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October 2, 2017

Delivered electronically to “mayorstevepeterson@yahoo.com”

Subject: Friends of Town Square (2), PDC Case 23059

Dear Friends of Town Square:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Pam Orebaugh concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on 7/21/17. The complaint alleged that Friends of Town Square may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to provide Sponsor ID on political advertising and RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to accurately and timely register as a political committee. A copy of the complaint was previously sent to you.

As noted in the letter to Pam Orebaugh, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter. However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this letter serves as a warning letter concerning the failure to include Sponsor ID in the July edition of the Splash, and failure to timely register as a political committee. PDC staff expects Friends of Town Square to properly identify all political advertising they support, and timely and completely registers their political committee and all officers within two weeks of the expectation of any contributions or expenditures in support or opposition to any candidate or ballot proposition.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

  
Fox Blackhorn  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

  
Peter Lavallee  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Letter to Pam Orebaugh



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October 2, 2017

Delivered electronically to "porebaugh2@comcast.net"

Subject: Complaint regarding Friends of Town Square (2), PDC Case 23059

Dear Pam Orebaugh:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on 7/21/17. Your complaint alleged that Friends of Town Square may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to provide Sponsor ID on political advertising and RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to accurately and timely register as a political committee.

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

- Friends of Town Square violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to include Sponsor ID on their advertisement in the July issue of the Splash. This was rectified in the August edition of the Splash.
- Friends of Town Square violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to register as a political committee within two weeks of the expectation of contributions or expenditures in support of the Town Square ballot proposition.
- Friends of Town Square has no prior violations, and has had no prior warnings regarding their obligations under Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), Friends of Town Square will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to include Sponsor ID in the July edition of the Splash, and failure to timely register as a political committee do not amount to material violations warranting further investigation. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Friends of Town Square properly identifies all political advertising they support, and timely and completely registers their political committee and all officers within two weeks of the expectation of any contributions or expenditures in support or opposition to any candidate or ballot proposition. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

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Sincerely,



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cc: Friends of Town Square