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Subject: PDC case 6953  
Formal Written Warning

Dear Mr. Knaack:

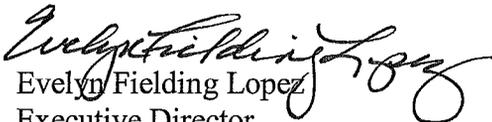
Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to John Rumelhart concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission on July 25, 2016. The complaint alleged that Pend Oreille Fire District 4 may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using public resources to support a political campaign.

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

Pend Oreille Fire District 4 did use fire house signs and website to promote a yes vote for the Fire District levy which appears to constitute a violation of RCW 42.17A.555. In accordance with WAC 390-73-060(1)(b), this is a Formal Written Warning that public facilities may not be used to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures. If there are future violations of PDC laws or rule, the Commission will consider this Formal Written Warning in deciding on further Commission action.

If you have questions, you may respond to the email to which this letter is attached, or contact Jacob Berkey at 360-586-4555 or [Jacob.Berkey@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:Jacob.Berkey@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Evelyn Fielding Lopez  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Letter to Complainant