed by Ms. Harris for her Campaign for State Representative in the 17th Legislative District. As of October 29, 2018, the 2018 Campaign disclosed receiving \$212,137 in total contributions and \$173,589 in expenditures made, and it appears from staff’s review that the Campaign substantially complied with the C-4 reporting requirements.

The PDC dismissed the allegations listed in your complaints that were based “on information and belief” in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), since you failed to provide any evidence to support or substantiate those allegations.

While the 2017 Campaign failed to timely file the two C-4 reports referenced above, those two reports only disclosed two a refund and a purchase of labels for yard signs. PDC staff found no evidence of a material violation that would require conducting a more formal investigation into your complaints or pursuing enforcement action in this instance.

Based on this information, PDC staff is dismissing this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tanisha Harris

