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Feb. 6, 2019

Delivered electronically to "chris@chrismarr.us"

Subject: PDC Case 25893

Dear: Chris Marr

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on Sept. 28, 2017 against you.

As noted in the letter to Mr. Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff reminds you about the importance of contacting the PDC for accurate information about the financing of political campaigns, lobbyist expenditures, and the financial affairs of public officials and candidates. This will ensure compliance with Washington's disclosure and campaign finance laws.

If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at 1-360-586-4746 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_

Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Sandahl  
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For Peter Lavalley  
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Feb. 6, 2019

Delivered electronically to “[glen@wethegoverned.com](mailto:glen@wethegoverned.com)”

Subject: Complaint regarding Chris Marr, PDC Case 25893

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed against Chris Marr, a State Senator representing Washington's 6th Legislative District from 2007 – 2010. The complaint alleged Chris Marr violated RCW 42.17A.430 for an unauthorized transfer of funds between candidate committees and RCW 42.17A.235 by failing to timely file complete and accurate Summary Full Campaign Contributions and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports). You alleged Marr donated \$800 to Laurie Dolan in July 2006 and did not report this donation on a C-4 report.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in the complaint, PDC laws, rules and reporting requirements, C-4 reports filed by Chris Marr, the response from Chris Marr and a response from the Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR).

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

- Chris Marr served in the State Senate from 2007 – 2010, then was appointed by Gov. Christine Gregoire to what was then known as the Washington State Liquor Control Board. He served in this position from 2010 – 2015.
- Since 2011, Chris Marr has been a Lobbyist registered with the PDC.
- In his response, Marr stated he became aware in July 2016 the DOR Unclaimed Property site listed an unclaimed check with “Chris Marr for State Senate” as payee. He stated he then “contacted DOR by phone and learned that the check in question was an \$800 campaign contribution check from Regence. The check had apparently been sent to our former campaign mailbox and was forwarded as unclaimed property to DOR when the mailbox was discontinued.”

- Marr stated he contacted DOR to inquire about his options. "They told me that they could not return the funds to me personally, but that I could elect to transfer those funds to another legislative campaign. I contacted the Laurie Dolan campaign. They never solicited these funds from me and were acting solely on my recounting of the advice I was given by a state agency. I was informed by the Washington State Department of Revenue that my only available option was to direct those funds (which apparently were not my personal funds) to another legislative campaign, or to leave those funds in the state Unclaimed Property account."
- In response, DOR provided the following information:
  - On July 8, 2016, former State Senator Chris Marr contacted the DOR Unclaimed Property Program concerning \$800 held as unclaimed property in the name of his re-election campaign.
  - A Department employee in the DOR Unclaimed Property Program advised him that he could not personally claim the funds of his former election campaign committee, but that he could donate them to another campaign.
  - In response, he directed the \$800 go to Friends of Laurie Dolan. A check was issued, and the funds were mailed as directed on July 22, 2016.
  - The advice that he could donate the funds to another campaign contravened DOR policy.
- DOR also stated a DOR representative contacted Representative Dolan to inform her that DOR would send her a letter with instructions on how to return the funds. On October 30, 2017, DOR received \$800 from Friends of Laurie Dolan.

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

The PDC reminded Chris Marr about the importance of contacting the PDC for accurate information about the financing of political campaigns, lobbyist expenditures, and the financial affairs of public officials and candidates.

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