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August 22, 2018

Delivered electronically to “curtnjam@gmail.com”

Subject: PDC Case 36737

Dear Curtis McGary:

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

As noted below to Dan Blasdel, 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 comply with the political advertising requirements of RCW 42.17A.320(2)(a) and RCW 42.17A.320(3)(a) as noted in the enclosed letter sent to Mr. Blasdel. Staff expects you to include the required sponsor identification and political party preference on all future political advertisements undertaken by your campaign 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 Micaiah Ragins at 360-586-4555 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Micaiah Titus Ragins
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Delivered electronically to "pasco_coroner@yahoo.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Curtis McGary, PDC Case 36737

Dear Dan Blasdel:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 22, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Curtis McGary, a candidate for Franklin County Coroner in 2018, may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include his political party preference on political advertising sponsored by his campaign.

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

- The political advertisement in the form of a "push card" failed to include the complete sponsor identification that is required by RCW 42.17A.320(2)(a) such as the name, complete mailing address, and "paid for or sponsored by" language.
- The political party preference on the billboards listed in the complaint fail to meet the requirement listed in RCW 42.17A.320(3)(a), which states that sponsor identification must appear *"on the first page or fold of the written advertisement or communication in at least ten-point type, or in type at least ten percent of the largest size type used in a written advertisement"*

or communication directed at more than one voter, such as a billboard or poster, whichever is larger."

- All printed and digital communication, including websites, Facebook, billboards, etc., undertaken as political advertising by Mr. McGary as a candidate, must comply with RCW 42.17A and WAC 390.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), Curtis McGary will receive a formal written warning concerning his failure to comply with the political advertising requirements noted above. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Curtis McGary will include the required sponsor identification and political party preference on all future political advertisements undertaken by his campaign 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.

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 Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov.

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cc: Curtis McGary