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to : pdc@pdc.wa.gov

RE: PDC Case Number 41473 Response

Olbrechts for Judge Committee made a purchase from the Friends of Sutherland campaign for leasing/renting space for signs. The lease included the construction, new materials, use of the materials they already owned, procurement of new spaces, acquiring permission of spaces on private land, as well as the use of the vehicle, mileage, and time to do all of this. Friends of Sutherland also maintain the structure of the signs and fix any damage occurred throughout the course of the election. They will disassemble and remove the signs after the election. The campaigns agreed on \$4,000 for the signs made of wood and \$1,000 for the signs made with metal sign posts. Both campaigns agreed on this amount as fair market value.

Prior to any money being given to Friends of Sutherland, Kristen Olbrechts spoke with Chip Beatty of the PDC in a phone conversation and reaffirmed their conversation via email as follows:

On Fri, 31 Aug at 11:45 AM, Kristen Olbrechts <[kolbrechtslaw@gmail.com](mailto:kolbrechtslaw@gmail.com)> wrote:

Chip,

*I am contacting you to confirm the communication we had last week regarding the purchasing and leasing of signs from another campaign. As we discussed, a campaign for a candidate running for State Legislature has sign stands and sign spaces. My campaign, a judicial campaign, wishes to purchase a number of the sign stands and lease several more.*

*Based on our conversation I believe that you advised that my campaign could purchase and/or rent sign stands from the other campaign. Additionally, that the purchase or rent needed to be fair market value as determined by both of the campaigns.*

*Finally, it is my understanding that my campaign would write a check to the other campaign, and they would list this as a receipt in their C-4 report.*

*I know you are very busy. I do appreciate you taking the time to respond as soon as possible as we are waiting for confirmation in writing. If you could email me back and reiterate and confirm the above.*

Thank you,

Kristen

Date: September 9, 2018 at 8:39:47 PM PDT

Subject: Buying and leasing signs from another campaign. PDC correspondence

*Hi Kristen,*

*Everything you stated is correct with the exception that the other campaign will report the check you write to them as a miscellaneous receipt on a C-3 deposit report. Your campaign will report the expenditure on a Schedule A to the C-4.*

*SINCERELY,*

*Chip Beatty*  
*360-586-0616*

The Olbrechts for Judge Committee did their due diligence to make sure that everything was done within the law regarding the transaction for this purchase. Campaign manager, Susan Ronken, also placed a call to the PDC to make sure the definition of fair market value and was reassured that this transaction was lawful per the Public Disclosure Commission. This transaction was a purchase and was in no way a contribution to the Friends of Sutherland campaign.

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[360-586-0618](tel:360-586-0618)

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Washington State law established email as the PDC's official means of communication as of June 7th, 2018 (RCW 42.17A.055). Filers have a duty to amend their reports within 10 days of any material changes, such as new e-mail addresses. Please ensure your e-mail address is up to date.

To respond, please reply to this email.

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