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April 5, 2018

Delivered electronically to Jamie Southworth

Subject: Pasco Citizens for Schools Committee Complaint Return Cover Letter, PDC Case 15785

Ms. Southworth:

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

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

If you have questions, please contact PDC staff member Kurt Young by e-mail at [kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Kurt Young  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
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For Peter Lavalley  
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April 5, 2017

Sent electronically to Roger Lenk

Subject: Complaint filed against Pasco Citizens for Better Schools, PDC Case 15785

Mr. Lenk:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on March 24, 2017.

Your complaint alleged that Pasco Citizens for Better Schools, a local political committee registered with the PDC to support a February 2017 Pasco School District bond measure, violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to disclose an expenditure for several small on-line advertisements.

PDC staff reviewed allegations in your complaint, and as a result we found the following:

- PDC staff contacted Jamie Southworth, Campaign Manager for Pasco Citizens for Better Schools, provided her a copy of the complaint, and requested a response to your allegation.
- Ms. Southworth stated that the small banner advertisements listed in your complaint which provided information about the February 14, 2017 bond measure, were not sponsored by the Pasco Citizens for Better Schools. In addition, she added that the website listed in the complaint did not belong to Pasco Citizens for Better Schools committee.
- Staff conducted similar internet searches to the one you submitted as part of your complaint materials, for WhoisGuard and GoDaddy.com. Staff was not able to ascertain who paid for the domain registration or who was the sponsor of the small on-line advertisements.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, no evidence supports a finding of a material violation warranting further investigation against the Pasco Citizens for Better Schools.

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.

Roger Lenk  
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If you have questions, you may contact PDC staff member Kurt Young me at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

Kurt Young  
PDC Compliance Officer

Barbara Sandahl, Assistant Director for  
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cc: Pasco Citizens for Schools

