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November 14, 2018

Delivered electronically to Mariah Bettise at "mariah@bettisehr.com"

Subject: PDC Case 34596

Dear Mariah Bettise:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below to Glen Morgan, 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 concerning your failure to timely file C-3 and C-4 reports. PDC staff expects that you will file timely and complete C-3 and C-4 reports, specifically those occurring during the accelerated reporting schedule prior to and after any election in which your name appears on the ballot. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

In addition, please continue to work with PDC Filer Assistance staff to finish amending reports containing minor data entry errors.

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail [jennifer.hansen@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:jennifer.hansen@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Hansen  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Lavallee  
Executive Director

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November 14, 2018

Delivered electronically to Glen Morgan at "glen@wethegoverned.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Mariah Bettise (Friends of Mariah Bettise), PDC Case 34596

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on April 11, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Mariah Bettise (Friends of Mariah Bettise) may have violated RCW 42.17A.235, .265, .205, .220, .320, .255 for failure to timely and accurately disclose contributions, expenditures, books of account, committee registration, and sponsor ID.

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

- No evidence was provided to substantiate any allegations outside of late filing of C-3 and C-4 reports in violation of RCW 42.17A.235.
- On May 3, 2017, Mariah Bettise, filed a C-1 report declaring candidacy for Issaquah City Council, Position 2, listing herself as treasurer. The C-1 was amended in September 2017 listing Patricia Thieme as treasurer. Ms. Thieme worked as campaign treasurer on a voluntary basis performing only ministerial functions for the Friends of Mariah Bettise campaign.
- Mariah Bettise's name appeared on the November 7, 2017 general ballot where she won the election with %69.11 of the vote.

- In her response, Ms. Bettise, stated that her campaign team experienced a “reporting software learning curve” due to the fact that this was the first campaign for both her and her treasurer.
- Mariah Bettise did not participate in the August 1, 2017 primary election. She stated that the campaign filed C-4 reports late in the season after the majority of the campaign activity occurred. On September 22, 2017, the campaign filed four C-4 reports showing no expenditures for the months of May, June, July and August.
- Friends of Mariah Bettise filed C-3 reports between 34 and 69 days late, disclosing \$3,980, including a \$1,500 cash loan from the candidate. The remaining \$2,480 of late deposits consisted of a \$50 contribution from the 5<sup>th</sup> District Democrats, \$250 from Maple Leaf Accounting and donations from individuals mostly \$100 or less each.
- The campaign filed the 21-day pre-general C-4 one day late disclosing \$1,109.78 in expenses including yard signs and flyers and filed the 7-day pre-general C-4 seven days late disclosing \$465.07 in expenses.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), Mariah Bettise (Friends of Mariah Bettise) will receive a formal written warning concerning failure to timely file C-3 and C-4 reports. The formal written warning will include staff’s expectation that Mariah Bettise will file timely and complete C-3 and C-4 reports, specifically those occurring during the accelerated reporting schedule prior to and after any election in which her name appears on the ballot. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on these facts, staff has determined that in this instance, failure to timely file C-3 disclosing a candidate loan and other small contributions and C-4 reports with a small amount of expenditures, does not amount to an actual material violation warranting further investigation. The PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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Sincerely,

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

Jennifer Hansen  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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

For Peter Lavalley  
Executive Director

cc: Mariah Bettise (Friends of Mariah Bettise)