



City of Seattle

Ethics and Elections Commission

June 27, 2019

Kate Martin
Put Kate on the Council
412 NW 73rd St
Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Ms. Martin:

This month, the Put Kate on the Council committee (the “Committee”) filed two C3s eight days late, and four C3s and one C4 one day late. Since the Committee has repeatedly late-filed reports, and been warned twice by this office, I am imposing a \$50 penalty.

FACTS

After late-filing both your November and December C4s, Polly Grow contacted you and reminded you of the law’s filing deadlines. On May 2, you filed three C3s reporting deposits made in March 22 days late, at which point I contacted you. On June 11, 2019, the Committee filed a C4 and three C3s one day late, along with two C3s that were filed eight days late. On June 18, 2019, the Committee filed a C3 one day late.

RELEVANT LAW

The Seattle Elections Code requires that all expenditures, including obligations or debts, be timely reported. The Code authorizes the Commission’s Executive Director to assess penalties up to \$50 per day per report and \$150 per day for reports late-filed in the thirty days before the election. SMC 2.04.250 B., and SMC 2.04.330 B-D.

LATE FILING PENALTIES

The Committee has filed several reports at least one day late and been advised twice by this office to file timely reports. I am imposing a penalty of \$50.

RIGHT TO APPEAL

You may appeal this decision by submitting to this office, by 4:00 pm. July 11, 2019, a written request for appeal, pursuant to the Commission's Administrative Rule 4.¹

ACTION TO TAKE

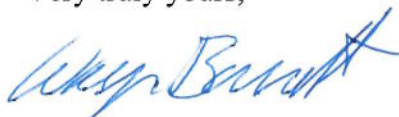
No later than July 11, 2019, deliver payment, payable to City of Seattle, to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission at 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4010, P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729, or your request for appeal.

CONCLUSION

A major purpose of the Seattle Elections Code is to give the public timely access to the campaign finances of each political committee. Any delay in reporting inhibits this purpose and prevents the opportunity for scrutiny, to which the public is entitled.

If you have any questions, please call me at 684-8577.

Very truly yours,



Wayne Barnett
Executive Director

Cc: Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission
Peter Lavalley, Public Disclosure Commission

¹ Rule 4 APPEALS

A. Upon the written request of a party aggrieved by the Executive Director's decision to dismiss a complaint, or to impose late-filing penalties under SMC 2.04.330, the action may be reviewed by the Commission.

C. An appeal of late-filing penalties shall be served at the Commission's office no later than 14 days after the date of mailing the decision of which review is sought.

D. A request for review shall state the grounds therefor, and shall be no longer than twelve 8-1/2" x 11" double-spaced pages in length with margins of at least 1" on every side, and no more than 12 characters per inch.