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Subject: PDC Case 34455

Dear: Ruth Perez-Madrigal and Abbot Taylor

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on April 11, 2018 against Keep Ruth Perez for Renton, a Candidate Committee to support Ruth Perez-Madrigal's 2017 re-election campaign to the Renton City Council.

As noted in the letter to Mr. Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding the Committee about the importance of timely filing Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contributions and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) in accordance with PDC laws, rules and reporting requirements.

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at 1-360-586-4746 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Subject: Complaint regarding Ruth Perez-Madrigal, PDC Case 34455

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed against Keep Ruth Perez for Renton, the Committee for Ruth Perez-Madrigal, a 2015 and 2017 candidate for Renton City Council Position 6. The complaint alleged the Committee violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely file complete and accurate Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contributions and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports).

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in the complaint, PDC laws, rules and reporting requirements, the Candidate Registration (C-1 report), C-3 and C-4 reports filed by Keep Ruth for Renton Committee (Committee) and the response from Ruth Perez-Madrigal and Abbot Taylor, Treasurer for the Committee.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Ruth Perez-Madrigal was appointed to the Renton City Council in 2014. On Feb. 4, 2015, she filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) with the PDC, declaring candidacy for Renton City Council Position 6 listing the Committee name as Retain Ruth Perez for Renton. She was elected to the position on Nov. 3, 2015.
- On Nov. 22, 2016, Ruth Perez-Madrigal filed a C-1, declaring candidacy for Renton City Council Position 6, listing the Committee name Keep Ruth Perez for Renton.
- On May 3, 2017, she filed an amended C-1, changing her treasurer from Alan Ralston to Abbot Taylor. On Aug. 1, 2017, she advanced to the 2017 general election and was re-elected to the Renton City Council Position 6 on Nov. 7, 2017.
- Between February 2015 and December 2017, the Committee(s) filed 115 C-3 and C-4 reports, which included nine amended reports.

- For the 2015 election cycle, the Committee timely filed the 21-Day Pre-Primary and 7-Day Pre-Primary Election C-4 reports. The 21-Day Pre-General C-4 report was filed one day late, and the 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report was filed 18 days late and 10 days after the 2015 General Election.
- For the 2017 election cycle, the Committee timely filed the 21-Day Pre-Primary, 7-Day Pre-Primary Election, 21-Day Pre-General, and the 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 reports.
- In the response, Ruth Perez-Madrigal stated “All C-3 and C-4 reports in 2015 were filed appropriately in a campaign which saw no opposition. A professional treasurer, Abbot Taylor was hired in April 2017 to handle a more complicated election. After he completed his campaign review, he corrected many of the 2017 reports to more accurately reflect the actual financial transactions that occurred during the 2017 campaign. Other allegations involve reports that were amended to include more accurate information when it was discovered by the treasurer. In all, or almost all the other instances, the information was reported as initially known and then corrected or updated when more accurate information became available. In other instances, the reports included interest deposits. While some of these were filed late, it is important to note that the total monetary value of all interest deposits in 2017 was \$3.38.”
- Abbot Taylor responded, stating “Per PDC guidance, interest can be reported as received on the date it was discovered after obtaining the bank statement; however, I reported the interest on the date it was actually received to make the reports more accurate, at the cost of filing a report a few days late. I stopped this practice immediately after re-reviewing the PDC intent.”

Based on these findings, and the fact (1) Ruth Perez-Madrigal hired an experienced treasurer in 2017, and (2) in 2017, the 21-Day and 7-Day Pre-Primary Election plus the 21-Day and 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 reports were all filed timely, staff has determined that in this instance, failure to timely file reports of contributions and expenditures does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

The PDC is reminding Ruth Perez-Madrigal about the importance of timely filing C-3 and C-4 in accordance with PDC laws, rules and reporting requirements. The PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

In addition, the PDC has also 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.

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