City of Seattle
Ethics and Elections Commission

November 10, 2015

BY E-MAIL ONLY

David Grant, Treasurer
People for Jon Grant
P.O. Box 21551
Seattle, WA 98111

Dear Mr. Grant:

The People for Jon Grant Committee (the "Committee") failed to timely file the 21-day C-4 on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Since the report was late-filed during the 21 days before the election, I am imposing a penalty of $50.

FACTS

On the morning of October 14, 2015, Commission staff contacted the Committee and inquired about the missing C-4. You told us that your software was not properly set for filing during the General election period. You immediately configured the software and filed the report.

RELEVANT LAW

The Seattle Elections Code authorizes the Commission's Executive Director to impose late filing penalties of up to $150 per day for reports late-filed in the closing 30 days before an election. SMC 2.04.330 B through D.

LATE FILING PENALTIES

The Committee filed the C-4 on October 14, 2015, nine hours late. I am therefore imposing a late-filing penalty of $50. The Commission has traditionally had a zero-tolerance policy for untimely reports in the final three weeks before election day.

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RIGHT TO APPEAL

You may appeal this decision by submitting to this office, by 4:00 pm. November 24, 2015, a written request for appeal, pursuant to the Commission's Administrative Rule 4.[1]

ACTION TO TAKE

No later than November 24, 2015, 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
Tony Perkins, Public Disclosure Commission

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[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.

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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.