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July 21, 2017

Delivered electronically to "jeanne@jeannekohlwelles.com"

Subject: PDC Case 21153

Dear Jeanne Kohl-Welles:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Alyne Fortgang concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on June 22, 2017. The complaint alleged that you may have violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to disclose membership on the board for the Woodland Park Zoo on an F-1 Supplement. A copy of the complaint was previously sent to you.

As noted in the letter to Alyne Fortgang, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter.

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,

Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director

Enclosure: Letter to Alyne Fortgang

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Delivered electronically to "alyne16@yahoo.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Jeanne Kohl-Welles, PDC Case 20781

Dear Alyne Fortgang:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on June 22, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Jeanne Kohl-Welles may have violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to disclose membership on the board for the Woodland Park Zoo on an F-1 Supplement.

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

- Jeanne Kohl-Welles serves on the Woodland Park Zoo Board of Directors as part of her official capacity as a King County Councilmember, and received no additional compensation for that role.
- The Public Disclosure Commission issued guidance for filers at their public meeting on May 25, 2017 indicating that if elected or appointed officials serve on boards as part of their official duties pursuant to agreements, resolutions, or other legal obligations—they are not required to disclose their membership on an F-1 Supplement unless they receive additional income in excess of $2,400.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, Councilmember Kohl-Welles was not required to list her membership on the Woodland Park Zoo Board of Directors on her F-1 Supplement.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing 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@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

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cc: Jeanne Kohl-Welles