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7/20/2018

Delivered electronically to "hamel_jeremy@yahoo.com"

Subject: PDC Case 19281

Dear Jeremy Hamel:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Thomas Bennett concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below to Thomas Bennett, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at micaiah.ragins@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____

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Delivered electronically to "tbenni@outlook.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Jeremy Hamel, PDC Case 19281

Dear Thomas Bennett:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on May 27, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Jeremy Hamel may have violated RCW 42.17A.205 for not registering as a candidate within the required time period.

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

- On May 3, 2017, Jeremy Hamel made a Facebook post stating that he was actively searching for a Social Media Manager for an upcoming campaign.
- On June 2, 2017, Jeremy Hamel filed a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) as a candidate for Puyallup City Council in the 2017 election.
- On June 8, 2017, Jeremy Hamel provided a response stating that in his Facebook post, he did not indicate what 'campaign' was in reference to and did not specify whether or not he was running for public municipal office in the body of the message.
- On June 8, 2017, Jeremy Hamel filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) as a candidate for Puyallup City Council Member for the 2017 election.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, no evidence supports a finding of a material violation warranting further investigation. The Facebook post on May 3, 2017 is not a violation of RCW 42.17A.205 by itself, since a political campaign was not specified in the post.

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 Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov.

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