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August 27, 2018

Delivered electronically to “[votebudblake@gmail.com](mailto:votebudblake@gmail.com)”

Subject: PDC Case 38055

Dear Walter Blake:

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

As noted below to Jim Lazar, 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 Tabatha Blacksmith at 360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Tabatha Blacksmith  
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
Deputy Director  
For Peter Lavalley  
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August 27, 2018

Delivered electronically to “[jim@jimlazar.com](mailto:jim@jimlazar.com)”

Subject: Complaint regarding Rochester Water Association, PDC Case 38067 and Walter Blake, PDC Case 38055

Dear James Lazar:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on July 11, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Rochester Water Association may have violated RCW 42.17A.405 by making an over-limit contribution to Candidate Blake (on behalf of the Larry, Gene or Judy Weaver) and that Candidate Blake may have violated RCW 42.17A.405, .460 & .270 by accepting an earmarked, over-limit contribution from Rochester Water Association.

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

- The contribution made by Rochester Water Association is attributed to the non-profit organization, which approved a \$1,000 campaign contribution for Candidate Blake at its April 24, 2018 Board Meeting.
- The available evidence does not show the contribution should be attributed to the Weavers and, therefore, it does not constitute an over-limit contribution by the Weavers.
- The Rochester Water Association has not previously contributed to Candidate Blake in the current election year so its actions do not constitute an over-limit contribution.
- Subsequent to the above findings, the contribution from Rochester Water Association does not constitute acceptance of an over-limit contribution by the Weavers to Candidate Blake.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, 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.

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cc: Rochester Water Association

cc: Walter Blake