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August 11, 2017

Delivered electronically to "garmondo@comcast.net"

Subject: PDC Case 22314

Dear Armondo Pavone:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Ashley Weaver concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on July 14, 2017. The complaint alleged that you may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for use of public facilities to assist personal re-election campaign by placing signs at City Hall. A copy of the complaint was previously sent to you.

As noted in the letter to Ashley Weaver, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter. PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of ensuring public trust in government by preventing the use of public facilities to support or oppose candidates or ballot propositions.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at fox.blackhorn@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by

Peter Lavallee
Executive Director

Enclosure: Letter to Ashley Weaver



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Delivered electronically to "weaver.edits@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Armondo Pavone; PDC Case 22314

Dear Ashley Weaver:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on July 14, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Armondo Pavone may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for use of public facilities to assist personal re-election campaign by placing signs at City Hall.

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

- Armondo Pavone's campaign signs were placed in front of the Renton City Hall, creating the perception of government support for his re-election campaign.
- One day after placement, Armondo Pavone removed the signs to mitigate the perception of government support for his re-election campaign.
- Armondo Pavone has not previously been found in violation of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the short-term placement of a sign on the street in front of City Hall does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation. PDC staff is reminding Armondo Pavone about the importance of ensuring public trust in government by preventing the use of public facilities to support or oppose candidates or ballot propositions.

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

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at fox.blackhorn@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Armondo Pavone