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March 26, 2019

Delivered electronically to "lhdolan@comcast.net"

Subject: Complaint filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 47218

Dear Laurie Dolan:

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

As noted in the letter to Glen Morgan, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

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

Sincerely,

/s _____
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Compliance Coordinator 2

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Delivered electronically to “glen@wethegoverned.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Laurie Dolan, PDC Case 47218

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on February 7, 2019. Your complaint alleged that Laurie Dolan, a State Representative for Legislative District 22, may have violated RCW 42.17A.435 for failure identify a refunded contribution from Chris Marr, as coming from the original contributor, Regence.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Laurie Dolan; and the applicable PDC reports filed by Respondent to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- On July 25, 2016, the Laurie Dolan campaign received an \$800 contribution from the Department of Revenue (DOR), forwarding an unclaimed contribution made to Chris Marr’s campaign for Senate, which had originally been contributed by Regence to Chris Marr.
- DOR had advised Chris Marr that the unclaimed contribution could not be returned, and could only be forwarded to another candidate’s campaign as the Marr campaign had ended, in contravention of the prohibition on candidate to candidate contributions set forth in RCW 42.17A.430.
- On November 1, 2017, Laurie Dolan reported an October 26, 2017, expenditure to DOR for, “*return of money from warrant #480962J 7/22/16.*”
- This expenditure description did not provide sufficient details for the public to recognize it as a refund of contribution originally attributed to Chris Marr for Senate, as required by RCW 42.17A.240 and WAC 390-16-205.
- On March 30, 2018, you filed a lawsuit in the name of the State, Thurston County Superior Court (TCSC) Case 18-2-01695-34, resulting in a stipulation and agreed judgment on June 6, 2018, which directed Laurie Dolan to return the \$800 contribution to the Washington State Treasury, resolving the matter of the improper candidate to candidate contribution.
- As the judgment in TCSC Case 18-2-01695-34 found the contribution from Chris Marr to be an improper contribution made from another candidate, amending it after the fact to attribute the contribution to Regence instead would appear to contradict the findings of the Court.

- On March 22, 2019, at the request of staff Laurie Dolan amended the description for the October 26, 2017, return of contribution, to disclose Chris Marr for Senate as a sub-vendor so the public can follow the money from the point the contribution was made until the point the contribution was returned.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to disclose Chris Marr as a sub-vendor for a refund made to the State, does not amount to an actual violation warranting further investigation.

Laurie Dolan made minor or ministerial errors on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, Laurie Dolan timely amended their reports, making the necessary technical corrections as requested by staff.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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cc: Laurie Dolan