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I first became aware of a late C4 filing (due the 25th) on the 26th of July. I asked our treasurer to contact the PDC on 7/26 to self-disclose this late filing. Upon further investigation by myself, I found a deficiency with all filings on 7/28. As I needed to attend a funeral, I asked my Treasurer to reach out to the PDC to find out why there were no reports showing online. He indicated he was on the phone with the PDC (this was approximate 10:00a on 7/28). The afternoon of 7/28, he indicated to me no reports had been yet filed and he was preparing paper reports to mail into the PDC. He had spoken to someone directly about the possibility of faxing the reports in and was told to mail the same. On 7/29 we discussed his resignation as Treasurer and he submitted the same. On 7/31, I filed a new C1 and spoke with 2 representatives 4x to further self disclose the deficiencies and discuss my steps of remedial action. I made request of the PDC to set an appointment to review my books and perform an audit of the same. Toni, at the PDC, indicated there was not time for the same and no complaint had been filed - I was self-reporting and they were there to help me learn not beat me up for a mistake as a new candidate.

On that same day, despite having a new Treasurer appointed, I personally took the online 2.5 hour PDC training on the ORCA system, plus 3x other approx 1 hour training sessions found relating to PDC filings. Between the training and the data input and reports being filed, I spent the day on 7/31 (approximately 15.5 total hours) training and bringing my reports current, with the observation of our new treasurer. I wanted to be sure all of the filings were done. Despite the fact my previous treasurer had sent in paper copies, I felt it imperative to submit the reports via ORCA so everything was clear and succinct as well as the breakdown in dates the C4s were required to be completed (my Treasurer did one C4 from the beginning of the campaign to date, not multiple C4 reports by time period).

Since that time, I have filed the required report timely. I have one report I am waiting instruction on (I am receiving "duplicate submission error" despite it is a same report for a primary and general election but they are 2 separate deposits (I have left message for both Chip and Jennifer relating to the same at the PDC relating to this issue).

While there was a deficiency with my filings - as soon as I became aware of the same (prior to any report being made), I made efforts to self-disclose, remedy the same, take appropriate steps so the problem does not continue in the future and have been incredibly transparent and forthcoming about the mistake I have made as a new candidate.

This reply comes in response to the complaint filed by Debbie Simpson, mother of the business partner of my opponent. I have also been incredibly forthcoming to provide all documentation of my reports and accounting to the Renton Reporter, after similar report was filed with them and they did a 2 page story on the failure to timely file these reports in our local paper.

There was no malicious intent, no malfeasance and no intent of deceit whatsoever by myself or my previous treasurer.

I would be more than happy to provide all books and records for an audit of the same.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter and for your time in response.

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