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Steve Peterson, Mayor
Liberty Lake, WA

Subject: PDC Case 19258

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Jessica McGuire concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on June 2, 2017. The complaint alleged that Mayor Steve Peterson and Councilmember Dan Dunne used Liberty Lake public facilities to support an August 1, 2017 ballot measure, in violation of RCW 42.17A.555, when Mayor Peterson solicited contributions for a newly formed political committee during the May 16, 2017 City Council meeting, and when Councilmember Dunne pledged $200.00 to the committee during the City Council meeting. A copy of the complaint was previously sent to you.

As noted in the letter to Ms. McGuire, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter. Although your comments during a Liberty Lake City Council meeting concerning a political committee were brief and limited to those in attendance, they should not have been made using public facilities. Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this letter serves as a formal written warning. Staff expects you to refrain from using the public facilities of Liberty Lake to assist any candidate's campaign or to support or oppose any ballot proposition. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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.

Sincerely,

Peter Lavallee
Executive Director

Enclosure: Letter to Jessica McGuire