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Subject: PDC Case 3885

Dear Mr. Hecla:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on March 25, 2016. Your complaint alleged that Barbara Tolbert may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using public facilities of the City of Arlington for electioneering purposes.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations to determine whether a formal investigation or enforcement action is warranted. As a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- There was no evidence provided with the complaint to indicate a violation of RCW 42.17A.
- Upon contacting the respondent, the PDC received copies of the "Update" newsletter produced by the City of Arlington, which clearly illustrates normal and regular conduct on behalf of the mayor and City employees.
- Barbara Tolbert has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

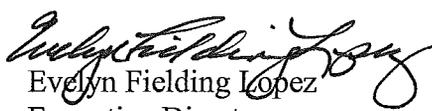
Based on these initial findings, I have determined there is no reason to believe Barbara Tolbert has violated RCW 42.17A.555, and no further action is required. The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey at 360-586-4555, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [jacobberkey@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:jacobberkey@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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Endorsed by,

  
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cc: Barbara Tolbert