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Subject: PDC case 8382

Dear Mr. VanBuskirk:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on September 20, 2016. Your complaint alleged that John Piety violated RCW 42.17A.305 by failing to report in-kind contributions for yard signs.

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

- Mr. Piety collected yard signs from previous campaigns and used stencils and spray paint to produce signs for his campaign.
- The mention of 'Vote Yes on Prop 1' on Mr. Piety's signs is for the creation of a Parks District, which would also create the position he is running for.
- Mr. Piety has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

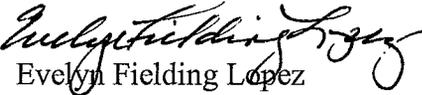
Based on these initial findings, I have determined Mr. Piety's reuse of signs did not exceed the \$100 reporting threshold for independent expenditures. The signs advertised both the candidate and the proposition, and although this is not normally allowed under PDC laws and rules, in this circumstance, the Proposition will result in the elected position. I have determined that this unique situation does not warrant further investigation or 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

Endorsed by,


Evelyn Fielding Lopez
Executive Director

cc: John Piety