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ROCKY WALKER 212 OLD OWEN RD SULTAN WA 98294

Subject: PDC complaint 1555 and Political Advertising Warning Letter

Dear Mr. Walker:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Kay George concerning a complaint she filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on October 23, 2015. Ms. George's complaint alleged that you violated RCW 42.17A.335(1)(a) by sponsoring political advertising or an electioneering communication that contained a false statement of material fact about a candidate for public office, made with actual malice and constituting libel or defamation per se. She further alleged that you violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include a complete statement of sponsor identification in political advertising.

As noted in the letter to Ms. Walker, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter. However, as noted in the enclosed letter, staff's review of Ms. George's complaint indicated that a mailing bearing your name and return address failed to include a statement that you sponsored the mailing.

In accordance with WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this is a Formal Written Warning. You are instructed to include a complete statement of sponsor identification in any future political advertising or electioneering communications that you sponsor. Please see the enclosed *Political Advertising* brochure for more information. If there are any future violations of PDC laws or rules, the Commission will consider this Formal Written Warning in deciding on any further Commission action.

If you have questions, you may contact Tony Perkins, PDC Compliance Officer, at (360) 586-1042, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at tony.perkins@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Fielding Lopez
Executive Director

Enclosure (2): Letter to Kay George; Political Advertising Brochure