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December 21, 2018

Sent electronically to Adam Shetler at shetler.adam@yahoo.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Adam Shetler, PDC Case 41543

Mr. Shetler:

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Marcus Griffith concerning a complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) against you. The complaint alleged that you may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to register as a candidate for 2019 election year within two weeks of declaring candidacy, receiving contributions and/or making expenditures.

For your information, you were required to file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of the August 8, 2018, Facebook posts declaring your candidacy for the 2019 election cycle. The C-1 report and F-1 reports were due to have been filed no later than August 22, 2018.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), PDC staff is hereby formally warning you of the importance of the PDC laws and reporting requirements that apply to a candidate, including registering as a candidate and filing the C-1 and F-1 reports within two weeks of declaring your candidacy. This formal written warning conveys our expectation that you will comply with the candidate filing requirements in 2019. The Commission will consider this formal written warning if there are any future PDC law or rule violations committed by you.

As noted in the letter to Mr. Griffith, your failure to respond to multiple staff requests to provide a response to the complaint and file the missing reports is troubling. However, PDC staff noted that you were a first-time candidate not familiar with the PDC reporting requirements when you ran for office in 2018. Staff strongly encourages you to obtain any necessary assistance to comply with future reporting requirements for your 2019 candidacy.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed the complaint in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

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Erick Agina
PDC Compliance Officer

Peter Lavalley
PDC Executive Director



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December 21, 2018

Sent electronically to Marcus Griffith at marcus.griffith@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Adam Shetler PDC Case 41543

Mr. Griffith:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 1, 2018. The complaint alleged that Adam Shetler, a candidate for City Councilperson for the City of Vancouver may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) within two weeks of posting a statement on Facebook declaring his 2019 candidacy.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in the complaint, the statutes, rules and reporting requirements, and the C-1 reports and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) filed by Adam Shetler. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On March 20, 2018, Adam Shetler timely filed a C-1 report declaring his candidacy for City Councilperson for the City of Vancouver in 2018 and selected the Mini Reporting Option. Mr. Shetler was a first-time candidate for public office in 2018.
- On April 20, 2018, Adam Shetler filed an F-1 report.
- RCW 42.17A.205 and RCW 42.17A.700 requires candidates who have made a public announcement declaring their candidacy, solicited or accepted contributions, or made expenditures or reserved space on behalf of their candidacy, whichever occurs first, to file both a C-1 report and F-1 report with the PDC within two weeks.
- On August 8, 2018, one day after coming in fifth in a five-way contested August 7, 2018 primary election, Mr. Shetler through Facebook posts declared his candidacy for the 2019 election cycle, which required him to file a C-1 report and F-1 report within two weeks or not later than August 22, 2018.
- Staff's review determined that Mr. Shetler failed to register as a candidate within two weeks of declaring his candidacy for the City Council position for the City of Vancouver in 2019, based on the Facebook posts. No evidence was found that he solicited or accepted contributions or made any expenditures to support his 2019 candidacy.

Mr. Shetler's failure to respond to multiple staff requests to provide a response to the complaint and file the missing reports is troubling. However, PDC staff noted that he was a first-time candidate in 2018 who filed a C-1 and F-1 report, selecting the Mini Reporting Option on the C-1 report and appeared unfamiliar with the PDC requirements.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), PDC staff issued a formal written warning to Mr. Shetler concerning the importance of the PDC laws and reporting requirements, including registering as a candidate within two weeks of declaring his candidacy. This formal written warning conveys our expectation that Mr. Shetler will fully comply with the requirement listed above in the future as a declared candidate, and obtain any necessary assistance to comply with the reporting requirements. The Commission will consider this formal written warning if there are any future PDC law or rule violations by Mr. Shetler.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed the complaint in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at erick.agina@pdc.wa.gov.

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