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Subject: Complaint regarding Just Want Privacy, PDC Case 16186

Dear Jennifer Chamberlin:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on April 1, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Just Want Privacy, a political committee, may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by setting up a table on the grounds of Bremerton High School to collect signatures for a ballot proposition.

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

- The activities described in the complaint occurred at Bremerton High School in the Bremerton School District on or around April 1, 2017.
- Just Want Privacy responded to the complaint by pointing out that the complaint alleges a violation of RCW 42.17A.555, which applies to elected officials and people appointed to or employed by a public agency, and that Just Want Privacy is not liable for any alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.555.
- The complaint asserted that school officials asked Just Want Privacy to stop gathering signatures on school property during a school sponsored event, and that the group left but later returned. No evidence was provided or found that officials of Bremerton High School invited Just Want Privacy to gather signatures on school property or allowed them to continue gathering signatures after asking the group to leave school property.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that RCW 42.17A.555 does not apply to Just Want Privacy, and there is no evidence that Bremerton High School officials used, or authorized the use of, school facilities to support a ballot proposition. Just Want Privacy will be reminded to abide by instructions given to them by public agency officials concerning the use of the agency's facilities, and Bremerton High School officials will be reminded of their responsibility to ensure that school facilities are not used to assist a candidate's campaign or to promote or oppose a ballot proposition.

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.

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If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman 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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