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Do Write PDX
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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Campaign Regulation Complaint No.: 2020-49-WITR
- No Violation -

Dear Do Write PDX fka Write In Teresa Raiford,

On November 10, 2020, the City of Portland Auditor's Office initiated the complaint named above, alleging campaign disclosure violations of [Portland City Charter Section 3-303](#), and corresponding [Portland City Code \(PCC\) Chapter 2.10.030](#). Specifically, the complaint alleged a lack of required disclosures on a text message sent to voters.

After an investigation, I find no violations. The Auditor's Office found that the text message at issue was a volunteer-led communication that did not require additional funding disclosure information.

No Violation of City Funding Disclosure Regulations

Do Write PDX Did Not Fail to Disclose Required Funding Information on Text Message

Complaint 2020-49-WITR alleged Write In Teresa Raiford, now known as Do Write PDX, failed to disclose required funding information on a text message sent to voters. The Auditor's Office finds the following: On October 20, 2020, a volunteer for political committee Do Write PDX sent the text message at issue to a voter through a peer-to-peer texting application paid for by Do Write PDX. The text message disclosed the name of the



political committee¹ and encouraged support of Teresa Raiford, who was a write-in candidate² in the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Do Write PDX stated in its response that, while the committee provided a text message script template, volunteers were able and encouraged to customize the text messages they sent to voters. Furthermore, no auto response, keyword triggers, text blasting, or text broadcasting features were used, and volunteers were able to manually respond to text message replies. Overall, the evidence supports that the text message at issue was a volunteered-led communication not subject to additional disclosures.

Based on the foregoing, I find no violation.

Appeals

Pursuant to PCC 2.10.050 I., an appeal may be filed with the Multnomah County Circuit Court within 30 days of the issuance of a decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise Hansen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and "H".

Louise Hansen
City Elections Officer

¹ At the time, the political committee was known as Write In Teresa Raiford, which was the disclosure reflected on the text message at issue.² See ORS 260.005(1)(a) for definition of "candidate." The Auditor's Office finds that with the consent of Teresa Raiford, Teresa Raiford's name was presented for nomination to the public office of City mayor as a write-in candidate in the November 3, 2020 General Election.

² See ORS 260.005(1)(a) for definition of "candidate." The Auditor's Office finds that with the consent of Teresa Raiford, Teresa Raiford's name was presented for nomination to the public office of City mayor as a write-in candidate in the November 3, 2020 General Election.