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36<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats  
c/o Jason Bennett  
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Subject: Complaint regarding 36<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats, PDC Case 22753

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has concluded its review of the complaint filed by Glen Morgan on July 18, 2017. The complaint alleged that the 36<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats may have violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235, .240, and .425 as follows:

- Allegation One: Failure to accurately and timely report contributions and expenditures in violation of RCW 42.17A.235
- Allegation Two: Failure to accurately and timely report debts and obligations in violation of RCW 42.17A.240.
- Allegation Three: Failure to provide detailed breakdowns of expenditures in violation of RCW 42.17A.235 and WAC 390-16-205.
- Allegation Four: Failure to accurately list all committee officers on C1pc in violation of RCW 42.17A.205.
- Allegation Five: Authorizing expenditures by non-committee officers in violation of RCW 42.17A.425.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations, and as a result of staff's review, we found the following:

- The allegations contained in your complaint underlying PDC Case 22753 are substantially similar to a citizen action complaint filed by Glen Morgan with the Attorney General's Office pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765.
- On March 22, 2018, the Attorney General's Office informed the PDC that during the week of March 19-23, 2018, Mr. Morgan filed a lawsuit in Superior Court in the name of the State of Washington, containing substantially similar allegations as the complaint underlying PDC Case 22753.

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- The Superior Court now has primary jurisdiction over the substance of this complaint, and the PDC will defer to their judgment in bringing the issues in the complaint to resolution.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting further investigation into the complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by replying to this email.

Sincerely,

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Phil Stutzman  
Sr. Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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