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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding SEATTLE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA PDC Case 158642

I, Lucas James Carpenter, in my capacity as Treasurer and Local Council Member of Seattle Democratic Socialists of America (SDSA), hereby acknowledge that, during election years 2023 - 2025 SDSA violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235 and .240 by failing to register and report as a political committee.

The facts are as follows:

- “Political Committee” is defined by RCW 42.17A.005(41) to mean any entity “having the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in support of, or opposition to, any candidate or any ballot proposition.”
- SDSA engaged in activity that met the definition of a political committee in 2023 and 2024 based upon its election-related expenditures, including monetary contributions made to candidates and committees, and in-kind contributions of staff time made to candidates, which accounted for 38% of its expenses in 2023, and 76% of its expenses in 2024. SDSA did not register with the PDC as a political committee during this time.
- SDSA registered with the PDC as a political committee on January 6, 2025, and began filing C-3 and C-4 reports disclosing its contributions and expenditures for 2023 and 2024 on February 25, 2025. SDSA concluded its reporting for years 2023 and 2024 as of May 4, 2025.

- SDSA was registered with the PDC as a political committee in 2025 but failed to file C-3 and C-4 reports disclosing its contributions and expenditures for January - October until October 30, 2025. *SDSA formed a new political committee, Seattle Democratic Socialists of America Political Action (Sea DSA PAC), on October 1, 2025 that will report its post-October 2025 political activities.*

SDSA would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, SDSA acknowledges that it violated Washington state law as described above and agrees to enter into this *Statement of Understanding (SOU)* to resolve the above matter with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, SDSA agrees to pay a combined \$450 penalty (\$150 per year) for three acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.205, .235 and .240 for failing to register and report as a political committee during election years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

SDSA understands that, by signing this SOU, it acknowledges the violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waives its right to a hearing in this matter. SDSA further understands that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with a payment for the \$450 civil penalty will resolve the issue of failing to timely register and report in election years 2023 - and 2025 as indicated above.



Lucas James Carpenter
Treasurer & Local Council Member



Date Signed

Kindly sign and submit this SOU and your payment using one of the options below by no later than **Wednesday, November 12, 2025.**

Online Payment Option

- ***Email a scanned image of your signed SOU to the Compliance Officer assigned to your case prior to making your online payment.***

To initiate an electronic payment, please email the following information to payments@pdc.wa.gov (see below):

- Your PDC Case Number (158642)
- The Respondent's Name (Seattle Democratic Socialists of America)

A payment link containing further instructions will be emailed to you. Processing fees may apply.

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