



**Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
Charles Ames PDC Case 151223**

I, Charles Ames (the Respondent), hereby acknowledge that, during election year 2023, while a candidate running for city council in the City of Lakewood, did not timely and accurately file one or more C-3 or C-4 reports with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) as required by RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240.

The Respondent would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) before the Presiding Officer. Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, the Respondent acknowledges that it violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 and agrees to enter into this *Statement of Understanding* to resolve this matter with the Public Disclosure Commission.

The Respondent understands that this will resolve all issues with the PDC regarding their failure to timely file the C-3 and C-4 reports in question.

The Respondent further understands that by signing this SOU, they acknowledge the violations of RCW 42.17A and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waive their right to a hearing in this matter. The Respondent further understands that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC will resolve the issue of the late filed C-3 and C-4 reports.

1/26/26

Signature of Respondent

Date Signed

Instructions for options for returning the signed Statement of Understanding can be found on the next page.