



State of Washington
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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding

Steven Drew: PDC Case 112911

I Steven Drew, as Thurston County Assessor and a candidate for re-election to that office in 2022, hereby acknowledge that I violated **RCW 42.17A.565** on one occasion by knowingly soliciting a contribution from a Thurston County Assessor employee in February of 2022. The facts of this violation are as follows:

- On May 9, 2019, I filed a Candidate Registration declaring my candidacy for re-election to Thurston County Assessor in 2022. I selected the Full Reporting Option and listed Rhendra Strub as my Campaign's Ministerial Treasurer.
- I was elected Thurston County Assessor in 2010, and I was re-elected to that office in 2014, 2018, and in 2022.

RCW 42.17A.565(1) states "No state or local official or state or local official's agent may knowingly solicit, directly or indirectly, a contribution to a candidate for public office, political party, or political committee from an employee in the state or local official's agency."

1. On February 28, 2022, the 2022 Steven Drew for County Assessor Campaign (Campaign) filed a Monetary Contributions report (C-3 report) disclosing five monetary contributions that were received and deposited on February 28, 2022. One of the contributors was Michael Brooks, Deputy Thurston County Assessor, who made a \$250 contribution to the Campaign on February 28, 2022.
2. On August 4, 2014, Mr. Brooks made a \$500 unsolicited monetary contribution to my 2014 re-election Campaign as my Thurston County Chief Deputy Assessor.

3. In my response, I stated that in late Feb and early March of 2022, "I made many fundraising calls, that included calls to prior donors. Using my prior contributor's list, when Mike's (Michael Brooks) name came up, I was just thinking of him as a friend and prior supporter."
4. I stated that "I almost never call people for contributions at their place of business, so these calls often occurred in the evening or on weekends for those not retired. Such was the case when I called Mike and asked for a modest contribution. He immediately said yes, and I thanked him. He said he would contribute by check."

I would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing).

Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, I acknowledge that I violated Washington law as described above and agree to enter this Statement of Understanding to resolve this case with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). Further, in accordance with the Penalty Schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143, I agree to pay a \$150 civil penalty for violating RCW 42.17A.565.

By signing this Statement of Understanding, I acknowledge that I violated RCW 42.17A.565 by knowingly soliciting a contribution from Michael Brooks, my Deputy Thurston County Assessor, and I waive my right to a hearing in this matter. I further understand that by signing this Statement of Understanding and paying the \$150 civil penalty, PDC Case 112911 is resolved.



Steven Drew

1/13/23
Date Signed

Please make your check or money order payable to the "**Washington State Treasurer**" and be sure to include PDC Case no. 112911 in the memorandum field. After you sign this Statement of Understanding, please mail it, or deliver in person along with your \$150 check or money order for the civil penalty to:

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