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June 25, 2024

Delivered electronically to [voteystahoma@gmail.com](mailto:voteystahoma@gmail.com)

Subject: Complaint filed by Conner Edwards, PDC Case 151508

Voice of Tahoma Education/Amy Butala, Voice of Tahoma Education Treasurer:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Conner Edwards concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Conner Edwards, the PDC has resolved this matter as a technical correction in accordance with [RCW 42.17A.755\(1\)](#) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Electronically signed Alice Fiman*

Alice Fiman  
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Endorsed by,

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Subject: Complaint regarding Voice of Tahoma Education, PDC Case 151508

Dear Conner Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed April 3, 2024. The complaint alleged Voice of Tahoma Education, a full reporting ballot proposition committee supporting the Tahoma School District levy in the 2024 April special election, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file contribution and expenditure reports, specifically failing to timely file the 21-day pre-election C-4 report prior to the April 2024 Special Election.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and evidence you submitted; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Amy Butala, Voice of Tahoma Education Treasurer; the applicable PDC reports filed by Voice of Tahoma Education; and other relevant information to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- RCW 42.17A.240 requires committees file accurate campaign finance reports with the Public Disclosure Commission.
- RCW 42.17A.235 describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions.
- During the 2024 April Special Election, a 21-day pre-election C-4 report was due April 2, a 7-day pre-election C-4 was due April 16, and a post-election C-4 was due May 10.
- Voice of Tahoma Education filed the 21-day pre-election C-4 report April 4, 2024, prior to receiving the complaint from PDC Staff. The report was filed two days late and 19 days prior to the election.
- Both the 7-day pre-election C-4 report, and post-election C-4 report were filed timely.
- Non-compliance appears to be the result of a good-faith omission that the Voice of Tahoma Education remedied before being notified.

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to timely file the C-4 report does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Voice of Tahoma Education made a minor or ministerial error, which did not materially impact the public interest. Before notification of the error, and before requested by staff, Voice of Tahoma Education filed the report.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with [RCW 42.17A.755\(1\)](#).

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [fdc@fdc.wa.gov](mailto:fdc@fdc.wa.gov).

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