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**Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding  
Clover Park Citizens for Schools PDC Case 153195**

I, (Print name here) Brian Laubach, in my capacity as Chairperson of Clover Park Citizens for Schools (the Committee) hereby acknowledge:

During the February 2020 and 2024 Special Elections, the Committee violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by not timely and accurately filing Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and Campaign Summary Receipts and Expenditures (C-4) reports, disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Committee.

The facts are as follows:

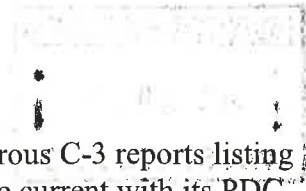
- The Committee has been registered with the PDC as a Ballot Measure Committee supporting the Clover Park School District since at least 2008.

2020 Election Cycle:

- PDC records indicate the Committee filed with the PDC in 2020 under full reporting. Pierce County records indicate the Clover Park School District put a proposition before voters in 2020. It was successful, earning 55 percent of the vote.
- Under the “Full Reporting” option, until five months before the general election, C-3 and C-4 reports are required monthly when contributions exceed \$200 since the last report; on the twenty-first day and the seventh day preceding the date of the primary and general election date; and on the tenth day of the first month after the primary and general election date.
- The Committee filed zero reports during the 2020 Election cycle. However, on Jan. 12, 2024, the Committee filed numerous C-3 reports listing contributions starting in January 2018 to bring the Committee current with its PDC requirements. For a Committee under Full Reporting, contributions made for the 2020 election cycle should have been reported during the 2020 campaign.

2024 Election Cycle:

- The Committee’s most recent registration was filed Dec. 14, 2023 under full reporting, listing its support for the Clover Park School District’s measure before voters in the February 2024 Special Election.

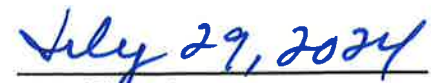


- As noted above, on Jan. 12, 2024, the Committee filed numerous C-3 reports listing contributions starting in January 2018 to bring the Committee current with its PDC requirements.
- The majority of the C-3s reported payroll deductions from Clover Park School District employees.
- During the 2024 February Special Election, a 21-day pre-election C-4 report was due Jan. 23, 2024, and a 7-day pre-election C-4 was due Feb. 6, 2024.
- The Committee timely filed two C-4 reports prior to the February 2024 Special Election. The first, filed January 23, 2024 listed \$18,106 in contributions during the campaign and \$1,431.23 in expenditures. The second, filed February 6, 2024, listed \$18,106 in contributions and \$7,685.31 in expenditures.
- On February 13, 2024, the Committee, via its legal counsel, notified the PDC the current members of the Committee realized the Committee was out of compliance with PDC regulations and would be working to both file and amend C-3 and C-4 reports.
- On June 21, 2024, the Committee filed a new C-4 amending its original January 23, 2024 report. The amended C-4 listed \$81,722.22 in contributions and \$17,269.87 in expenditures.
- Also on June 21, 2024, the Committee filed a new C-4 amending its original February 6, 2024 report. The amended C-4 listed \$81,722.22 in contributions and \$23,523.95 in expenditures during the campaign
- While the Committee filed the pre-election reports timely, the amended reports included significantly different contribution and expenditure activity than was originally reported, which materially impacted the public interest.

The Committee 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 the Committee violated Washington law as described above and agree to enter this Statement of Understanding to resolve this case with the PDC. Further, per the Penalty Schedule in WAC 390-37-143, the Committee agrees to pay a \$600 civil penalty for violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 for the years 2020 and 2024.

By signing this Statement of Understanding, I acknowledge the Committee violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 and waive my right to a hearing in this matter. I further understand that by signing this Statement of Understanding and paying the \$600 civil penalty, PDC Case 153195 is resolved.

  
Committee Chairperson

  
Date Signed



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