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October 29, 2018

Delivered electronically to "bruce210@msn.com"

Subject: PDC Case 41094

Dear Bruce Harrell:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Joe Kunzler concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below to Joe Kunzler, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s _____
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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October 29, 2018

Delivered electronically to “growlernoise@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Seattle Council President Bruce Harrell, PDC Case 41094

Dear Joe Kunzler:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on September 17, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Seattle Council President Bruce Harrell may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by authorizing the use of public facilities to assist Alex Tsimerman's election campaign.

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

- Alex Tsimerman made an announcement regarding his candidacy for Seattle City Council during the public comment period of a Seattle City Council meeting on 9/10/18.
- The activity described falls under the jurisdiction of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC), which addresses violations of [Title 2.04.300](#) of Seattle's Municipal Code concerning the use of public facilities.
- The SEEC received an identical complaint from you regarding Bruce Harrell, which was dismissed because Councilman Harrell did not authorize Alex Tsimerman's use of the Seattle City Council's public comment forum to assist or promote his election campaign (see attached). Please note that authorization is also a component of RCW 42.17A.555.
- The complaint against Bruce Harrell differs from your 2017 complaint against Dave Somers (case 27890) because it involves a jurisdiction (City of Seattle) with an analogous ordinance, regulation or policy regarding use of public facilities.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that, pursuant to [WAC 390-37-061\(3\)](#), to defer this complaint to the jurisdiction of the SEEC because the alleged violation was addressed under an analogous local ordinance. The PDC has dismissed this complaint and will not be pursuing further investigation or enforcement action in this case.

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cc: Seattle Council President Bruce Harrell