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Subject: PDC case 8462

Dear Ms. Kersul:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on September 27, 2016. Your complaint alleged that the Chad Magendanz for State Senate campaign may have violated RCW 42.17A.405 by accepting over limit contributions from the Washington State Republican Party.

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

- The Magendanz campaign encountered internal communication difficulties regarding the deposit of a contribution from the Senate Republican Caucus Committee (SRCC), leading it to be misattributed to the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP). There were further system issues with the ORCA filing software which did not flag the potential over limit contribution from WSRP at the time of its entry.
- When made aware of the complaint, the Magendanz campaign corrected the reports to attribute the contribution to the SRCC.
- Chad Magendanz has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

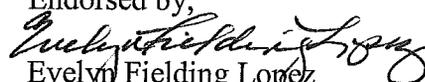
Based on these initial findings, I have determined that the misattribution of one contribution, which has now been disclosed, does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation. The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint.

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  
PDC Compliance Staff

Endorsed by,

  
Evelyn Fielding Lopez  
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cc: Chad Magendanz