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August 16, 2018

Sent electronically to Dean Johnson "info@electdeanjohnson.com"

Subject: Complaints filed by Steve Vermillion and Dave Churchman, PDC Case 36973

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Steve Vermillion and and Dave Churchman, concerning two similar complaints they filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) concerning your 2019 re-election campaign, alleging that you violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235 and .240 by failing to timely register as a candidate and timely file reports disclosing contribution and expenditure activities.

As noted in the letter to the two complainants, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter. If you have questions, you may contact Alice Fiman at 1-360-586-4746 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at alice.fiman@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s _____
Alice Fiman

Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl, Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee, Executive Director



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Sent electronically to Steve Vermillion (PDC Complaint Ticket 36888) and Dave Churchman (PDC Complaint Ticket #37466)

Subject: Complaints filed against Dean Johnson, PDC Case No. 36973

Mr. Vermillion and Mr. Churchman:

The Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the similar complaints you filed on June 15, 2018 (Vermillion), and on July 5, 2018 (Churchman) respectively. The complaints alleged that Dean Johnson, a candidate seeking re-election to the office of Puyallup City Councilmember in 2019, may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for failing to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report), and RCW 42.17A.235 for failing to disclose contributions or expenditures.

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

- On June 18, 2018, Dean Johnson filed a C-1 report, declaring his candidacy for re-election to the office of Puyallup City Councilmember in 2019. Mr. Johnson was elected to the Puyallup City Council in 2015 as a first-time candidate.
- Candidates are required to file a C-1 report within two weeks of a declaration of candidacy, soliciting or accepting contributions, making expenditures, placing orders, or reserving space to support their campaigns. For 2019 candidates under the Full Reporting Option, including Mr. Johnson, those candidates are required to file monthly C-3 and C-4 reports for all of calendar year 2018, provided the campaign has received \$200 or more in contributions, or made expenditures totaling \$200 or more, since the last C-4 report was filed.
- On July 10, 2018, the Committee to Elect Dean Johnson (Campaign) timely filed four C-3 reports disclosing \$5,650 in monetary contributions received during the period June 4 through June 30, 2018.
- On July 10, 2018, the Campaign timely filed the June 2018 C-4 report covering the period June 4 through June 30, 2018, disclosing \$5,650 in monetary contributions received, \$1,678 of candidate in-kind contributions/loans for the June 2018 Campaign kickoff, \$284 in expenditures made for the Campaign kickoff, and \$2,902 in pledges for future campaign contributions.
- Mr. Johnson stated in his response that his Campaign fundraiser referenced in the complaint "was held on 6/4/2018, when I kicked-off my 2019 re-election campaign," and on June 18, 2018, he filed his C-1 report which was "within the 2 week time limit allowed by RCW 42.17A.205." He stated that since he is a candidate

“for the 2019 election cycle and my campaign began on 6/4/2018, my first C3 and C4 reports should not be due until 7/10/2018.”

Based on staff’s review, the C-3 and C-4 reports were timely filed by the Campaign on July 10, 2018, and it appears based on the evidence provided that the C-1 was timely filed. Staff noted that the C-1 report was filed by Mr. Johnson more than 17 months prior to the 2019 general election date.

Staff has determined that in this instance, no evidence supports a finding of a material violation against Dean Johnson warranting further investigation.

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 Alice Fiman at 1-360-586-4746 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at alice.fiman@pdc.wa.gov

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cc: Dean Johnson