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November 15, 2018

Delivered electronically to "electsameerranade@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 34587

Dear Sameer Ranade:

I am providing you a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and 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 formal written warning concerning your failure to comply with the reporting requirements for a candidate under the Full Reporting option to file timely and accurate Monetary Contribution reports (C-3) and Campaign Summary Receipts and Expenditure (C-4) reports, in accordance with RCW 42.17A.235 and .240.

This formal written warning comes with the staff's expectation that you will file timely, complete and accurate reports in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules, should you become a candidate in the future. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 1-360-664-8853 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Phil Stutzman
Sr. Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Delivered electronically to "glen@wethegoverned.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Sameer Ranade, PDC Case 34587

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on April 11, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Sameer Ranade may have violated the following sections of RCW 42.17A:

- **Allegation One:** Violation of RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports.
- **Allegation Two:** Violation of RCW 42.17A.265 for failure to report last minute contributions.
- **Allegation Three:** Violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to list committee officers and update C-1pc.
- **Allegation Four:** Violation of RCW 42.17A.425 for unauthorized expenditures of funds by an individual not listed as an officer on form C-1/C-1pc.
- **Allegation Five:** Violation of RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to preserve books of accounts and campaign finance records.
- **Allegation Six:** Violation of RCW 42.17A.220 for unauthorized depositing of campaign funds into bank account by a non-treasurer.
- **Allegation Seven:** Violation of RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to include Sponsor ID.
- **Allegation Eight:** Violation of RCW 42.17A.255 for failure to timely file C-6 independent expenditures.

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

- **Allegation 1:** Original C-3 reports of contributions received were filed late on multiple occasions, ranging from 1 to 175 days late. However, the C-3 that was filed 175 days late reported a \$5 contribution, the C-3 that was filed 63 days late reported \$96 in contributions, and the C-3 reported 59 days late reported zero contributions. The remaining late-filed C-3 reports reported modest contribution amounts. The amended C-3 reports made relatively minor changes to C-3 reports that were filed timely.

- The candidate lost in the primary election and was not required to follow the accelerated reporting schedule for general election candidates. The post-primary C-4 was filed 22 days late and disclosed \$4,249 in expenditures. The C-4 report noted as 69 days late was a 21-day pre-general election C-4 report required for candidates in the general election. It reported \$256 in expenditures. The C-4 noted as 55 days late was the 7-day pre-general election C-4 report required for candidates in the general election. It reported zero expenditures. The November 2016 C-4 report was filed 14 days late and reported \$182 in expenditures.
- **Allegations 2-8:** No evidence was submitted to support or substantiate these allegations.
- The candidate was a first-time candidate in 2016 and does not have previous warnings or violations of PDC requirements.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to file all C-3 and C-4 reports timely does not appear to support a finding of an actual material violation warranting further investigation.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), Sameer Ranade will receive a formal written warning concerning the committee's failure to comply with the filing requirements noted above. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Sameer Ranade file reports of contributions and expenditures in accordance with PDC laws and rules should he become a candidate in the future. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 1-360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov.

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cc: Sameer Ranade