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July 26, 2016

SENT VIA E-MAIL: [jessica@hdcc.org](mailto:jessica@hdcc.org)

Subject: PDC Case 6874

Dear Ms. LaVigne:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on July 19, 2016. Your complaint alleged that Jack Carroll, a candidate for State Representative in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District, did not include his party preference in campaign business cards and letterhead in violation of RCW 42.17A.320.

RCW 42.17A.320(1) provides in pertinent part: "For partisan office, if a candidate has expressed a party or independent preference on the declaration of candidacy, that party or independent designation shall be clearly identified in electioneering communications, independent expenditures, or political advertising." When Mr. Carroll filed the candidate registration to run for State Representative in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District, he identified "Democrat" as his political party. If Mr. Carroll engages in electioneering communication or political advertising, he would be required to identify himself as a Democrat.

I contacted Mr. Carroll to ask him about the business cards and letterhead. While he did not think that those items were political advertising, in order to avoid any problems or confusion he has decided to stop using them in his campaign. In light of his decision, 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 me at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Evelyn Fielding Lopez  
Executive Director

cc: Jack Carroll