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August 28, 2018

Delivered electronically to “cowlitzgop.chairman@gmail.com”

Subject: PDC Case 30698

Dear Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Washington State Democratic Party concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below to Washington State Democratic Party, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this letter serves as a warning letter concerning your failure to timely file reports of contribution activity. PDC staff expects you to file timely and complete reports of contributions in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules. 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 Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
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Delivered electronically to “iglitzin@workerlaw.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Cowlitz County Republicans, PDC Case 30698

Dear Washington State Democrats:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on January 31, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Cowlitz County Republicans may have violated Chapter 42.17A RCW for failure to accurately and timely report contributions and committee officers, and for unauthorized expenditures.

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

- Cowlitz County Republican Party admits to failure to timely file 10 C-3 reports in violation of RCW 42.17A.235, including a C-3 disclosing \$5,660 in financial activity from the 4/29/17 Lincoln Day Dinner, not disclosed until 9/8/17, 90 days late.
- Upon notification of non-compliance, officers for the Cowlitz County Republican Party acknowledged and took responsibility for their mistakes, and quickly took corrective action to amend their reports.
- The Cowlitz County Republican Party has no prior found violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, failure to timely file reports of contribution activity does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), Cowlitz County Republicans will receive a formal written warning concerning their failure to comply with the filing requirements noted above. The formal written warning will include staff’s expectation that Cowlitz County Republicans file timely and complete reports of contributions in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

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cc: Cowlitz County Republicans