



November 16, 2017

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Public Disclosure Commission
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Hello Mr. Ragins:

We are in receipt of your correspondence from November 9, 2017 notifying us of the complaint filed against our organization by Mr. Frank McConnell. We have carefully reviewed the claims that were made, and we are glad to provide you with the information you need to make a determination in this matter.

1) Failure to file accurate and timely C4 reports. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235)

Throughout 2017 our organization has made several expenditures and reports of such. As the PDC has detailed in email correspondence, our Treasurers have been in touch with the agency on a regular basis in attempts to resolve technological issues, answer technical questions, and receive overall support from the PDC this year. In fact, during the time that Mr. McConnell's complaint was filed, we were working with the Chip Beatty in your office, because the expenditures were showing twice on our end in Orca, and not showing up as received on the end of the PDC. With many thanks to the efforts of the professionals at your agency, we have since made the appropriate updates to our Orca and amendments to our filings and we are confident that our organization is in full compliance at this time.

In the past several months, our organization has seen much turnover in our officers, having to elect a new treasurer in July, and a new Chair and Vice Chair in September. Through those changes, we were working hard with our bank to gain access to our account information, and were dealing with many delays and difficulties in that arena. Any delay of reporting that may have occurred was certainly caused by our organization's commitment to ensuring accuracy in our reporting during and after these changes.

Here is a current status update on the individual items listed under this complaint:

A) C4 Report 100798432 reports the \$76 expenditure in question regarding the PO Box annual rental.

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- B) C4 Report 100798430 reports the \$336.80 for website's domain purchase & hosting in question, as well as other general expenditures.
- C) Our organization's expenditures are reported correctly. For a period, there was a discrepancy amongst the reports of our committees, and the cause has since been identified. In these cases, there was a miscommunication regarding the true contributor of some items, which was confirmed to be some individual members of the organization and not the organization itself. It is also our understanding that the other committee involved has made the appropriate updates.

It is my hope that the information provided here addresses all of the items included in this complaint to your satisfaction. If you have any further questions, or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Aryn Oster
Treasurer
17th Legislative District Democrats