City of Seattle
Ethics and Elections Commission

November 10, 2015

BY E-MAIL ONLY

Derrick Williams, Treasurer
Debora for District 5
P.O. Box 22163
Seattle, WA 98122

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Debora for District 5 Committee (the "Committee") failed to timely file the 7-day C-4 on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. Since the report was late-filed during the week before the election, I am imposing a penalty of $50.

FACTS

On October 28, 2015, SEEC Staff contacted the Committee and inquired about the C-4 for the October 13 to October 26 reporting period that was due on October 27. The C-4 had been timely filed with the State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC), but there was no record of an attempt to file the report with the City. You filed the report at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, October 28.

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 30 days before an election. SMC 2.04.330 B through D.

LATE FILING PENALTIES

The Committee filed the C-4 due on October 26, 2015, one day late. The report was timely filed with the PDC, but not with the City. I am therefore imposing a late-filing penalty of $50.

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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.