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September 10, 2018

Delivered electronically to "mankeforsheriff@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 38093

Dear Kate Patterson Manke:

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

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

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 micaiah.ragins@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____

Micaiah Ragins
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Endorsed by,

/s _____

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Delivered electronically to "fredrbrown3@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Kate Patterson Manke, PDC Case 38093

Dear Fred R. Brown III:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on July 2, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Kate Patterson Manke may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 for using social media to support a political committee during public agency staff hours.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

On Monday, July 2, 2018 at 11:33am according to the timestamp in the complaint attachment screenshot, Kate Manke posted comments on a Facebook page to support Brad Manke's campaign for election to Sheriff of Stevens County.

Kate Manke and Brad Manke provided a response which stated that Kate Manke was not on duty for a public agency during the time of the Facebook posts because she does not work on Mondays, which is the timestamp of the complaint screenshot.

PDC Staff contacted the Stevens County Sheriff's Office and received confirmation from Undersheriff Andy Harbolt that Kate Manke was not on-duty during the days that the Facebook posts were made.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance regarding the use of public facilities to support a political campaign, no evidence supports a finding of a material violation warranting further investigation.

The PDC has closed the matter, 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 micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov.

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cc: Kate Patterson Manke