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July 9, 2018

Delivered electronically to Lynne Robinson at "allinforlynnne2017@gmail.com"

Subject: Lynne Robinson Complaint Return Cover Letter, PDC Case 22067

Ms. Robinson:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Steven Fricke concerning the complaint he filed against the Lynne Robinson Campaign.

As noted below in the electronic letter to Mr. Fricke, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, please contact PDC staff member Kurt Young by e-mail at kurt.young@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Kurt Young
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
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Delivered electronically to Steven Fricke at “fricke_family@msn.com”

Subject: Complaint filed against Lynne Robinson Campaign, PDC Case 22067

Mr. Fricke:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on July 9, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Lynne Robinson, an incumbent Bellevue City Council member and a candidate for re-election to that office in 2017, may have violated RCW 42.17A.405 by receiving contributions from two contributors that exceeded the contribution limits of \$1,000 per election for a city councilmember during the 2017 election cycle.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations listed in your complaint, the statutes and rules, the C-3 reports filed by the Lynne Robinson Campaign, and the September 5, 2017, emailed response from Ms. Robinson. As a result, we found the following:

- On January 16, 2014, Lynne Robinson filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) declaring her candidacy for re-election to the Bellevue City Council in 2017, selecting the Full Reporting option, and listing Phillip Lloyd as her Campaign Treasurer. On May 9, 2016, Ms. Robinson filed an amended C-1 report listing Abbot Taylor as Treasurer. Ms. Robinson is an incumbent Bellevue City Council member since being elected to that office in 2013.
- Ms. Robinson stated that her Campaign received two contributions of \$2,000 each from Brayden Olsen, received on February 14, 2017, and Lisa Silver, received on May 12, 2017. The \$2,000 in contributions from each contributor had \$1,000 attributed to the 2017 primary election, and \$1,000 attributed to the 2017 general election for both contributors. She stated that both contributions had been received by her Campaign prior to the 2017 Candidate filing period, and she “was unclear at that time whether there would be a primary election or not.”
- Ms. Robinson cited WAC 390-17-301 that states “Once the appropriate elections official determines that no primary election for a particular office will be held, a declared candidate for that office must refund any contributions received in excess of the general election contribution limit. The candidate or the candidate's authorized committee must make the refunds within two weeks of the election's official's determination, and must disclose the refunds on the appropriate report.”

- Ms. Robinson stated when the Campaign became aware that she would not be appearing on the 2017 primary election ballot, the \$2,000 contribution received from Brayden Olson was refunded on May 17, 2017, and the \$1,000 contribution from Lisa Silver was refunded on May 24, 2017.
- Staff reviewed the May 2017 Summary Full Report of Contributions and Expenditures (C-4 report) filed by the Campaign on June 12, 2017, and confirmed that the two contributions listed above were timely refunded.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the contribution limits were not exceeded and there is no evidence to support a finding of a violation by the Lynne Robinson Campaign which would warrant further investigation. The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Kurt Young by e-mail at kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Kurt Young, Compliance Officer

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

cc: Lynne Robinson

