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December 11, 2018

Delivered electronically to “cecilyjwright@gmail.com”

Subject: PDC Case 24685

Dear Cecil Wright:

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

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

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at (360) 586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s _____
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Delivered electronically to “walter@smithdietrich.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Spokane County Republican Central Committee, PDC Case 24685

Dear Walter Smith:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on September 1, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Spokane County Republican Central Committee may have violated Chapter 42.17A RCW by failing to accurately and timely report contributions, expenditures, debts and/or pledges, and for accepting unauthorized contributions.

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

- The allegations contained in the complaint underlying PDC Case 24685 are substantially similar to a complaint filed in Superior Court by a citizen pursuant to RCW 42.17A.775.
- The parties reached a settlement in this matter that was approved by the court on December 6, 2017.
- The Stipulation and Judgment accepted in Superior Court on December 6, 2017 (case #17-2-05727-34) “resolve[d] any and all claims arising out of the State’s complaint” and the Respondent/Defendant agreed to pay a civil penalty for “violations of Chapter 42.17A. RCW for failing to timely and properly report its contributions received and expenditures made as alleged in the complaint.”
- The Superior Court has primary jurisdiction over the substance of this complaint, and the PDC will defer to its judgment in bringing the issues to resolution.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755 and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

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cc: Spokane County Republican Central Committee