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Subject: Complaint filed by Chris Prothero, PDC Case 21388

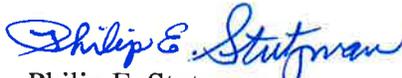
Dear Adam Hamide:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Chris Prothero concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on June 24, 2017. The complaint alleged that you may have violated RCW 42.17A.335(1)(b) by sponsoring political advertising that falsely represented you were the incumbent for the office of Mayor of the City of Vancouver when in fact you were not the incumbent. A copy of the complaint was previously sent to you.

As noted in the letter to Mr. Prothero, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter. However, to avoid confusion about whether you are the incumbent office holder, staff suggests that for future elections when you are not the incumbent, you consider modifying your advertising to state that you are seeking the office sought, by using such words as "for," "elect," or some synonym.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman, Sr. Compliance Officer, at 360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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Endorsed by,

  
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Enclosure: Letter to Chris Prothero