



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of Enforcement Action
Against

Tami Herman

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 13-003

Notice of Administrative Charges
(Brief Enforcement Hearing)

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A RCW, the state campaign finance and disclosure laws; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC. These charges incorporate the Report of Investigation and all related exhibits by reference.

II. ALLEGATIONS

2. PDC staff alleges that Tami Herman, a North Beach Water District staff person when the alleged violations occurred, violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using the facilities of North Beach Water District (NBWD) to assist the 2012 campaign of William Herman, Ms. Herman's spouse, for Pacific County Commissioner.

III. FACTS

3. Tami Herman was employed by NBWD from January 2011 until May 2012, where she worked as a Utility Billing Clerk, the acting NBWD Officer Manager, and later as the Office Manager.
4. Between May 14 and June 1, 2012, Ms. Herman contacted PDC staff by telephone on at least three occasions and admitted that she had used NBWD facilities to assist her

husband's 2012 campaign for Pacific County Commissioner, for which she served as campaign treasurer.

5. During an interview with PDC staff, Ms. Herman confirmed that she used NBWD facilities to assist her spouse's campaign, and that her activities included printing campaign flyers, campaign cards, enrollment forms for a campaign golf tournament, and other campaign-related documents. Ms. Herman also admitted placing a campaign-related screen saver on her NBWD computer and using her computer on a few occasions to conduct internet searches that assisted her spouse's campaign.
6. On October 1, 2012, the General Manager for NBWD provided copies of several campaign-related documents that were retrieved from Ms. Herman's NBWD computer. The documents were related to Mr. Herman's 2012 campaign for Pacific County Commissioner. The documents included, among other things, campaign letterhead and postcards, contributor and potential contributor information, volunteer contact and assignment information, and fundraising invitations.

IV. LAW

RCW 42.17A.555 states, in part: "No elective official nor any employee of his 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[.]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of May, 2013.


Philip E. Stutzman
Director of Compliance