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November 13, 2018

Sent electronically to Joe Hyer

Subject: Olympians for Community Safety, PDC Case 28832

Mr. Hyer:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Glen Morgan regarding a complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) against Olympians for Community Safety. As noted below in the letter to Mr. Morgan, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this letter is a formal written warning to the Olympians for Community Safety concerning the importance of including the proper sponsor identification, including the complete and current committee name and mailing address, for any future political advertisements undertaken by the Committee. The PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into the allegations listed in the complaint, but the PDC will consider this formal written warning if there are future PDC law or rule violations.

The PDC has dismissed this complaint in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1)(a). If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at kurt.young@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/ _____
Kurt Young
PDC Compliance Officer

s/ _____
BG Sandahl, Deputy Director
For Peter Lavalley, Executive Director



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Delivered electronically to “glen@wethegoverned.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Olympians for Community Safety, PDC Case 28832

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on December 13, 2017.

Your complaint alleged that Olympians for Community Safety, a single year political committee registered with the PDC in 2017, may have violated RCW 42.17A by failing to timely file Monetary Contributions reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) disclosing contribution and expenditure activities, including debt, and other allegations.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in the complaint you filed, the statutes, rules and reporting requirements, queried the PDC contribution and expenditure database for Olympians for Community Safety (Committee) reviewed the Committee Registration (C-1pc report), C-3 and C-4 reports filed by the Committee, and the response to the complaint provided by Committee member Joe Hyer and Nathaniel Jones. As a result of staff’s review, we found the following:

- On August 4, 2017, the Committee filed a C-1pc report as a New, single year political committee in 2017, selecting the Full Reporting Option and listing Joe Hyer as Treasurer, and Nathaniel Jones as Manager.
- The Committee filed a total of 14 campaign finance reports in 2017, that included seven C-3 reports, six C-4 reports, and a C-1pc report, disclosing \$9,072 in total contributions received and expenditures made. Staff’s review revealed that all seven C-3 reports and six C-4 reports appeared to have been timely filed, based solely on the contribution and expenditure information disclosed on the reports.

In the response letter, the Committee stated:

- There was no in-kind contribution for the mailing list since it was part of the expenditure made to the mailing service, and that the Committee did not have any debts or obligations that should have been disclosed.

- Jim Cooper and Clark Gilman were not Committee officers, and there was no information that required the Committee to amend the C-1pc report. In addition, the committee books of account are and have been in the possession of Mr. Hyer.
- Prior to making the reimbursement to Mr. Cooper, the Committee authorized that expenditure, as they did for all disbursements.
- The Committee only had two contributors that exceeded the \$700 threshold for inclusion as a top contributor for the sponsor identification requirements on political advertising, the Olympia Police Guild, and IAFF Local #468, Olympia Firefighters.
- The Committee acknowledged that when a mailer was printed by the vendor, it contained a mistake in that the printer “used an old committee name and address from 5 years ago. There was not enough time to re-print. Every mail piece was modified to include the accurate Sponsor ID, and the top contributors. A clerical error was made, and the Committee found the best solution to meet the rules and still mail the piece.” The Committee named listed on the mailer was “YES on Community Safety” with the mailing address as 120 State Avenue NE, Olympia WA 98501.

PDC staff dismissed the allegations listed in your complaint that were based “on information and belief” in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), since you failed to provide any evidence to support or substantiate those allegations. PDC staff found no evidence of a material violation that would require conducting a more formal investigation into your complaints or pursuing enforcement action in this instance.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), PDC sent a formal written warning letter to the Olympians for Community Safety concerning the importance of including the proper sponsor identification, including the complete and current committee name and mailing address, for any future political advertisements undertaken by the Committee. The PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into the allegations listed in the complaint, but the PDC will consider this formal written warning if there are future PDC law or rule violations.

Based on this information, PDC staff is dismissing this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

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cc: Olympians for Community Safety