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October 17, 2016

Ms. Kristi Evans
Sent via email: flynaround@aol.com

Subject: PDC Case 8622

Dear Ms. Evans:

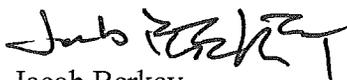
The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on October 4, 2016. Your complaint alleged that the Yakima County Sheriff's Department (YCSD) may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by having political signs displayed on department property, on the fence surrounding the motor pool.

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

- The fence is a public access area, so candidates or others have been able to place signs on the fence without prior permission from the county or YCSD. However, the fence is a "public facility" of the county and should not be used to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures.
- YCSD staff have been instructed by the county elections office that they cannot remove signs once the signs are on the fence.
- YCSD has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on these initial findings, I have determined that YCSD's failure to remove political advertising from public property can best be addressed through issuing a formal warning. Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), YCSD will receive a warning letter, and a reminder to use public facilities in accordance with state campaign laws and rules. 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 Jacob Berkey toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at Jacob.berkey@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Jacob Berkey
PDC Compliance Staff

Endorsed by,


Evelyn Fielding Lopez
Executive Director

cc: Yakima County Sheriff's Department