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Certification for a **Public Disclosure Commission**  
Complaint to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission Relating to an  
Elected Official or Candidate for Public Office  
(Notary Not Required)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts set forth in this attached complaint are true and correct.

Your signature: *Tavia Townsend, Human Resources Director*

Your printed name: Thurston County Human Resources

Street address: 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW

City, state and zip code: Olympia, WA 98502

Telephone number: (360) 786-5498

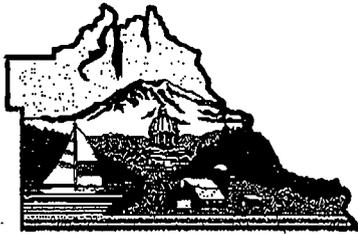
E-Mail Address: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: *August 30, 2012*

Place Signed (City and County): Olympia Washington  
City County

\*RCW 9A.72.040 provides that: "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement, which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."

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District One

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**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Diana Townsend, Director

August 30, 2012

Washington State Public Disclosure Commission  
P.O. Box 40908  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0908

Dear Public Disclosure Commission:

I am writing to bring to your attention potential violations of chapter 42.17A RCW in accordance with WAC 390-37-020, which states that a violation may be brought to the attention of the Public Disclosure Commission by a local agency.

On August 6 and 24, 2012, the following information was reported to Human Resources:

It was reported that Steven Drew, Thurston County Assessor, urged four members of his management team to donate money to Thurston County Commissioner Sandra Romero's re-election campaign fund. This solicitation for campaign funds occurred on February 9, 2012, during a meeting that Mr. Drew held with his managers in the Thurston County Assessor's Office. Attending the meeting, in addition to the Assessor, were Chief Deputy Assessor Gene Widmer, Division Managers Lynn Richard and Jeff Gadman, and Executive Assistant Nadine Sordahl. Two employees confirmed that they attended that February 9 manager's meeting and that Mr. Drew, at the close of the meeting, urged the employees in attendance to contribute funds to Commissioner Romero's campaign.

On a separate occasion, date uncertain but within the last year, Mr. Drew requested that his employee, Lynn Richard, investigate an inquiry from a vendor claiming that the Auditor's Office was not collecting certain recording fees and provide him with information that could be used against Kim Wyman, the current Thurston County Auditor, who is running for office (Washington State Secretary of State). According to Ms. Richard, Mr. Drew told her words to the effect of, "For full disclosure, I don't need

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this information in my capacity as Assessor, but the information would be helpful for my wife." Mr. Drew's wife is also running for the position of Washington State Secretary of State.

I believe the above violates the following:

1. RCW 42.17A.565, which prohibits solicitation of contributions by a public official from an employee in the official's agency.
2. RCW 42.17A.555, which prohibits an elective official from using a public office for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election.

Assessor Drew's contact information is as follows:

Assessor's Office  
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Building 1, Room 127  
Olympia, Washington 98502  
(360) 867-2202

I would be glad to provide you contact information for individuals known to my office who may have knowledge of the facts regarding these matters. Because these matters concern Mr. Drew's interactions with his employees, to the extent possible, the employees' identities should be maintained as confidentially as possible.

Respectfully,



Diana Townsend, Director  
Human Resources Department