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November 6, 2018

Sent electronically to Senator Lynda Wilson at lynd@electlyndawilson.com and bhardtke@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case No. 30922, Lynda Wilson

Ms. Wilson:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Dmitri Iglitzin concerning a complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the below letter to Mr. Iglitzin, the PDC has dismissed this complaint 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. However, PDC staff is reminding you of the importance of filing timely and accurate contribution and expenditure reports during future election campaigns.

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,

Endorsed by:

Erick Agina PDC Compliance Officer BG Sandahl, Deputy Director for Peter Lavallee, Executive Director





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Sent electronically to Dmitri Iglitzin at iglitzin@workerlaw.com

Subject: PDC Case No. 30922, Lynda Wilson

Dear Mr. Iglitzin:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on January 11, 2018. The complaint alleged that Lynda Wilson, an incumbent State Senator and a candidate seeking election to that office in 2016, violated RCW 42.17A.220, .235 and .240 by failing to timely deposit contributions and timely file Monetary Contributions reports (C-3 reports), and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports).

On January 11, 2018, the Attorney General's Office (AGO) notified PDC staff that their office would not be taking action against Lynda Wilson concerning the Citizen Action Notice you filed with their office.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations and as a result of staff's review, we found the following:

• On February 8, 2016, Lynda Wilson filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) declaring her candidacy for State Senator in 2016, selecting the Full Reporting Option and listing herself as the campaign treasurer. On May 10, 2017, Senator Wilson filed a C-1 report declaring her candidacy for re-election in 2020. Senator Wilson is an incumbent State Senator since being elected to that office in 2016.

Allegation One: Failure to timely file the C-4 reports for the 2016 election:

- The complaint alleged that the Wilson Campaign failed to timely file C-4 report for the February 2016 reporting period. The February 2016 C-4 report was due to have been filed by the Campaign on March 10, 2016.
- The February 2016 C-4 report was due by March 2016, but was filed late on December 27, 2016, after the conclusion of the November 8, 2016 general election.

Allegation Two: Failure to timely deposit monetary contributions (C-3) reports for the 2016 election.

• The complaint alleged that the Wilson Campaign failed to timely deposit monetary receipts depicted on the C-3 reports filed on: April 22, 2016 (report # 100691628), April 22, 2016 (report #100691629), May 1, 2016 (report # 100692267), October 9, 2016 (report # 100724817) and October 20, 2016 (report # 100729071). The contribution receipts depicted on the five aforementioned C-3 reports were due to be deposited on April 18, 2016 (report # 100691628), April 11, 2016 (report # 100691629), April 11, 2016 (report # 100692267), October 3, 2016 (report # 100724817) and October 18, 2016 (report # 100729071) respectively.

• PDC staff reviewed this allegation and based on staff's review of the information disclosed on the C-3 reports relevant to this allegation, deposits depicted on C-3 reports #100691628 and #100724817 were both deposited timely, while reports 100691629, 100692267, and 100729071 were deposited between 1 and 17 days late.

The 2016 Lynda Wilson Campaign received approximately \$564,949 in contributions, and made expenditures totaling more than \$546,895. While the Campaign failed to timely deposit four contributions totaling \$3,150, each contribution was deposited less than 17 days late.

Ms. Wilson's Campaign treasurer explained that then Representative Wilson loaned her Senate campaign \$5,000 and loaded this information onto the ORCA software and timely reported the loan on a C-3 on March 8, 2016 (report # 100684239), but given that the treasurer at the time did not have enough experience with the ORCA software, the C-4 report disclosing the candidate's loan was inadvertently not filed with the PDC. The C-4 was eventually filed on December 27, 2016 when the mistake was discovered.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the requirement to timely deposit C-3 and file C-4 reports during the 2016 election does not appear to be an actual material violation warranting further investigation. However, PDC staff is reminding Senator Wilson about the importance of timely depositing monetary contributions and filing expenditure activities in all future election campaigns.

Accordingly, 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 enforcement action in this case.

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.

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cc: Lynda Wilson

