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July 16, 2024

Delivered electronically to [dstokesbary@chalmersadams.com](mailto:dstokesbary@chalmersadams.com) and  
[info@reichertforgovernor.com](mailto:info@reichertforgovernor.com)

Subject: Complaint filed by Eric Crowl, PDC Case 154756

Dear Andrew R. Stokesbary,

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

As noted in the letter, the PDC has dismissed this matter 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.

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

Sincerely,

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Alice Fiman  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Delivered electronically to [eric.crowl@citizenobservers.org](mailto:eric.crowl@citizenobservers.org)

Subject: Complaint regarding David G. Reichert, PDC Case 154756

Dear Eric Crowl:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed May 30, 2024. The complaint alleged David G. Reichert violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures, specifically failing to report and in-kind contribution from or payment to Brandi Kruse.

PDC staff reviewed the allegation listed in the complaint; the information submitted with the complaint, the relevant statute(s) and rules, and the response to the complaint to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on this review, staff found the following:

- David G. Reichert filed with the PDC as a candidate for Washington State Governor on June 30, 2023 and established We Stand with Dave Reichert (the Campaign).
- The complaint alleged a violation due to Brandi Kruse speaking at an event to support the Campaign.
- Under RCW 42.17A.005 (15)(a), the definition of contribution includes: anything of value, including personal and professional services for less than full consideration.
- As noted in the complaint, Kruse is a former media personality and current operator of a media company who charges a fee for professional speaking services.
- The Campaign has not reported any in-kind contributions from or expenditures to Kruse for professional services.
- In response, Andrew R. Stokesbary, on behalf of the Campaign, stated Kruse did speak at a Campaign kick-off breakfast on Oct. 12, 2023 and served as the event's emcee. Stokesbary also noted Kruse has appeared at other Campaign events.
- In the response, Stokesbary also noted Kruse does give paid speeches, however the activities Kruse has participated in for the Campaign are not similar to those paid speaking roles, noting Kruse does not typically charge fees to emcee events or introduce candidates.

- Due to the facts listed above, there was no requirement for the Campaign to report an in-kind contribution from or expenditure to Kruse.

Based on this, staff found no evidence of a violation that would require conducting a more formal investigation into the complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this instance. 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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