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[miket@wsrp.org](mailto:miket@wsrp.org)

Subject: PDC complaint 7832

Dear Mr. Tiufekchiev:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on August 23, 2016. Your complaint alleged that the Cyrus Habib for Lieutenant Governor campaign may have violated RCW 42.17A.405 by accepting over limit contributions.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and found the following:

- Most of the alleged 'over-limit' contributions were errors in attribution. Our current antiquated system for campaign reporting contributed significantly to the campaign's reporting difficulties.
- When made aware of the complaint, the Habib campaign reviewed their books and worked with PDC staff to amend their filings. During their audit they discovered one over limit contribution totaling \$1000 which was promptly returned. This over limit contribution amounts to a total of .01% of the campaigns overall contributions.
- Cyrus Habib has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on these initial findings, I have determined the Habib campaign's reporting errors, which have now been corrected, do not amount to a material violation warranting further action. The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint.

If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [Jacob.berkey@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:Jacob.berkey@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Jacob Berkey  
Compliance Staff

Endorsed by,

Evelyn Fielding Lopez  
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cc: Cyrus Habib