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January 7, 2019

Delivered electronically to Lori Sanders at "loris1988@charter.net"

Subject: Complaint filed by Scott Hunt, PDC Case 42388

Dear Lori Sanders:

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

As noted in the letter to Scott Hunt, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of including sponsor identification on political advertisement. PDC staff expects in the future that you will review all political advertisements in which you or your campaign are the sponsor to ensure it contains any required sponsor identification in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at [jennifer.hansen@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:jennifer.hansen@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Hansen  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
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January 7, 2019

Delivered electronically to Scott Hunt at “scottyhunt123@yahoo.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Lori Sanders, PDC Case 42388

Dear Scott Hunt:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 17, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Lori Sanders, a candidate for Benton County Commissioner Position 2 in 2018, may have violated RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to include sponsor identification on her campaign website.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, reporting requirements and the response provided by Lori Sanders, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- On May 18, 2018, Lori Sanders, filed a C-1 report declaring candidacy for Benton County Commissioner Position 2 in the 2018 election.
- The Committee to Elect Lori Sanders, County Commissioner, sponsored political advertisement including a campaign website used for the 2018 election campaign that was required to include sponsor identification.
- In her response, Lori Sanders, stated that the failure to include the required sponsored identification was an “unintentional oversight” and stated her plans to remove her website immediately. In addition, she updated her Facebook page to include sponsor information even though it was not part of the complaint.
- Although Lori Sanders has prior experience as a candidate and elected official, she has primarily run small election campaigns under the “Mini Reporting” option and was prompt in taking corrective action regarding the incomplete sponsor identification allegations in the complaint referenced above.

The campaign website created by The Committee to Elect Lori Sanders, County Commissioner, did not include complete sponsor identification as required by law, however, the public was able to reasonably identify the sponsor from the information about Lori Sanders and her candidacy.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to include sponsor identification on a website created by The Committee to Elect Lori Sanders, County Commissioner, does not amount to, an actual violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Lori Sanders about the importance of including sponsor identification on political advertisement. PDC staff expects in the future that Lori Sanders will review all political advertisements, she or her campaign sponsors, to ensure it contains any required sponsor identification in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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cc: Lori Sanders