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Delivered electronically to Glen Morgan at glen@wethegoverned.com

Subject: Complaint against 49th Legislative District Democrats, PDC Case 149546

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review and assessment of the complaint you filed Feb. 26, 2024. The complaint alleged the 49th Legislative District Democrats, a political committee, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file contribution and expenditure reports.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by the 49th Legislative District Democrats; the applicable PDC reports filed by the 49th Legislative District Democrats; and other relevant information, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- RCW 42.17A.240 requires committees file accurate campaign finance reports with the Public Disclosure Commission.
- RCW 42.17A.235 describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities, including the requirement a committee deposit all contributions within five business days of receipt and also file a report on the 10th day of the month if contributions of \$200 or more are received in the prior month.
- As noted in the complaint, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee reported contributing \$2,000 to the 49th Legislative District Democrats on August 23, 2023.
- In response to the complaint, Andrew Gnaneswaran, treasurer for 49th Legislative District Democrats, acknowledged receiving a check in the amount of \$2,000 from the Washington State Democratic Central Committee on Aug. 30, 2023.
- Per RCW 42.17A.235, the \$2,000 contribution should have been deposited by the 49th Legislative District Democrats on or before Sept. 7, 2023, and reported on a Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions (C-3) Report on Oct. 10, 2023.
- On a C-3 report filed Jan. 5, 2024, the 49th Legislative District Democrats reported the \$2,000 donation as received and deposited Jan. 2, 2024, which was 117 days later than the deposit was actually made, making the report 87 days late.

- The 49th Legislative District Democrats do not have other similar violations of PDC requirements.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, the circumstances do not support a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, the 49th Legislative District Democrats will receive a formal written warning concerning the requirement under RCW 42.17A.235 and .240. Staff expects the committee, moving forward, to timely and accurately file all future required reports of contributions. If violations of PDC laws or rules occur in the future, the Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action necessary and has dismissed this matter per RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s/ Electronically signed

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