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January 29, 2019

Delivered electronically to "stripe340@comcast.net"

Subject: PDC Case 42984

Dear Rob Chase:

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

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

PDC staff is reminding you that no elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition.

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s\_\_\_\_\_   
Micaiah Ragins  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s\_\_\_\_\_   
Barbara Sandahl  
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January 29, 2019

Delivered electronically to "alanmcdowell64@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Rob Chase, PDC Case 42984

Dear Alan McDowell:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on November 3, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Rob Chase, the Spokane County Treasurer, may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for using public facilities or resources to scan a document in support of a political party plank proposal.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, the statutes and rules, and the response from Rob Chase. As a result of staff's review, we found the following:

- Rob Chase serves as the Spokane County Treasurer, located within the Spokane County Auditor's Office. Additionally, Mr. Chase filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) declaring his candidacy for County Commissioner for Spokane County, and selecting the Full Reporting option.
- A photograph of a one-page document provided in the complaint demonstrated that Rob Chase signed a resolution proposal that was intended to be submitted to the Republican County Platform Committee. The document was a request to bring the following two planks to caucuses for a vote: Civil Liberties Medical Directive Platform Plank and Work History Portfolio Copyrighting Platform Plank.
- According to the complaint, the wood grain background in the photograph of the plank proposal is a portion of the office table located in the Superior Court Building Treasurer's office, which is a public facility. Rob Chase responded that he has "no memory of this incident."

Based on these findings and the following facts, staff has determined that in this instance, the use of public facilities to support political party plank does not amount of a material violation warranting further investigation since: (1) The alleged non-compliance made by Rob Chase are minor or ministerial in nature and did not impact the public interest; and (2) The evidence provided is primarily based on the color scheme of the photographic background which is not substantial verification that a violation occurred.

PDC staff is reminding Rob Chase that no elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case. If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov).

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cc: Rob Chase