



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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Subject: PDC Case 181096 regarding Tam Thi-Dang Bui

Tam Thi-Dang Bui:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Erin Schultz on Oct. 31, 2025. The complaint alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235, .240 and .420 for failure to timely and accurately disclose contributions and expenditures and for exceeding pre-election contribution limits.

Background and Findings

- Tam Thi-Dang Bui (“Respondent”) was a 2025 candidate for the position of Appeals Court Judge (Division I). Bui was elected to the position.
- On October 24, 2025, Bui filed a C-4 expenditure report disclosing that she made an in-kind contribution of \$41,000 to Overnight Printing for printing, processing, labeling and mailing of two political advertisements.
- Candidates are allowed to give unlimited funds to their own campaign. However, RCW 29B.40.070 limits a candidate to \$7,500 during the 21-day period prior to the General Election for non-state-wide candidates.
- On June 25, 2026, PDC Executive Director Peter Frey Lavalley briefed the Commission on this case and the issues raised by the Respondent regarding application of RCW 29B.40.070. Respondent’s counsel, Mark Lamb, participated in the discussion.
- Following the discussion, the Commission voted to have PDC case 181096 administratively dismissed without prejudice.

Summary and Resolution

Under WAC 390-37-070, the executive director, at any time prior to formal consideration by the commission, may dismiss a complaint which on its face, or as shown by investigation, shows that formal enforcement action is not warranted.

Based on this information, PDC Case 181096 is dismissed without prejudice in accordance with RCW 29B.60.020.

If you have questions, contact at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Alice Fiman
Alice Fiman
Compliance Manager

Endorsed by,

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Peter Frey Lavallee
Executive Director

cc: Erin Schultz

Commented [BK1]: @Flynn, Sean (PDC) Does this suffice?

Commented [FS2R1]: How about "voted to have PDC case 181096 administratively dismissed without prejudice." That wording may fit better since we go on to cite to the ED's admin authority to dismiss.