



State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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December 20, 2012

The Honorable Rob McKenna
Attorney General
Washington State Office of the Attorney General
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Olympia, WA 98504-0100

RE: Washington State Public Disclosure Commission Recommendation Following
Staff Report of Investigation on Citizen Action Letter Concerning James Watkins,
PDC Case No. 13-018

Dear General McKenna:

On October 11, 2012, your office received a citizen action letter submitted by Bob Bennett pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765, alleging violations of the state's campaign finance disclosure laws by James Watkins, a candidate for State Auditor in the 2012 general election. The Attorney General's Office referred Mr. Bennett's letter to the PDC on October 12, 2012, for review and possible investigation or action. This letter provides the results of the Commission's investigation and recommendations to you.

At its meeting on December 6, 2012, the Commissioners reviewed the PDC staff investigation and the PDC staff recommendation. A copy of the report of investigation is being provided to your office, along with an executive summary and staff analysis.

The Commission considered the investigation and staff analysis, which showed that no material violation of the statute occurred warranting enforcement action against Mr. Watkins. The Commission accepted the PDC staff recommendation to dismiss the allegations in the complaint and recommend to you that no further action be taken with regard to the citizen action letter. A copy of the Order of Dismissal is enclosed with this letter.

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Rob McKenna
Attorney General
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If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 664-2735. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea M. Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

C: Linda Dalton, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
John Gerberding, King Co. Sr. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Enclosure: Order of Dismissal