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Delivered electronically to Patty Janssen at Bburien21@gmail.com and Glen Morgan at glen@wethegoverned.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Cydney Moore, PDC Case 140556

Dear Ms. Janssen and Mr. Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed on July 28, 2023 and August 3, 2023, respectively. Your complaints alleged that Cydney Moore, an incumbent City of Burien Council Member running for re-election to the same office in the 2023 election year, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely file Summary Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) reports.

To determine whether a formal investigation or enforcement action is warranted, PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in both complaints; the applicable statute(s), rule(s), and reporting requirements; the 2020 C-3 and C-4 reports filed by Cydney Moore (Campaign); the August 22, 2023, response to the complaint provided by Cydney Moore, on behalf of her campaign; and other relevant information.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On March 24, 2023, Cydney Moore timely filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) report and selected the Full Reporting Option.
- The complaint alleged that the Campaign failed to timely file C-4 reports, including failure to report certain expenditures. Specifically, the complaint alleged that Cydney Moore failed to report “expenses for signs, in-kind contributions for list builder and no cost of the PO box used by the campaign.”
- In its response to the allegation, the Campaign, by way of Cydney Moore stated: “Our campaign had some initial technical difficulties when trying to report expenditures, including a typo made by the treasurer in the campaign start date, which caused expenses such as the domain and initial payment of three months for the post office box not to show up on the C-4. Amendments and new reports have been filed and we believe all campaign expenses are accounted for and appear on the public reports at this time. Please note, our campaign has no treasurer expenses; the treasurer (who asked me to relay that he accepts full responsibility for any errors or omissions and has worked to correct them) is a volunteer, and PDC records will show that he has never been paid for providing treasurer services to any candidate.”

- Staff noted that there were some expenditures made by the Campaign either to a vendor or an in-kind contribution received by the Campaign that was not accurately reflected on the initial C-4 reports filed by the Campaign. For example, the Campaign initially failed to report expenses/expenditures for “Design/graphic art: Photography for campaign,” that should have been reported in the March 2023 C-4 report.
- On August 21, 2023, the Campaign filed/amended the C-4 report for March 2023, to include the information/expenditure that was initially not reported. Additionally, on October 3, 2023, the Campaign amended its C-4 report to disclose campaign signs as in-kind contribution from Cydney Moore’s prior campaign.

While staff found that the Campaign failed to timely file some initial C-4 reports and report its campaign signs, The Campaign was prompt in taking corrective action as soon as this complaint was brought to its attention and amended the pertinent C-4 reports to include missing information raised in the complaints.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Cydney Moore will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to file timely and accurate C-4 reports, as required by law. Cydney Moore will be informed the Commission will consider the formal warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Erick Agina, Compliance Officer at 360-586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

s/ _____
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

s/ _____
Peter Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Cydney Moore

