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September 13, 2018

Delivered electronically to "hburgess@phillipsburgesslaw.com"

Subject: PDC Case 27988

Dear Port of Olympia:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Andrew Saturn concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) concerning allegations that several Port of Olympia staff members may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by supporting Bill McGregor's and Gigi McClure's campaigns for Port Commissioner, while on taxpayers' time.

As noted in staff's letter to Andrew Saturn, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. Please note, PDC staff is reminding all Port of Olympia employees of the importance of not using public facilities, including work time, to assist any candidate's campaign for public office.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 1-360-664-8853 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Phil Stutzman
Sr. Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
Deputy Director
For Peter Lavallee
Executive Director



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Delivered electronically to "saturn@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Port of Olympia Staff, PDC Case 27988

Dear Andrew Saturn:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on November 27, 2017. Your complaint alleged that several Port of Olympia staff members may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by supporting Bill McGregor's and Gigi McClure's campaigns while on taxpayers' time.

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

- You stated your belief that any evidence of the allegations in your complaint against Port of Olympia staff members is circumstantial, and that evidence to prove your allegations has been destroyed by Port staff. You stated that proof that the destruction of records was malicious, or intended to cover up violations, does not exist.
- You said you found some evidence that Port of Olympia employees were at the Lacey Community Center for Commissioner McGregor's campaign kickoff event during hours they should have been at work at the Port of Olympia, and that Port staff routinely made Facebook posts in support of Commissioner candidates Bill McGregor and Gigi McClure, and performed other campaign-related activity while at work, but that in your view these alone were not material violations of RCW 42.17A.555.
- You acknowledged that Commissioner McGregor received a formal warning from the PDC concerning allegations in your complaint, under PDC Case 27987. You stated that you hope the culture of the staff supporting the commission's election campaigns is not something that will continue to happen.
- You stated your belief that any continued effort to prove Port of Olympia staff violated RCW 42.17A.555 in supporting the McGregor and McClure campaigns during business hours would be a waste of taxpayer dollars, and stated that you would like to withdraw your complaint as it pertains to Port of Olympia staff.

Based on these initial findings, and your request that PDC staff close its investigation as it relates to Port of Olympia staff, PDC staff has determined that in this instance, the evidence does not appear to support finding an actual material violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Port of Olympia staff about the importance of not using public facilities, including work time, to assist any candidate's campaign for public office.

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 Phil Stutzman at 1-360-664-8853, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov.

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cc: Willard W (Bill) McGregor