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November 15, 2018

Delivered electronically to “detrojim@gmail.com”

Subject: PDC Case 41106

Dear James Detro:

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

As noted below to Melissa Beseda, 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 [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Tabatha Blacksmith  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
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For Peter Lavallee  
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November 15, 2018

Delivered electronically to “melissa.beseda@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Jim Detro, PDC Case 41106

Dear Melissa Beseda:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on September 20, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Jim Detro may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using public facilities or his office to assist an election campaign.

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

- The evidence provided by Complainant includes a photograph of the Respondent's vehicle parked outside the main gate and RV entrance of the Okanogan Fairgrounds. Political advertising is attached to the vehicle. No signs are visible in the photo to indicate it is a restricted parking area.
- The Respondent claims to have obtained verbal permission to park in the aforementioned location from contracted parking personnel.
- Contracted parking personnel do not have a formal parking policy and did not maintain records of who was given permission to park in the space occupied by the Respondent.
- The evidence provided is insufficient to prove that Respondent used his office to secure parking.
- The Okanogan Fairgrounds and its parking areas are made available to any member of the public on a non-discriminatory, equal access basis.
- Per WAC 390-05-271, a public agency may make facilities available on a non-discriminatory, equal access basis for political uses if such action is part of its regular and normal conduct, and parking appears to be a regular activity of the fairgrounds.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, no evidence supports a finding of a violation warranting further investigation.

The PDC has dismissed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

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cc: Jim Detro