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November 15, 2018

Sent electronically to Louis Harris at louis.harris5687@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint against Snohomish County Young Democrats, PDC Case 33378

Mr. Harris:

Below is a copy of a letter sent to Glen Morgan regarding a complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on March 28, 2018. The complaint alleged that the Snohomish County Young Democrats may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 for failing to timely and accurately file contribution Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports).

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this letter is a formal written warning to the Snohomish County Young Democrats concerning its failure to timely file C-3 and C-4 reports disclosing contribution and expenditure activities under the Full Reporting Option in 2017. The formal written warning conveys our expectation that the Snohomish County Young Democrats will fully comply with the reporting requirements to timely file contribution and expenditure reports in the future, if the committee remains active and is registered under the Full Reporting Option. The Commission will consider this formal written warning if there are any violations of PDC laws or rules by the Snohomish County Young Democrats in the future.

Accordingly, the PDC has dismissed this 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.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

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Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on March 28, 2018. The complaint alleged that the Snohomish County Young Democrats may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failing to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports).

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in the complaint to determine whether a formal investigation or enforcement action is warranted. Staff reviewed the exhibit submitted with the complaint, the C-3 and C-4 reports filed by the Snohomish County Young Democrats (Committee), and the July 31, 2018 response letter received from the committee. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- The Committee has been registered and reporting as an "Other" political committee dating back to 2010. The Committee had been under the Mini Reporting Option from 2011 to August of 2017.
- On September 18, 2017, the committee filed an amended Committee Registration (C-1pc report) indicating they were Other Political Committee, selecting the Full Reporting Option, and listing Zackary Turner and Hillary Morales as the campaign manager and treasurer respectively. The committee had been under the Mini Reporting Option prior to that date.
- On September 12, 2017, the Committee received a \$655 monetary contribution from the Snohomish County Democrats, that was deposited the same day and disclosed on a C-3 report filed on December 16, 2017.
- Staff's review found that of the 17 alleged late filed C-3 reports, three of the reports identified in your complaint attachment were amendments for which some of the initial C-3 reports were filed timely or were for minimal contribution amounts less than \$100. In addition, four of the C-3 reports were duplicate filings.
- Staff's review further indicated that the Committee had failed to file any C-4 reports for the portion of calendar year 2017 during which they were under the Full Reporting Option (September 13 through December 31, 2017).
- On November 15, 2018, the Committee filed 12 C-4 reports and one C-3 report disclosing contribution and expenditure activities for all of calendar year 2017. The C-4 reports disclosed the Committee received \$1,197 in total contributions received and

expenditures totaling \$323. The December 2017 C-4 report filed by the Committee was marked as the “Final” report.

While the Snohomish County Young Democrats failed to timely file a few C-3 and C-4 report for the portion of calendar year 2017 they were under the Full Reporting Option, the Committee had very minimal contribution and expenditure activities to disclose. But for the \$655 monetary contribution received from the Snohomish County Democrat’s on September 12, 2017, the Committee would have remained under the Mini Reporting Option.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), the Snohomish County Young Democrats will receive a formal written warning concerning its failure to timely file C-3 and C-4 reports disclosing contribution and expenditure activities under the Full Reporting Option in 2017. The formal written warning conveys our expectation that the Snohomish County Young Democrats will fully comply with the reporting requirements to timely file contribution and expenditure reports in the future, if the committee remains active and is registered under the Full Reporting Option. The Commission will consider this formal written warning if there are any PDC law or rule violations by the Snohomish County Young Democrats in the future.

Based on these findings, the PDC has dismissed your 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.

Sincerely,

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cc: Snohomish County Young Democrats

