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I have reviewed our campaign accounting records in light of the complaint filed by Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith alleges two separate violations; failure to file a timely C-3 and using campaign funds for personal use.

With regard to the C-3, in February 2017 we received a complaint for failing to file a C-3 in November 2015 (Complaint # 14166). After reviewing our records, we discovered we had inadvertently not filed the C-3. As we discussed in our response to complaint #14166, the PDC website was down for maintenance the last two weeks of October 2015 when we would have normally filed the C-3. My Treasurer forgot to go back and file the C-3 once the PDC website was back in operation. The C-3 cited by Mr. Smith is the C-3 filed in response to the complaint #14166.

With regard to the alleged use of campaign funds for personal use; in September 2017 my campaign purchased two tables for the Life Choices of Yakima annual dinner for \$800 for supporters and volunteers to attend. I would point out, the complaint filed by Mr. Smith inaccurately identified Life Choices of Wenatchee Valley as the recipient of those funds. In November 2017, we donated \$400 to Life Choices of Yakima at the dinner. Life Choices of Yakima is a 501(c)(3), charitable organization and we had ample funds in the surplus account to cover the expenditures. Under the law, surplus funds can be donated to charitable organizations.

After reviewing our records, we discovered we inadvertently used our campaign account and not our surplus account to make those payments. We would contend the use of \$800 to sponsor two tables for campaign supporter and volunteers is a campaign related expenditure. The \$400 expenditure was a donation to Life Choices of Yakima. In no way was the expenditures used for personal benefit; however, because we used the campaign account, and not the surplus account, there is question as to whether the expenditures should have been made. Therefore, we have reimbursed the campaign account \$1,200.

For reference, we have filed a C-3 (confirmation number 100788135) to show the deposit made into the account.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to clarify the issues associated with the complaint filed by Mr. Smith. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

David Taylor

