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November 15, 2018

Delivered electronically to "karenvalenzuela@hotmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 34604

Dear Karen Valenzuela:

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 be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter. However, staff is reminding you of the importance of timely and accurately filing Surplus Funds Account reports, should you have such a fund in future years.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 1-360-664-8853 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at phil.stutzman@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Phil Stutzman
Sr. Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
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For Peter Lavallee
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Subject: Complaint regarding Karen Valenzuela, PDC Case 34604

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on April 11, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Karen Valenzuela may have violated RCW 42.17A.430 by failing to properly dispose of surplus funds, and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to report the dispersal of surplus funds.

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

- On March 27, 2018, Karen Valenzuela filed the following C-4 reports for her Surplus Funds Account: (1) for the months of January through October 2015, with each report showing zero activity; (2) for November 2015, reporting a \$1,000 donation to Pizza Klatch; (3) for December 2015 reporting a \$1,000 donation to Pizza Klatch and a \$200 refund to Karen Fraser, a contributor to her campaign; (4) for each of the months of January through October 2016, reporting zero activity; (5) for November 2016, reporting a \$500 donation to Pizza Klatch, and a \$9,170 donation to the Thurston County Democrats; (6) for December 2016, all of 2017, and for January and February 2018 reporting zero activity.
- On March 28, 2018, Ms. Valenzuela filed a C-3 report showing receipt of \$100 from Jay Inslee for Washington for a contribution made in error.
- On April 2, 2018, Ms. Valenzuela filed a C-4 report for March 2018, reporting a \$110 donation to Safeplace. This was the final C-4 report for her Surplus Funds Account and reported a zero ending balance.
- Concerning the check written in December 2014, noted in your complaint as a \$900 donation to Thurston Environmental Voters, Ms. Valenzuela stated the check was actually written to Thurston Conservation Voters.
- Ms. Valenzuela has filed the missing Surplus Funds Account reports and has filed a final report.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to timely and accurately file her Surplus Funds Account reports does not appear to be an actual material violation warranting further investigation. However, staff is reminding Karen Valenzuela about the importance of timely and accurately filing Surplus Funds Account reports, should she have such a fund in future years.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 1-360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov.

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