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March 25, 2019

Delivered electronically to “shetler.adam@yahoo.com”

Subject: PDC Case 33271

Dear Adam Shetler:

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

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

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of the timely and accurate filing of the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) within two weeks of declaring candidacy, and the timely filings of all future PDC reports, including the F-1 report. The reminder includes the expectation that you submit a termination of candidacy statement to the PDC when withdrawing from an election campaign that is no longer active.

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
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____

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March 25, 2019

Delivered electronically to "marcus.griffith@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Adam Shetler, PDC Case 33271

Dear Marcus Griffith:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on March 26, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Adam Shetler, a first-time candidate seeking the office of City Council Member for Vancouver in 2018, may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely and accurately file the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) for a previous office within the same 2018 election cycle.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Adam Shetler; and the applicable PDC reports filed by the Campaign, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- On February 21, 2018, Adam Shetler posted a handwritten campaign sign on Facebook which included the statement: "Adam Shelter, 17th State Rep."
- On March 20, 2018, Adam Shetler filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) declaring his candidacy for Vancouver City Council Member, and selecting the Mini Reporting option. Adam Shetler lost the Primary Election with 1,746 votes out of 30,788 (5.67%).
- On March 19, 2019, Adam Shelter a provided a phone response to PDC staff, explaining that he did not file a C-1 report for the 17th Legislative District position since he filed the Candidate Registration report for the Vancouver City Council position instead, and did not participate in the 17th District elections.

Based on these findings and the following facts, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to timely and accurately file the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) for the 17th Legislative District does not constitute a material violation warranting further investigation since: (1) Adam Shetler was a first-time candidate for public office who ran for Vancouver City Council and lost the Primary Election in 2018; (2) There is no indication that Adam Shetler was on the election ballot for the 17th Legislative District according to PDC records; and (3) The failure to file the C-1 report for the 17th Legislative District did materially impact the public interest.

PDC staff are reminding Adam Shetler about the importance of the timely and accurate filing of the Candidate Registration (C-1 report) within two weeks of declaring candidacy, and the timely filings of all future PDC reports, including the F-1 report. The reminder includes the expectation that Mr. Shelter submits a termination of candidacy statement to the PDC when withdrawing from an election campaign that is no longer active.

Based on this information, 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. if you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

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cc: Adam Shetler